

REQUEST FOR DECISION

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To: Mayor and Council

From: Chief Financial Officer and Manager of Development and Engineering

Date: June 26, 2017

Subject: Mineral claim renewal

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to allow the mineral claims to lapse; AND THAT Council directs staff to investigate options for dedicating a park on the lands around the East Zone Reservoir.**

BACKGROUND: The City acquired mineral claims covering the lands around the slag pile and the East Zone Reservoir in 2007. These claims were being held for the purpose of ensuring there were no competing uses of the lands that would be detrimental to the quarry operations. A secondary aim was to prevent any mineral exploration from disturbing City infrastructure in and around the East Zone Reservoir. At the time, mineral claims were relatively inexpensive to maintain. Since then, the Provincial Government has changed the way it manages those claims. In short, it is expensive to hold on to a claim that is not being actively worked.

Year	Price per Hectare (ha)	Total (at 232.92 ha)
July 6, 2017 to July 6, 2018	\$30	\$6,987.60
July 6, 2018 to July 6, 2019	\$30	\$6,987.60
July 6, 2019 to July 6, 2020	\$30	\$6,987.60
Thereafter	\$40	\$9,316.80

The annual costs to maintain the claims are as follows:

Since the mineral claim was established, the City was successful in putting in place a Mineral Reserve encompassing the slag pile. This achieves the primary reason for establishing the Mineral Claim, that is, to protect the slag pile as a City asset. Moreover, there are other tools to achieve a similar protection of the lands around the East Zone Reservoir as that provided by the Mineral Claim. A review by the lawyers that manage the mineral claims identified dedicating the land as park to be a strong protection of those lands against mineral exploration.



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



Benefits or Impacts of the Recommendation:

General: Letting the mineral claims lapse will save the City money for the foreseeable future.

Policy/Legislation: N/A

Strategic Impact:

 Minimum savings of \$170,000 over the next 20 years.

 Mitigation of environmental risks, and improved views for local residents.

Attachments:

Mineral Titles Reference Map

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OPTIONS:

1. Council could choose to support the recommendation.
2. Council could choose to not support the recommendation.
3. Council could choose to refer the report back to staff for more information.



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