

To: CAO for the Electoral Area Services Committee
 From: David Urban, Manager of Outdoor Recreation Planning

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 File No: 6120-50-Area B

Subject: Proposed Community Park in Yale, Electoral Area B

RECOMMENDATION

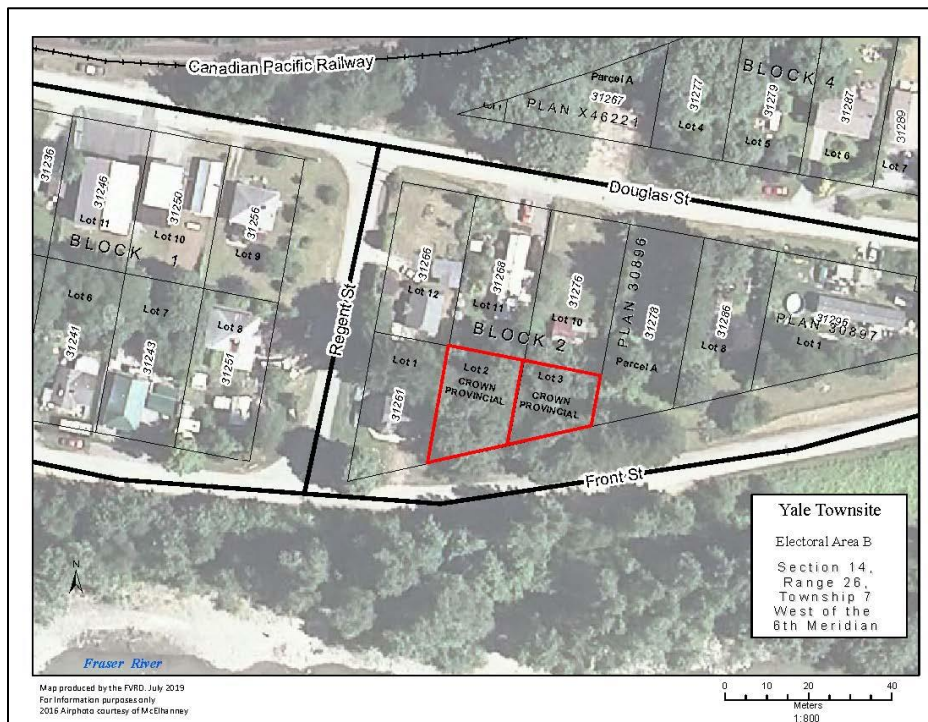
THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board support a community institutional Crown land tenure application (#100296409) to develop two Crown parcels on Front Street in Yale into a community park.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS
 Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

PRIORITIES
 Priority #5 Outdoor Recreation

BACKGROUND

There is a community need for a neighbourhood park in Yale. Two parcels of Crown land (Lot 2 and 3, Block 2, Section 14, Township 7, Range 26, Meridian W6, Yale Division of Yale Land District) adjacent to Front Street would serve as an ideal location for this community park, please see the map below.



Last month, the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) submitted a community institutional Crown land tenure application (#100296409) for these two parcels. For this application to be complete a Board resolution supporting this application is required.

DISCUSSION

The Province has a Community and Institutional Program that serves to support the community, social and economic goals of the Province by making parcels of Crown land available for community and institutional uses. It enables the use and disposition of Crown land for health, education, public safety, community infrastructure, and public facilities that benefit the public-at-large.

Local governments can apply for access to provincial Crown land for public purposes through a sponsored Crown grant. Sponsorship for Crown land title does not ensure approval of the application, but serves to indicate support of the appropriate ministry for the intended use of the land. A sponsored Crown grant transfers the ownership of identified parcels of Crown land from the BC government to a regional district.

Applications for Crown grants where the value of the land is more than \$100,000 must be sponsored by the appropriate provincial ministry. The combined assessed value for these two parcels is \$109,900, so the FVRD is seeking ministry sponsorship for this application. This does not need to be in place at the time of application rather a Natural Resource Specialist with the Province assists with this process.

Last month an application was submitted to initiate this process, but to complete this submission a Board resolution is required.

COST

The application fee of \$262.50 has been paid out of Area B Community Parks and any costs associated with the development of this park will also be funded from this service area.

CONCLUSION

A completed Crown tenure land application is required to advance the concept of using two parcels of Crown land as a community park in Yale. The last remaining outstanding application item is a Board resolution. Yale does not have a community park and this opportunity would serve a needed community gap.

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services: Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services: Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.