Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - February 6, 2003

Item No. 1 Proposed Land Acquisition - Oakpoint Subdivision between Academy Road and Taylor Avenue - Canadian National Railway
File FI-2 (Vol. 13)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 19, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the motion referred to the Standing Committee by Council on December 11, 2002, pertaining to the proposed land acquisition of the Oakpoint Subdivision lands between Academy Road and Taylor Avenue, be filed.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 19, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the motion referred to the Standing Committee by Council on December 11, 2002, be filed, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 6, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommended that the motion referred to it by Council on December 11, 2002, pertaining to the proposed land acquisition of the Oakpoint Subdivision lands between Academy Road and Taylor Avenue, be filed, and submitted its recommendation to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further, on February 6, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development also requested the Planning, Property and Development Department to submit a needs assessment as to whether or not the City should acquire the Canadian National Railway Oakpoint Subdivision lands located between Academy Road and Taylor Avenue.

On January 9, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development referred the matter to the Administration to submit a report for its February 6, 2003 meeting incorporating, but not limited to, the following:

1. A determination of need as to whether or not the City should acquire the Canadian National Railway (CNR) Oak Point Subdivision lands located between Academy Road and Taylor Avenue;
2. Should the City acquire the subject Oak Point Subdivision lands, proposed uses for the property; and
3. Whether or not CNR would be amenable to donating the lands to the City for a tax receipt.

COUNCIL:

On December 11, 2002, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the City Centre Community Committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, the Executive Policy Committee and all of Council did not support CN's request to rezone the Oakpoint Subdivision lands between Academy Road and Taylor Avenue;

AND WHEREAS the acquisition of the subject property would provide a linear park that would allow furtherance of a significant pedestrian cycling loop through the South West quadrant of the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Planning, Property and Development be authorized to continue internal discussion with CN to acquire said property, either by outright purchase or by land exchange.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should it be required that funding be provided from either the General Purposed Reserve or by additional appropriation.