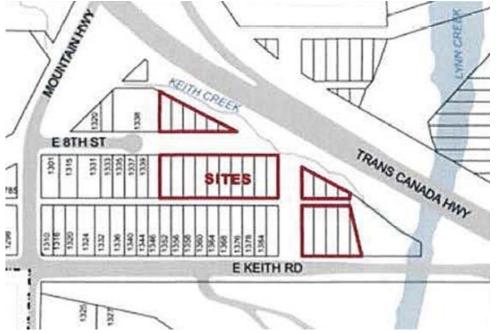
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Vacant lots to be deemed park land

DNV trades small strip for larger one

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District of North Vancouver council has given first reading to a rezoning designating several vacant residential lots as park. Photo image supplied, North Shore News

The District of North Vancouver may trade one strip of park for a much larger one, pending the results of a public hearing tentatively scheduled for fall.

Council unanimously gave first reading to a plan to rezone 26 undeveloped lots from residential land to natural park land July 21. The lots are located in the wedge between the Trans Canada Highway and East Keith Road, just north of Bridgman Park and east of Lynn Creek. The rezoning would serve to replace the strip of park that may be removed from Seylynn and Bridgman parks as part of the Keith Road Bridge project. The land that could be

lost was rarely used as a place to fly a kite or walk a dog, according to Coun. Doug MacKay-Dunn.

"If you're familiar with the strip of land, that's where you usually put your election signs, so it's not really used as a park," MacKay-Dunn said.

The 26 lots in question are undeveloped, requiring no alterations from the district.

Zoning the lots as natural parkland rather than dedicating them as park will allow some flexibility around future work on the Trans Canada Highway, according to Coun. Roger Bassam.

If approved, the rezoned park would be approximately twice the size of the land that might be removed.

Mayor Richard Walton and Coun. Lisa Muri did not attend the meeting.

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