

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
SUBJECT: **STATUTORY RIGHT-OF-WAY - 3860 SPERLING AVENUE
(BURNABY LAKE RECREATION CENTRE)**
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to grant a Statutory Right-of-Way over a portion of 3860 Sperling Avenue to permit the installation, operations and maintenance of works.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the granting and execution of any required Statutory Right-of-Way over a portion of 3860 Sperling Avenue in favour of third-party utility providers for the installation of infrastructure necessary to service the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre project, as outlined in the report titled “Statutory Right-of-Way – 3860 Sperling Avenue, dated February 24, 2026, be approved.

1.0 POLICY

The development of the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre and the granting of the Statutory Right-of-Way is aligned and supported by the following Council adopted policies and plans/strategies:

- Corporate Strategic Plan (2022): and,
- Burnaby 2050 Official Community Plan.

2.0 BACKGROUND

As part of the development of the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre, City staff have been engaged to identify required infrastructure to support the provision of telecommunication services to the new facility. Telus has identified the need for access to a portion of the property at 3860 Sperling Avenue to accommodate the necessary infrastructure. To provide Telus with access to permit the installation, operations, and future maintenance of the required infrastructure, a Statutory Right-of-Way (SRW) is required over those portions of the site shown outlined in bold on Plan EPP149817 (the “SRW Area”—see Attachment 1). This report seeks Council approval to grant an SRW over the lands.

This request for access is further to a previous request from BC Hydro for a Statutory Right-of-Way over the same SRW Area to support electrical infrastructure. This request was previously brought forward to Council and approved on January 13, 2026. The SRW effectively extends access to Telus, so that both Hydro and Telus may use the

SRW Area to support their respective infrastructure. BC Hydro and Telus are coordinating together on the design of their respective infrastructure.

Staff in the Legal, Engineering, Lands & Facilities, and Planning and Development Departments will work to finalize the SRW agreement to permit the installation and associated works in the SRW Area. The City has not requested compensation for the grant of the SRW as the infrastructure is necessary to provide telecommunications services to the Burnaby Lake Recreation Centre.

3.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No community engagement is required as part of this SRW approval request.

4.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional City costs associated with the preparation and execution of the SRW.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Plan EPP149817

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

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