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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **June 3, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **0910-30/166**  
**General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** **0910-30/167**

SUBJECT: **Road Allowance Closure and Conversion to Parkland in the 300 block between 171 and 172 Street**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council:

1. authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a by-law to close and remove the dedication as highway, the portions of redundant City roads that are illustrated on Appendix 1 attached to this report and described as follows:
  - (a) a 872 m<sup>2</sup> portion of unconstructed lane abutting the properties known as 17108 and 17162 - 4 Avenue; and
  - (b) a 1,897 m<sup>2</sup> portion of unconstructed lane in the 300 block between 171 and 172 Street; and
2. approve, upon completion of the closure process, the conversion of these areas to parkland.

## DISCUSSION

The subject areas of road allowance proposed for closure is located immediately adjacent to or within the boundary of the land that is the subject of development application No. 7906-0001 00 (Peace Initiatives Ltd.).

The completion of these road closures and the creation of two fee simple parcels of land will allow the conversion of this land to parkland. The section of lane abutting the lots known as 17108 and 17162 - 4 Avenue having an area of 872 m<sup>2</sup> is proposed to be closed and will remain as a titled parkland lot. A second lot (1,897 m<sup>2</sup>) will be created, south of the above-referenced lot, from the portion of unconstructed road located in the 300 block between 171 and 172 Street as illustrated in Appendix 1. When Council has given final adoption to Rezoning By-law related to development application no. 7906-0001, the larger fee simple lot will be consolidated with a 5,258.9 m<sup>2</sup> piece of land that will be dedicated to the City for drainage purposes from the subject development site.

This conversion of road allowance to parkland supports the development of a natural area parks system in the Douglas area as identified in the related NCP (Appendix II).

All concerned City departments have reviewed the closure and there are no objections to the closure of the road allowance and its subsequent use by the City as parkland.

The road closure process requires that Council adopt a by-law to close and remove the dedication as highway of the subject portions of road allowance. Prior to final adoption of the by-law, in conformance with Sections 40 (3) and 94 of the Community Charter, notice of the closure will be advertised for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper and a notice will be posted at City Hall. The advertisement will provide information to the public about the details of the closure and will indicate that all pertinent information can be obtained from the Realty Services Division. All concerns from the public will be addressed prior to completion of the closure. In addition, as required under Section 40 (4) of the Charter, notice of the City's intention to close the road will be directed to all utility companies potentially affected by the proposed closure to confirm that they have no concerns. Legislative Services will then request Council to provide final adoption of the related by-law. Upon completion of these requirements, the by-law will be registered at the Land Title Office. The Realty Services Division will then advertise the disposition of the road in a local newspaper and will post a notice at City Hall as prescribed under Sections 26 and 94 of the Community Charter. The advertisement and notice will contain a description of the land.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed road closures and conversion to parkland support the Sustainability Charter's goal of using the City's land base efficiently. In particular, the road closure supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope actions:

- 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 subject portions of road allowance are surplus to the City's needs. The closure of the areas of road allowance that are the subject of this report will allow for their conversion to parkland in support of the development of a natural area park system in the Douglas neighbourhood as contemplated by the NCP for the area.

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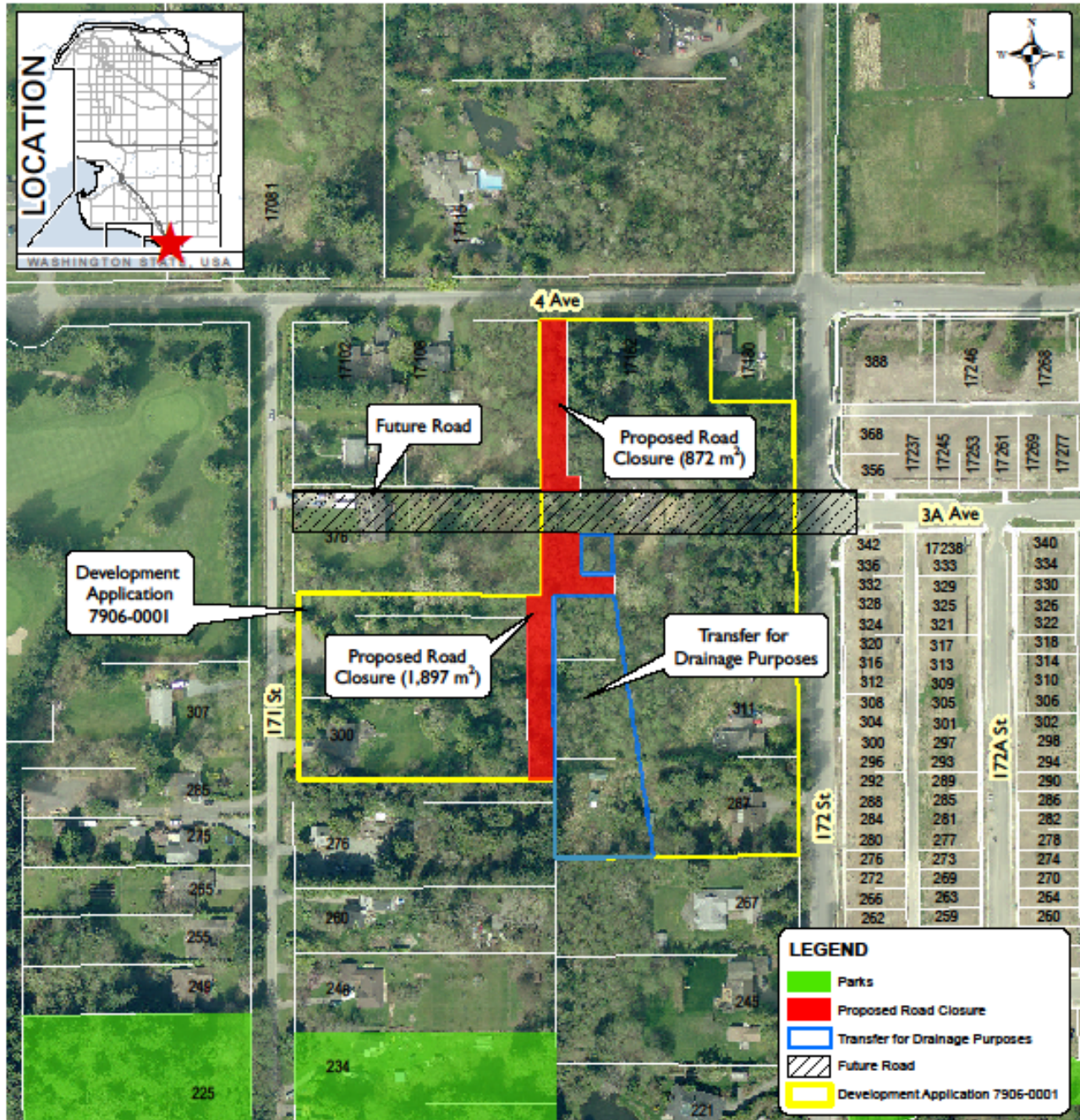
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## Appendices

- I. Aerial Photo - Proposed Road Closures & Conversion to Parkland
- II. Douglas Area NCP

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: May 3, 2010, AW

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## ROAD CLOSURES AND CONVERSION TO PARKLAND 300 BLOCK 171 ST NORTH & SOUTH END

ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.  
This information is provided for information and convenience purposes only.  
Lot sizes, Legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.

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# APPENDIX II DOUGLAS AREA NCP

