

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director of Real Estate Services in consultation with the General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: 1410 East 58th Avenue: Establishment of City land for Road Purposes

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the establishment of a 87.7 square metre (944 sq ft) portion of City-owned land for road purposes from 1410 East 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, legally described as Parcel Identifier: 009-952-748, Lot A of Lot 4 Blocks 21 and 22 District Lot 200 Plan 8728, as shown on Appendix A.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Managers of Business Planning and Services and Engineering Services recommend approval of the foregoing.

# COUNCIL POLICY

There is no applicable Council Policy.

# PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authority to establish a portion of City-owned land as road.

## BACKGROUND

Clark Drive and Knight Street provide a vital transportation corridor through Vancouver. It is the most heavily used truck route in the City and is a key regional connection between Vancouver and Richmond, Delta, Surrey and the United States.

ICBC has repeatedly identified 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue as one of the highest collision intersections on the Clark-Knight corridor. The prohibition of day-time northbound to westbound left-turns at Knight and 57<sup>th</sup> Ave (Monday to Saturday) results in short-cutting through residential side-streets and sudden weaving/erratic driving behaviour to avoid left-turning vehicles, a contributing factor to the high incidence of rear-end and sideswipe collision rates.

Construction of left turn bays on Knight at 57<sup>th</sup> were approved by Council in July 2010. Left turn bays at this location will improve safety, reduce shortcutting, and improve goods movement to the Port of Vancouver through better travel time reliability from reduced vehicle weaving and collisions. Left turn bays provide more controlled left turn movements which will reduce conflicts with pedestrians by introducing more orderly turn movements. Pedestrian access to the intersection will be improved as wider buffered sidewalks with boulevards will be provided on both sides of Knight.

#### DISCUSSION

The subject property was purchased by the City in January 2010 for the installation of leftturn bays on Knight Street at 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The older basement home that straddled the widening line was deconstructed in the Spring of 2011. Following the establishment of the westerly 87.7 square metres of City land for road purposes, the remainder of the property measuring 33ft x 115 ft will be offered for sale via public tender. Staff will report back to Council to seek approval for the sale of the City lot pursuant to Section 190 (b) of the Vancouver Charter.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

## PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None for the City.

### CONCLUSION

The Director of Real Estate Services considers the arrangements made with the General Manager of Engineering Services for the establishment of a portion of 1410 East 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue as road, to be reasonable.

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