

# CITY OF LYNDEN



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 4, 2024	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Partial Vacate of Lawrence and Pine St Right-of-Ways – Vacate Application 23-01	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Consent	
<b>Department:</b>	Community Development	
<b>Council Committee Review:</b>	<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: _____
	<b>Legal Review:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
<b>Attachments:</b>		
Application and corresponding staff report for Vacate Application 23-01		
<b>Summary Statement:</b>		
<p>The City Council is asked to hear and consider the proposal brought forward by Chad and Andrea VanRy who are property owners of 210 Lawrence Street. The VanRy's have submitted Vacate Application 23-01 to request that portions of abutting rights-of-way be vacated in order to increase the net lot area of their residentially zoned parcel. If the lot area is increased as proposed the parcel will become a conforming size for the three units which are currently on the site and can also accommodate additional housing units. The area to be vacated is at the dead-end portion of Lawrence Street and abutting the Pine Street right-of-way which has historically been used by the railroad since the early 1900's.</p> <p>The City's long-range plans do not call for expansion of the transportation network on this property, the vacate avoids the railway easement, the vacation of this area would remove it from the city's maintenance responsibilities and would facilitate residential infill.</p> <p>If the Council approves the vacate petition the applicant can then secure an appraisal which must include three comparable properties. Once completed, the item will return to the City Council to discuss the value of the property in light of the appraised value.</p>		
<b>Recommended Action:</b>		
Motion to approve the vacate petition and initiate review of property value.		