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SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE EAST, TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, November 22, 2006, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council declare surplus and give notice of its intention to sell the lands having an area of 3,063 square meters (0.757 acre) and described as Part of Lot 20 and Part of the Road Allowance between Lots 20 and 21 and Part of Lot 21, Concession 7, Town of Markham, The Regional Municipality of York and designated as Part 1 on a draft reference plan prepared by Clarke Wilkinson Alton Surveying and dated October 19, 2006. The sale of the property will be subject to the retention by the Region of easements required for existing utilities and infrastructures.
2. The lands be stopped up and closed in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Act*.
3. The Manager of Realty Services shall conduct an appraisal of the property, the cost of which shall be paid in advance by the abutting landowner to the west who wishes to purchase the property, and shall commence negotiations, the results of which shall be presented to Regional Council for consideration.
4. An administration fee of \$1,500.00 together with all costs in connection with these transactions such as surveying, advertising, legal and any necessary utility relocation are to be paid for by the purchaser in advance of any expenditure by the Region.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain Regional Council's approval to:

1. Declare the lands described in Recommendation 1 above as surplus to the Region's requirements.
2. Do all acts necessary to stop up and close these lands.

3. Obtain an appraisal of these lands and to negotiate the sale of the property with the abutting owner to the west and to report back to Council with the selling price.

3. BACKGROUND

ECL Properties Limited has requested that the Region declare surplus and sell to it a strip of land that is located along its northerly boundary, being on the south side of Major Mackenzie Drive East (YR 25), just west of Highway No. 48 (*see Attachment 1*). The intention is to include these lands with the remainder of its holdings that are to be developed into a residential subdivision. They are described as Part of Lot 20 and Part of the Road Allowance between Lots 20 and 21 and Part of Lot 21, Concession 7, Town of Markham, The Regional Municipality of York and designated as Part 1 on a draft reference plan prepared by Clarke Wilkinson Alton Surveying and dated October 19, 2006. The lands have a total area of 3,063 square meters (0.757 acre). They are part of the original road allowance between Lots 20 and 21 (Major Mackenzie Drive East) and part of the concession lots 20 and 21. This section of Major Mackenzie Drive East was recently realigned to eliminate the jog at the intersection of Highway 48.

Staff of the Transportation and Works Department has declared these lands surplus to the roads needs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proceeds from the sale of this property will be deposited into the Region's Capital Reserve.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications associated with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

This parcel of land is surplus to the Region's road needs and is of a size and shape that it can only be sold to the abutting owner.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the January 11, 2007 Committee meeting.)