

33. Re: Sperling Avenue School/Park Site
 Notice to Vacate and Building Demolition
 W.239' of Lot "B", Exc. Ex. Pl. 11235, Blocks 2/2,
 D.L. 131, Plan 5798
 6840 Adair Street

(Item 3, Manager's Report No. 16 (In Camera) February 26, 1973)

The above-noted property (see attached sketch), included with the 1972 Park Acquisition Program and required for extension of the Sperling Avenue School/Park site, was purchased subsequent to Council approval at its meeting of February 26, 1973.

In development of the Sperling Avenue School/Park site, negotiations have been conducted with the Burnaby School Board for exchange of the Municipally-owned Lot "B" and Lot 71, and Lot "L" (Armstrong) when acquired in the future, for an equal area of 166' x 355', as noted with the attached sketch.

For information of Council, the Land Agent has experienced difficulties in negotiating purchase of the adjoining property, Lot "L" (Armstrong) which is also required for extension of the Sperling Avenue School/Park site, and was prepared to recommend expropriation. However, at a meeting held June 5, 1973, between Municipal staff and School Board staff to discuss the proposed development plan, an alternative was found which could be an interim step before acquisition of the Armstrong property and eventual total site development.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, at its meeting of June 6, 1973, received a report dated June 6, 1973 from the Parks and Recreation Administrator which proposed the use of the subject property (ex-Damon) which is located between the Armstrong property and the School property. If the house on the ex-Damon property were to be demolished and the land contoured to meet the grade of the existing undersized sports field on the School grounds, then Sperling Avenue School would have one regulation soccer pitch which would meet immediate demands. This too would provide the Parks and Recreation Commission with another soccer field for neighbourhood recreation programme after school hours.

The Commission, at its meeting of June 6, 1973, approved the following recommendations:

- " 1. That the tenants in 6840 Adair be given notice to vacate the property.
2. That the Park Property adjacent to the sports field on the school grounds be allotted to the School Board so that they may expand their existing sports field to regulation size.
3. If the demand for total site development increases, then expropriation proceedings should be initiated in order to acquire the Armstrong property."

The Commission's approval of the above recommendations was accompanied with the proviso that a letter of intent be obtained from the School Board with regard to the eventual exchange of properties, it being the Commission's understanding that when the Armstrong property is purchased, the three properties, Lots "B", "L" and 71, will be exchanged for school property on the south side of the School site.

By letter of June 19, 1973 to the Manager, the Secretary to the Parks and Recreation Commission requested that Council approval be sought to give the tenants of 6840 Adair Street notice to vacate the property, and also to demolish the building when it becomes vacant.

For information of Council, rental of 6840 Adair Street is on a month-to-month basis. With approval to give notice to vacate by July 31, 1973, preparation of the proposed 165' by 300' sports field can proceed in anticipation of completion prior to school convening in the Fall of 1973.

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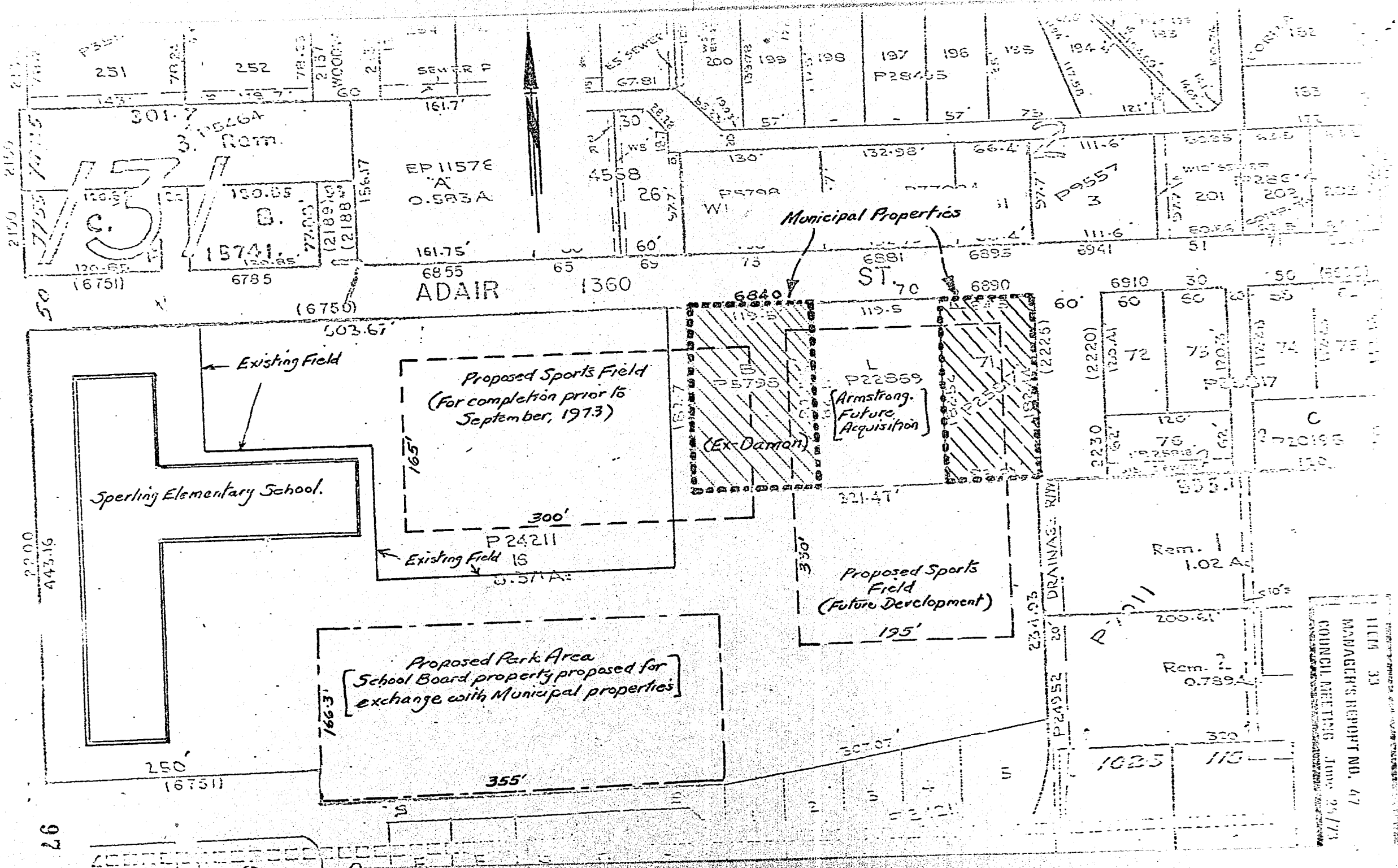
The Chief Building Inspector has assessed the condition of the building on 6840 Adair Street, with consideration that some salvage might be possible and recommends that the building be demolished. In the opinion of the Land Agent, the building should be demolished primarily because of its condition and, secondly, because he has experienced difficulties in selling those Municipal houses which are in excellent condition.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT notice be given to the tenants of 6840 Adair Street to vacate the premises by July 31, 1973; and

THAT the building at 6840 Adair Street be demolished; and

THAT a copy of this report be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the Burnaby School Board.



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