

NO: R203

COUNCIL DATE: September 13, 2010

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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council** DATE: **August 26, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **0870/20-402/A**  
**General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture**

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 10907 - 144 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 10907 - 144 Street (PID No. 008-453-101) for parkland and for the construction of a bicycle pathway bridge.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. **Property Location: 10907 - 144 Street**

The property at 10907 - 144 Street is situated in close proximity to Invergarry Park in Whalley. This site has been identified for acquisition to provide land for a critical segment of the 109 Street bicycle path and additionally to provide a linear park open space along Bon Accord Creek as illustrated in Appendix 1. The bicycle path is intended to provide a continuous pathway from the newly constructed Port Mann Bridge to City Centre.

The property has an area of 1.02 acres (.41 ha) and is improved with an older, single family detached dwelling.

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

The subject property is zoned RF (Single Family Residential) and designated "Urban" 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 land for the construction of a cycling and pedestrian bridge over Bon Accord Creek as part of the 109 Avenue bicycle path and for creek preservation and green space as illustrated in Appendix 1.

**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 September 13, 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 item:

EN13 - Expediting the completion of a continuous greenway, bicycle, and trail system throughout the City.

**6. Funding for Purchase**

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

**CONCLUSION**

This acquisition will assist in positioning the City to provide a cycling and pedestrian pathway from the newly constructed Port Mann Bridge to City Centre and additionally will provide an important greenway along Bon Accord Creek.

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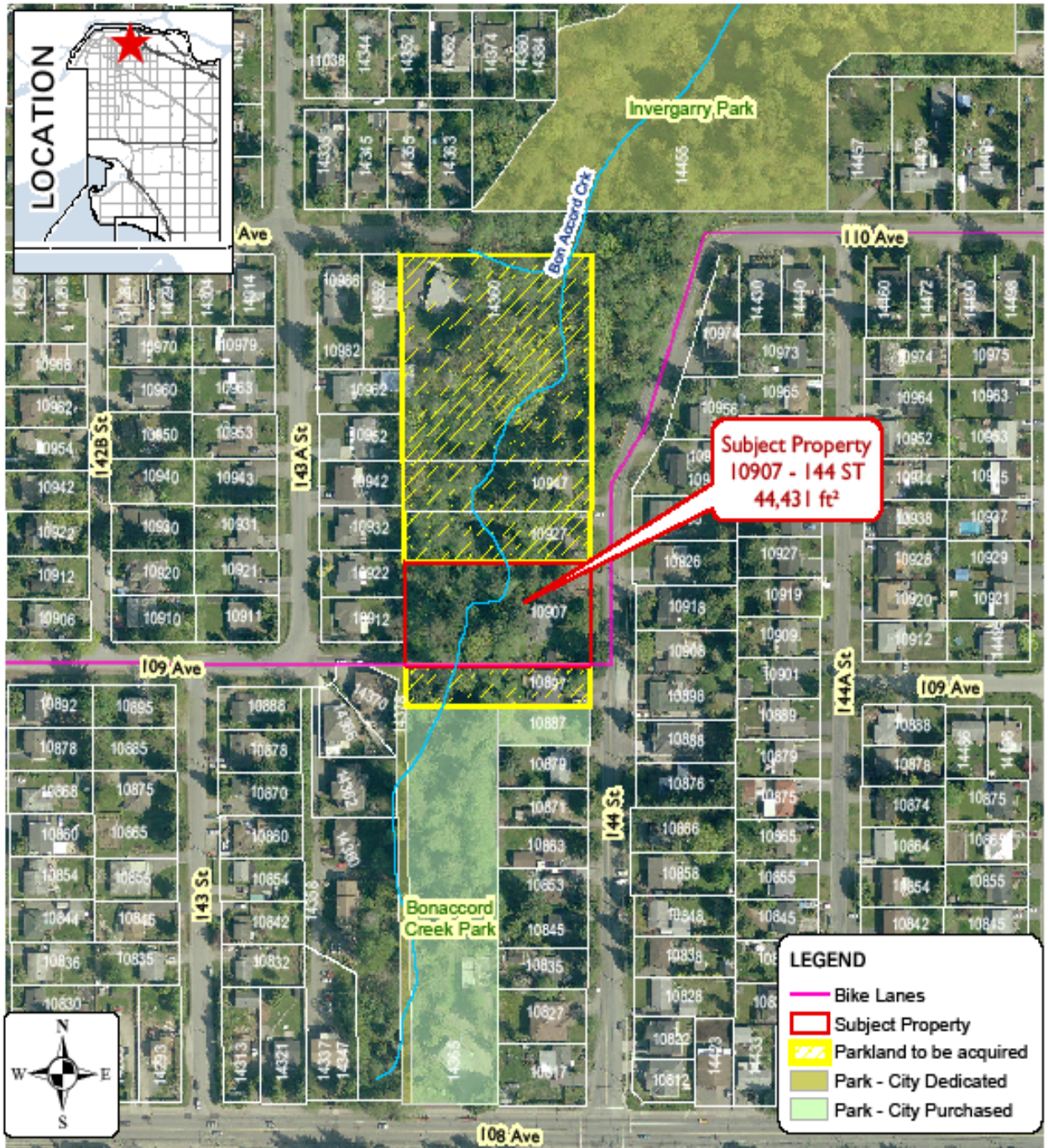
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: Aug 16, 2010, JJR

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2009



**SUBJECT PROPERTY**  
**10907 - 144 STREET**  
**FILE: 0870120 PROJECT: 402/A**

**ENGINEERING  
 DEPARTMENT**

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