

NO: **R220**

COUNCIL DATE: **December 12, 2011**

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council**

DATE: **December 8, 2011**

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

FILE: **o870/20-238/A/B**

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 15859 & 15875 96 Avenue for Parkland**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the properties at 15859 - 96 Avenue (PID No. 000-524-549) and 15875 - 96 Avenue (PID No. 000-524-531) for parkland.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 15859 & 15875 - 96 Avenue**

The properties at 15859 & 15875 - 96 Avenue are located adjacent to the City-owned North Surrey Community Park as illustrated on Appendix 1. The two properties have a combined total area of 2 acres (.81 ha). The property at 15875 - 96 Avenue is improved with an older, single-family detached dwelling while the other property is vacant.

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

Both of the subject properties are located within a Single Family Residential (RF) Zone and are designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

The purpose of the acquisition is to increase the area of the North Surrey Community Park in accordance with the recommendations emanating from a review of parkland requirements that was completed by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. The acquisition of these two parcels for addition to the North Surrey Community Park will address the pressures of population growth in the area. The additional area will improve the functionality of the Park by increasing the park frontage on 96 Avenue, which will provide additional space for patron enjoyment, enhance the view into the park from 96 Avenue for improved safety of park users and provide better pedestrian access into the Park.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the executors of the estate of the owner of the properties. This agreement is supported by an appraisal completed by an accredited staff appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before December 12, 2011. Sale completion is to take place upon registration, which is anticipated to occur by the end of January 2012.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the subject property supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter; in particular, the following action items:

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

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 the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. The recommended acquisitions will assist in ensuring adequate park/open space for the residents of North Surrey.

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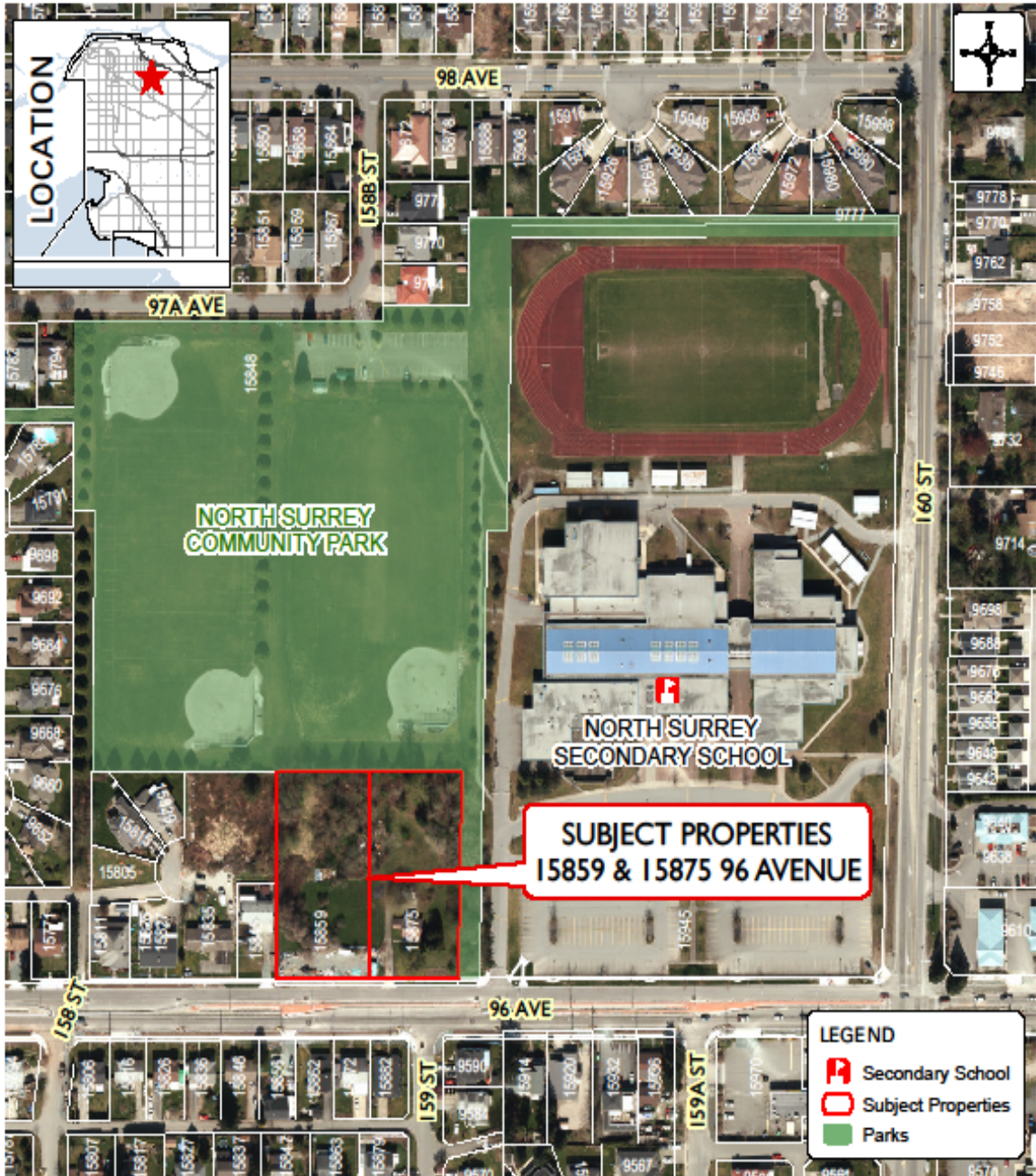
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: November 9, 2011, AW8

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2011



**SUBJECT PROPERTIES
15859 & 15875 96 AVENUE**

**ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT**

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