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Delta, BC – Delta Council and the Delta School District Board of Education celebrated the completion of an exchange of land at ten sites throughout the municipality that secures farmland, parkland, sports fields, playgrounds and school grounds for both parties.

“Today we mark a momentous occasion in the long relationship between the Corporation of Delta and the Delta School District,” said Mayor Lois E. Jackson. “Through a shared vision and partnership, we have achieved a common goal for the benefit of this community, while also preserving soil-based farming on a key piece of land located within the Agricultural Land Reserve.”

“This land agreement not only clarifies property ownership, but also marks a milestone in the relationship between the Delta School District and the Corporation of Delta. The process has been a very positive partnership building experience,” said Delta School District Board Chairperson, Laura Dixon.

Both the Corporation and School District have co-managed the ten sites for several years as a result of blurred historical property boundaries; the exchanges now formally align use and ownership of the various locations.

Eight of the ten sites are being resolved as a ‘like’ for ‘like’ exchange, resulting in zero net gain or loss of land. One of the remaining sites will consolidate the School District’s school reserve located at 96 Street and Highway 10 under their ownership.

The Corporation purchased the final site, 20 acres of farmland located on 56th Street – formerly the Tsawwassen School Reserve – for \$1.2 million, a price based on professional appraisals. This site is currently leased to Snow Farms for soil-based farming and will continue to be, along with an existing parcel of farmland adjacent to this site and a parcel of farmland at the corner of Highway 17 and 56 Street that Delta recently purchased. In total, Delta now owns 77 acres of prime agricultural land at this location, which will be preserved for soil-based farming.

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