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Re: CHEVRON CANADA LIMITED
GREEN BELT/BUFFER STRIP ACQUISITIONS
(ITEM 24, REPORT NO. 51, JULY 18, 1977)

The following report from the Director of Planning contains information on an inquiry that was made by Council relative to the Chevron Refinery Expansion Program when this matter was discussed on July 18, 1977.

This is for the information of Council.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
JULY 27, 1977

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
SUBJECT: CHEVRON CANADA LIMITED
GREEN BELT/BUFFER STRIP ACQUISITIONS

At its meeting on July 18, 1977 the Municipal Council received a status report on the Chevron Refinery Expansion Program. During consideration, staff were requested to advise Council as to the number of properties bought by the Company during the past 3 years.

In satisfaction of one of the requisites of the Expansion Program as approved by Council, a land exchange was concluded in 1975 which conveyed to the Municipality title to fifteen occupied dwellings previously acquired by Chevron, in return for title to redundant portions of roads and lanes which now form part of the consolidated Chevron site. (Of these fifteen occupied residential properties, three have been demolished in recent months with Council's approval, in view of their age and condition. The remaining dwelling units involved in the exchange are owned and maintained by the Corporation and occupied on a rental basis; these dwellings are to be removed at some future time in conjunction with implementation of the park trail link proposed for this area.)

Since the conclusion of that exchange, Chevron Canada Limited has acquired only one additional residential property in the area. This property, at 4331 Eton Street, is proximate to the refinery boundary in a priority area for purchase under the buffer acquisition program, and was formerly occupied by an old dwelling in poor condition that was formerly rented, but vacant at the time of purchase by Chevron. Purchase price for the 33' x 122' property was \$40,000.

The dwelling formerly on the site has been removed and the grounds have been graded and planted with grass seed as specified by the Parks and Recreation Department. Chevron Canada's legal department is currently in the process of arranging for the transfer of title to the Municipality. Upon receipt of

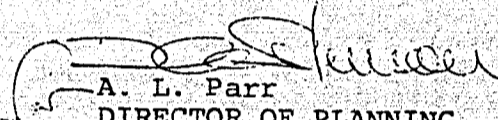
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particulars, a further report will be submitted to Council requesting authority to accept title to this lot, to be under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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Since the establishment of the green belt/buffer concept, inquiries received from owners in the area who are contemplating sale of their properties have been referred to Chevron for discussion and negotiations. The oil company maintains an allowance in its annual operating budget for the purchase of properties in accordance with the program, with first priority given to those lots which lie within the alignment of the proposed park trail. Discussions with several owners have taken place, and the purchase at 4331 Eton is the first to result in a completed acquisition. A Chevron representative advises that they are maintaining contact with other owners in the area, and will be following up contacts in the first priority area.

The foregoing is for the information of Council.


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