

Possibility of Bringing the 2.3 acre Parcel of Land Abutting Port Union Village Common Park into Public Ownership

Date:	December 13, 2007
To:	Government Management Committee
From:	Chief Corporate Officer
Wards:	44 – Scarborough-East
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Scarborough Community Council's request that the Chief Corporate Officer report to the Government Management Committee on the possibility of bringing the 2.3 acre parcel of land abutting Port Union Village Common Park into public ownership for enhancement of the Port Union Park and increased parking supply for park users. Discussions with the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division and the Toronto Parking Authority have determined that there is no municipal purpose or funding to acquire the 2.3 acre parcel of land.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

In considering the report from the Director of Community Planning, Scarborough District entitled "East Side of Port Union Road/Duthie Street/Cherry Street – Zoning Application – Preliminary Report", Scarborough Community Council, at its meeting held on September 10, 2007, directed that staff, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, approach the developer on the possibility of a land exchange for the 2.3 acre parcel

abutting the Village Common on the Port Union Waterfront and Real Estate Division to report to the October 2, 2007 meeting of Scarborough Community Council providing a summary as to how this land exchange can be achieved.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/sc/bgrd/backgroundfile-6054.pdf>)

Scarborough Community Council, at its October 2, 2007 meeting deferred the report from the Chief Corporate Officer, entitled, "Land Exchange Request for the 2.3 Acre Parcel Abutting Port Union Village Common Park", to its meeting of October 30, 2007, for public presentation and debate.

At its meeting on October 30, 2007, Scarborough Community Council requested that the Chief Corporate Officer report to the Government Management Committee and the Toronto Parking Authority on the possibility of bringing the 2.3 acre parcel of land abutting Port Union Village Common Park into public ownership for enhancement of the Port Union Park and increased parking supply for park users.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/sc/bgrd/backgroundfile-7473.pdf>)

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The City's power to acquire real property is limited to property required for the municipality's purposes.

COMMENTS

There is no identified municipal purpose for acquiring the 2.3 acre parcel of land abutting Port Union Village Common Park as neither the Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division nor the Parking Authority has expressed an interest in acquiring these lands. The possibility of bringing the 2.3 acre parcel of land into public ownership for enhancement of the Port Union Park and increased parking supply for park users cannot be realized without program support and respective funding.

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