

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Meeting Date:	December 7, 2020	
Name of Agenda Item:	Public Hearing for Ord 1612 – Vacate Application 20-01	
Section of Agenda:	Public Hearing	
Department:	Planning Department	
Council Committee Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:		
Draft Ordinance 1612, Staff Report and Application for Vacation of ROW on 7 th Street (701 Front St).		
Summary Statement:		
<p>Mark Groeneweg and John Vree, owners of the commercial property located at 701 Front Street have initiated the vacation of a portion of right-of-way located on the west side of 7th Street.</p> <p>The 5-foot strip of property to be vacated was originally dedicated toward right-of-way to accommodate the construction of a public sidewalk and 4 on-street parking. These parking stalls were constructed by the adjacent property owner as a condition of a 2004 Parking Variance to reduce the number of required <u>on-site</u> parking spaces.</p> <p>Recent City-initiated upgrades to 7th Street revised the intersection of 7th and Front Street to meet engineering standards. This resulted in the elimination of 2 of the 4 parking stalls in this location. It also revised the location of the adjacent public sidewalk so that the area originally dedicated in 2005 was no longer needed for public use.</p> <p>Property owners of 701 Front Street have subsequently made plans to construct 2 parking stall on-site which will then be exclusively available their clients. The vacate is needed to accommodate this on-site construction. Based on the assessor’s value of the unimproved land the total value of the right-of-way to be vacated is \$3980.00. However, the Public Works Director is recommending waiving the assessment for the property due to the unique circumstances associated with the original dedication of the 5-foot strip of frontage.</p> <p>The draft of the Ordinance 1612 is attached. The application for right-of-way and corresponding staff report is attached.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Motion to approve Ordinance 1612 and Mayor’s signature on the document which vacates a portion of 7 th Street and waives the payment of the assessed value due to the unique nature of the original dedication.		