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COUNCIL DATE: **April 23, 2012**

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council** DATE: **April 18, 2012**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **0870/20-446/A**
General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 9753 - 131 Street for Parkland**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the property at 9753 - 131 Street (PID No. 012-344-656) for parkland.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 9753 - 131 Street**

The property at 9753 - 131 Street (the "Property") is situated in the Whalley community adjacent to City-owned parkland as illustrated on Appendix 1. The Property has an area of 3,546 m² (0.876 acres) and is improved with an older, single-family detached dwelling.

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

The Property is located within the Single Family Residential (RF) Zone and is designated "Urban" in the Official Community Plan. It has been identified for acquisition park purposes.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

This acquisition will allow for an expansion to Bog Park and will increase the parkland available to the residents of the Whalley community who are currently underserved with neighbourhood-scale parkland. Bog Park and this additional lot are mapped in the Ecological Management Study and serve as a refuge for local fauna. The Property contains many large cedars and other native trees that will be preserved. Ownership of the Property by the City will ensure protection of natural habitat in the neighbourhood.

4. **Contract of Purchase and Sale**

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner of the Property. This agreement is supported by an appraisal completed by an accredited, independent appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before April 23, 2012. Sale completion is to take place upon registration, which is anticipated to occur by May 25, 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 acquisition will assist in ensuring adequate park/open space for the residents in the Whalley community.

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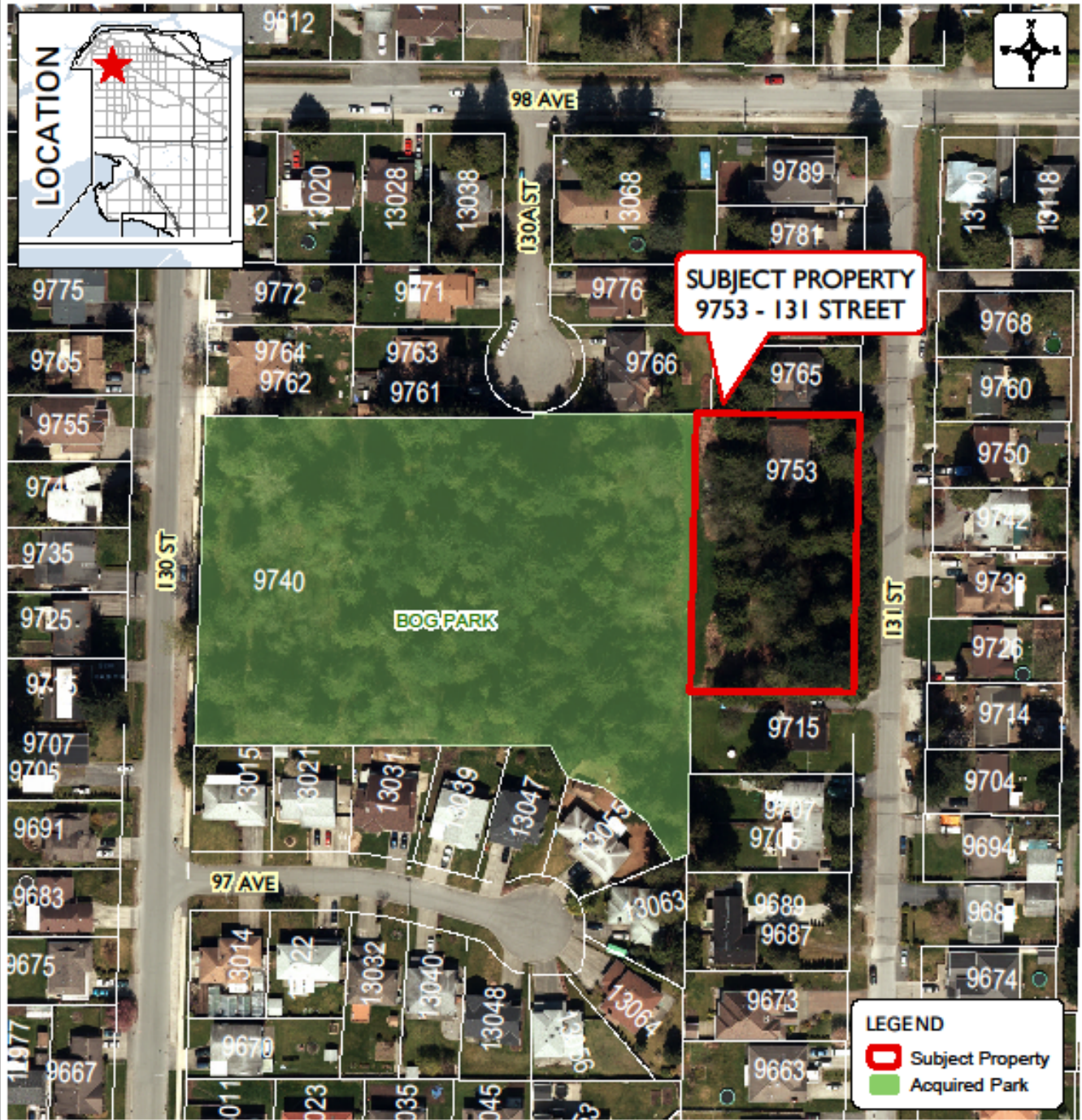
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



Produced by GIS Section: March 21, 2012, AW8

Date of Aerial Photography: April 2011



SUBJECT PROPERTY
9753 - 131 STREET

ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT

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