

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: February 4, 2014

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: The General Manager of Engineering Services in Consultation with the

**Director of Real Estate Services** 

SUBJECT: East Fraser Lands Area 1 - CP Rail Road Exchange (Cromwell Street)

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT Council close, stop-up and convey to the owner of PID: 024-297-429; Lot 61A Explanatory Plan 6270 Blocks 24 to 29 District Lot 331 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 1477 (Canadian Pacific Railway Company ("CPR")) those 10.4m² and 244.2m² portions of Cromwell Street all as generally shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix "B" (the "Old Road"), to be consolidated with said abutting Lot 61A.
- B. THAT Council authorize the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the General Manager of Engineering Services to enter into such agreements as are required to transfer to the City, and to establish as road that 275.5m² portion of PID: 015-304-647; That Part of Block 18 Shown Coloured Red on Reference Plan 20 District Lots 330 and 331 Plan 455, the same as generally shown within bold outline on the plan attached as Appendix "B" (the "New Road").
- C. The Old Road to be exchanged for the New Road on an equivalent as-is "land value for land value" basis with no monies changing hands.
- D. The exchange to be subject to the terms and conditions as noted in Appendix "A".

If Council approves the above recommendations, the Formal Resolution to close the Old Road and to establish the New Road will be before Council later this day for approval.

## REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council authorities required to exchange the Old Road for the New Road in order to re-align Cromwell Street where it crosses the CPR track within East Fraser Lands ("EFL") Area 1 such that its alignment is consistent with the design guidelines for EFL.

#### COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The authorities for closing and disposing of streets and lanes, and for establishing streets and lanes are set out in the Vancouver Charter.

On September 16, 2008, City Council approved in principle, the rezoning of EFL Area 1 subject to conditions, including but not limited to, arrangements such that "One of the vehicular crossings shall maintain the City's seniority and be a dedicated crossing...".

Council approved the closure and sale (to Park Lane) of other roads in EFL Area 1 on November 5, 2013 in support of the EFL Area 1 subdivision and rezoning enactment.

#### CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of Engineering Services ("GMES") and the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management recommend approval of the foregoing.

## REPORT

# Background/Context

The ODP for East Fraser Lands calls for a re-configuration of the old street network to reflect current City transportation and public access objectives. The central street within the Waterfront and Town Square Precincts of EFL Area 1 is informally named "High Street". The current alignment of Cromwell Street does not align entirely with the proposed location for High Street.

The provision of a fully owned road allowance across the CPR lands is a requirement of the EFL Area 1 subdivision, and also a requirement of the EFL Area 1 rezoning enactment since the City needs secure tenure over the central access route across the railway tracks. The draft subdivision plan attached as Appendix "C" shows the road network that results from the EFL Area 1 subdivision and this proposed CP Rail road exchange with the High Street rail crossing area shown within the clouded outline.

CPR has entered into a Land Exchange Contract with the City for the exchange of the Old Road for the New Road. Arrangements for the railway crossing agreement with CPR and the requisite Canadian Transportation Agency board order are underway as other conditions of the rezoning enactment.

Park Lane River District Developments Ltd. ("Park Lane"), as proponents of EFL Area 1 rezoning will be responsible for the de-commissioning of the Old Road including any required utility relocations and also for all survey plans, documents, and Land Title Office fees. The construction of the road across the railway will be completed by Park Lane under the EFL Area 1 servicing arrangements.

# Strategic Analysis

The realignment of Cromwell Street to the proposed alignment of High Street is consistent with the ODP and the proposed rezoning for EFL Area 1 Town Square, and Waterfront Precincts. This exchange will provide the City with secure tenure over the central street within EFL and access to the development lands south of the railway.

The General Manager of Engineering Services has determined that, subject to the provision of the New Road to the City, the Old Road is available for exchange with CPR.

# Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

## Financial

The Director of Real Estate Services recommends that the proposed exchange of the Old Road for the New Road be based on an equivalent "land value for land value" basis. With the proposed exchange, the City will receive a net gain in road area and secure a City-owned access route to the Waterfront Precinct of EFL south of the railway. Park Lane will be responsible for the decommissioning of the Old Road and the construction of the New Road under services agreements with the City.

