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COUNCIL DATE: July 26, 2010

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council**

DATE: **July 23, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering  
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

FILE: **0870/20-420/A**

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 2770 - 168 Street for Parkland**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the property at 2770 - 168 Street (PID No. 011-306-653) for parkland.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. **Property Location: 2770 - 168 Street**

The property at 2770 - 168 Street is situated in the Grandview Heights area of South Surrey. This site is located in close proximity to other parcels of parkland owned by the City as illustrated in Appendix 1. The property has an area of 9.065 acres (3.67 ha) and is improved with an older, single family detached dwelling and other structures of nominal value.

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

The subject property is zoned RA (One Acre Residential) and designated "Suburban" in the Official Community Plan. A Neighbourhood Concept Plan has not been developed for this area.

### 3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

The purpose of this acquisition is to provide parkland as envisioned under the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has determined that the acquisition of this property is strategic and will assist in ensuring that the City is in a position to provide future parks/recreational facilities in the Grandview Heights area as this area redevelops in accordance with the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan.

**4. Contract of Purchase and Sale**

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner. This agreement is supported by an appraisal completed by an accredited, independent appraiser and is subject to City Council approval on or before July 27, 2010. Sale completion is to take place upon registration of the transfer documents in the Land Title Office.

**5. Sustainability Considerations**

Acquiring the subject property supports the broad Sustainability Charter goal of integrating nature into the City's neighbourhoods. In particular, the proposed land acquisition supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope action items:

SC6 – Accessible and appropriately located services within the City, including recreation, arts, culture, and customer service locations.

EN13 – Enhancing the Public Realm by the design of parks and natural areas.

**6. Funding for Purchase**

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

**CONCLUSION**

The terms of this purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. This acquisition will assist in positioning the City to provide park/open space in the Grandview Heights area in accordance with the Grandview Heights General Land Use Plan.

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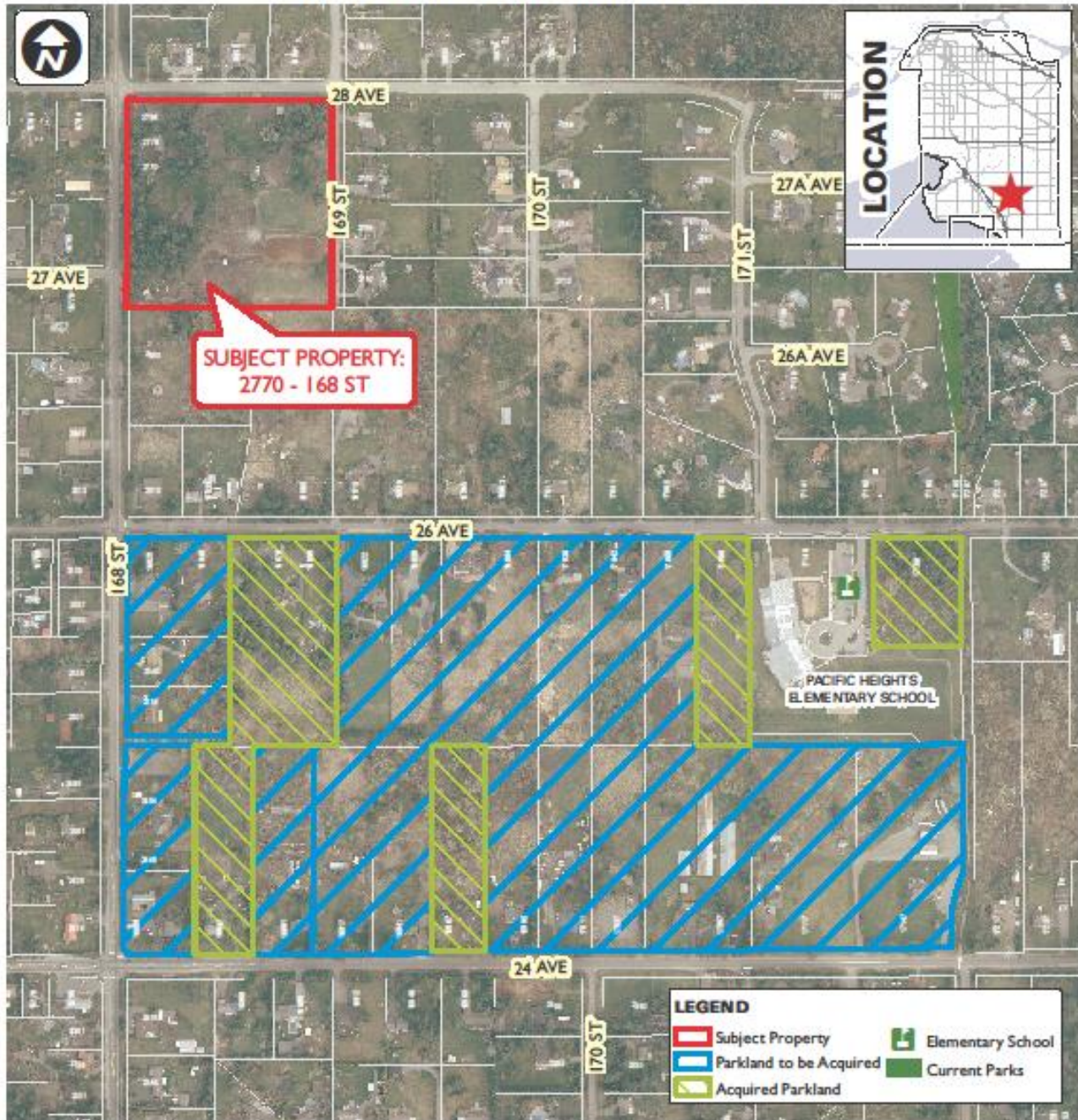
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: July 15, 2010, CS

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2009



**SUBJECT PROPERTY:**  
2770 - 168 St

**ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT**

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