

NO: **R144**

COUNCIL DATE: **July 22, 2013**

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor and Council**

DATE: **July 17, 2013**

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

FILE: **0870/20-343/Q**

SUBJECT: **Acquisition of Property at 2454 – 168 Street for Parkland**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase of the property at 2454 – 168 Street (PID: 009-927-743) for the purpose of community parkland for the Grandview Heights community.

DISCUSSION

1. **Property Location: 2454 – 168 Street**

The property at 2454 – 168 Street is located in the Grandview Heights area of South Surrey and is north of the site on which the Grandview Heights Aquatic Centre will be constructed. The property has an area of 6354 m² (1.57 acres) and is improved with a single family detached dwelling.

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

The subject property is zoned RA (One Acre Residential) and designated Suburban in the Official Community Plan. The Highest and Best Use for this property is as a residential holding property.

3. **Purpose of the Acquisition**

The acquisition of this property is for parkland as part of the future Grandview Heights community park.

4. **Contract of Purchase and Sale**

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owner of the property. The agreement is supported by an appraisal that was completed by an accredited, independent appraiser. The agreement is subject to City Council approval on or before July 23, 2013. Sale completion will take place upon registration of transfer documentation in the Land Title Office.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the subject property supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, the proposed land acquisition supports the following Sustainability Charter Scope actions:

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 the subject acquisition are available in the Park Acquisition Program.

CONCLUSION

The terms of the purchase and sale agreements are considered reasonable. This acquisition will assist in providing park/open space for the evolving Grandview Heights community.

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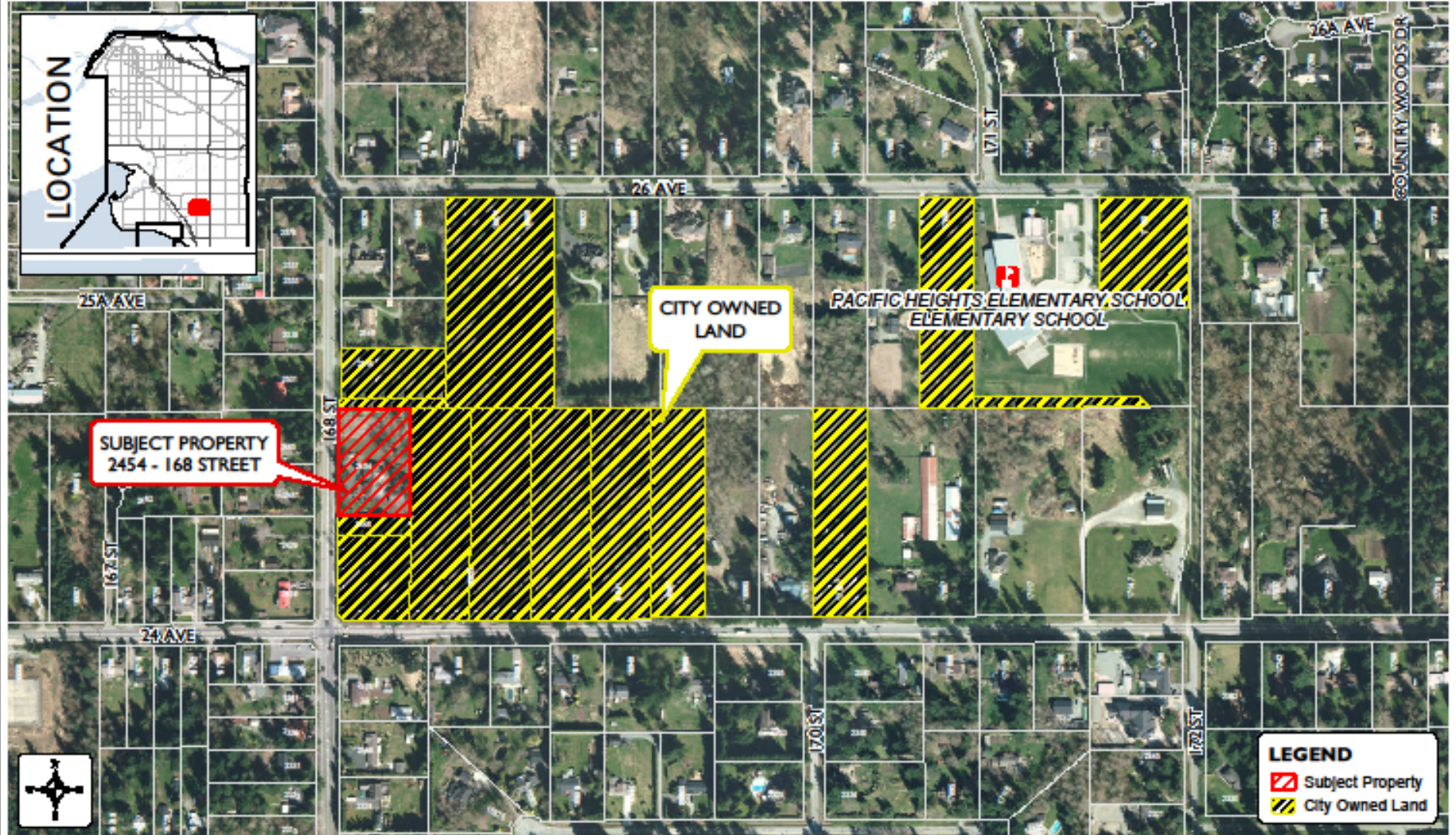
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



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Aerial Photograph: March 2013



SUBJECT PROPERTY
2454 - 168 STREET
FILE: 0870-20/343/R

**ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT**

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