## Environmental

Environmental documentation for the New Road indicates that the potential for contamination is low. Although subsurface environmental investigation has not been conducted specifically for the New Road the surrounding lands meet City standards and have received either Certificates of Compliance or Determinations from the BC Ministry of Environment indicating the land is not contaminated. As both the Old Road and the New Road have been and will continue to be rail lines the as-is road exchange does not present an increased risk to the City.

### CONCLUSION

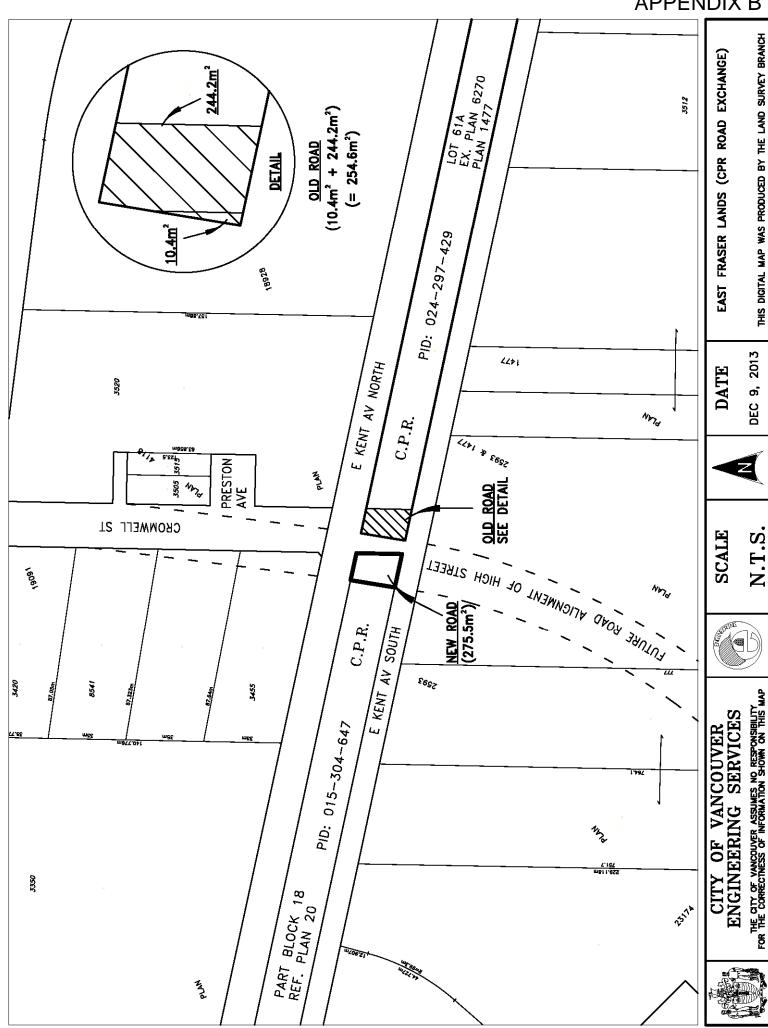
The General Manager of Engineering Services, in consultation with the Director of Real Estate Services, RECOMMENDS approval of the Recommendations contained in this report.

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# **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1. The conveyances are to be completed concurrently, with neither conveyance completing independently of the other.
- 2. The Old Road is to be consolidated, to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager of Engineering Services with PID: 024-297-429; Lot 61A Explanatory Plan 6270 Blocks 24 to 29 District Lot 331 Group 1 New Westminster District Plan 1477.
- 3. Park Lane to be responsible for the re-location of any utilities within the Old Road.
- 4. Park Lane to be responsible for all necessary plans, documents, and Land Title Office fees.
- 5. The Director of Legal Services or the Director of Real Estate Services, as applicable, to execute all plans, transfers, and documents as required.
- 6. Any agreements are to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
- 7. No legal right or obligation shall be created and none shall arise hereafter, until the documents are executed by the parties thereto, and fully registered in the Land Title Office.

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APPENDIX 'C'



EAST FRASER LANDS (CPR ROAD EXCHANGE)

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# APPENDIX E

