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COUNCIL DATE: April 12, 2010

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council** DATE: **April 7, 2010**
FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **o870/20-195/D**
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture
SUBJECT: **Acquisition of 194 - 171 Street for Parkland**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the acquisition of the lot at 194 - 171 Street (PID No. 011-253-908) for parkland.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 194 - 171 Street**

The property at 194 - 171 Street, which is illustrated on the attached Appendix I, has an area of 43,560 ft.² (1 acre). The land is identified for acquisition as parkland in the Douglas NCP Land Use Plan.

2. **Zoning, Plan Designations, and Land Uses**

The subject property is zoned RA (One Acre Residential). The Highest and Best Use would be for a large lot estate residential use.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has determined that this acquisition is required to complement a growing natural area parks system in the Douglas NCP area in South Surrey. In the future, a civic greenway will link Peace Arch Provincial Park through these parklands in the Douglas area to the parks and population of Grandview Heights.

4. **Contract of Purchase and Sale**

Staff has negotiated a Contract of Purchase and Sale Agreement with the owner subject to Council approval by April 13, 2010. The purchase price was determined by an independent, accredited appraiser and completion is to take place upon registration in the Land Title Office.

5. **Funding for Purchase**

The Finance Department has confirmed that funds for this acquisition are available in the Park Acquisition DCC Reserve.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Purchasing the subject land supports the Sustainability Charter's vision of integrating nature into the City's neighbourhoods. In particular, the proposed land acquisition supports the following sustainability Charter Scope action:

- SC13 Designing recreational paths and greenways to be accessible, where possible.
- EN12: Enhancement and protection of natural areas, including the acquisition of additional new natural areas.
- EN13: Expediting the completion of a continuous greenway, bicycle, and trail system throughout the City

CONCLUSION

The terms of the purchase agreement are considered reasonable. The acquisition of the subject land will provide additional parkland as designated in the Douglas Area NCP Land Use Plan.

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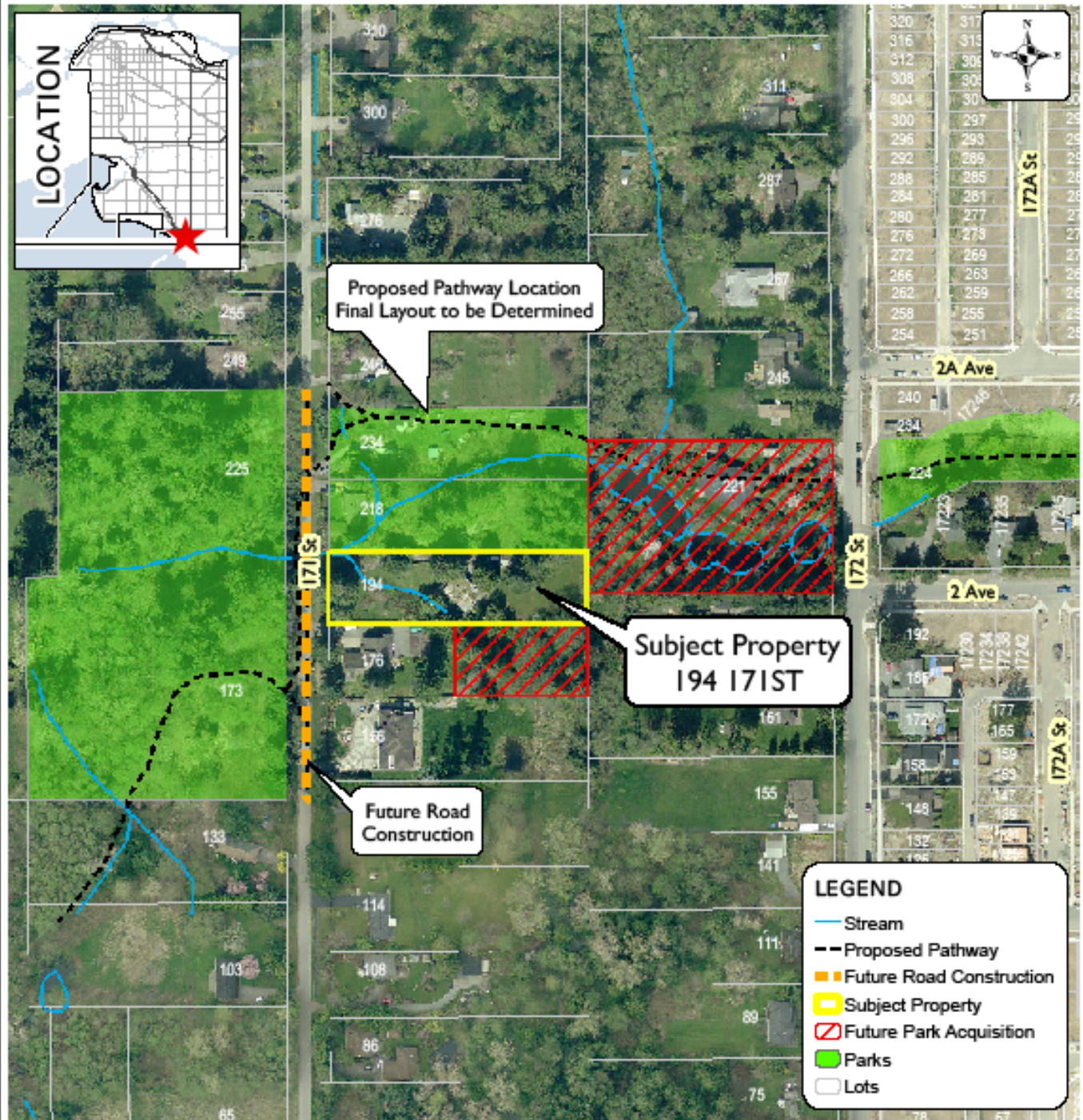
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: March 24, 2010, AW

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2009



FUTURE PARK ACQUISITION
SUBJECT PROPERTY
194 171ST

ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT

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Lot sizes, Legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.