

CORPORATE REPORT

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REGULAR COUNCIL			
TO:	Mayor and Council	DATE	February 17, 2014
FROM:	Acting General Manager, Engineering General Manager, Parks, Recreation and C		0870-20/452A
SUBJECT:	Acquisition of Property at 2955 - 160 Street		

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department recommend that Council approve the purchase for parkland of the property at 2955 - 160 Street (PID No. 006-322-425), which is illustrated on Appendix I attached to this report.

DISCUSSION

1. Property Location: 2955 - 160 Street

The property at 2955 - 160 Street (the "Property") is located within the North Grandview Heights Land Use Plan. The Property has an area of 4,919 m^2 (1.21 acres) and is improved with a single family detached dwelling.

2. Zoning, Plan Designations, and Land Uses

The subject property is zoned as RA (One Acre Residential) and designated Suburban in the Official Community Plan. The Highest and Best Use of the property is the existing use, as a large residential home site.

3. Purpose of the Acquisition

This Property, together with adjacent land being secured as part of development application 7911-0269-00 (currently at the Preliminary Layout Approval stage) as identified on the attached Appendix I, will form a neighbourhood park and riparian area in the North Grandview Heights area of South Surrey. The proposed Land Use Concept for this application is identified on Appendix II attached to this report.

4. Contract of Purchase and Sale

A purchase and sale agreement has been negotiated with and accepted by the owners 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 February 25, 2014. Sale completion will take place upon registration of transfer documentation in the Land Title Office.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Acquiring the Property supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, the proposed purchase 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 this acquisition are available in the Park Acquisition Program.

CONCLUSION

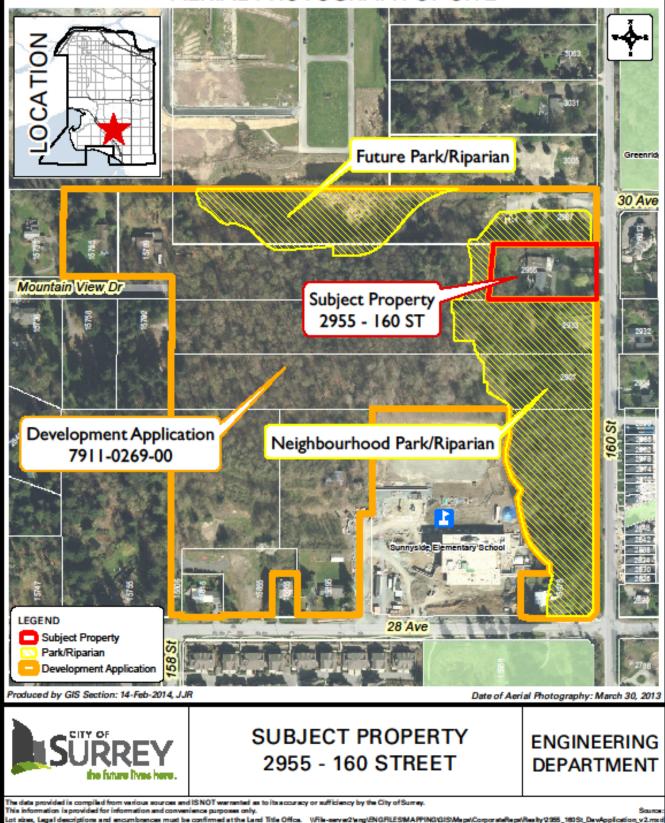
The terms of the purchase and sale agreement are considered reasonable. This acquisition will assist in providing park/open space for the South Surrey area.

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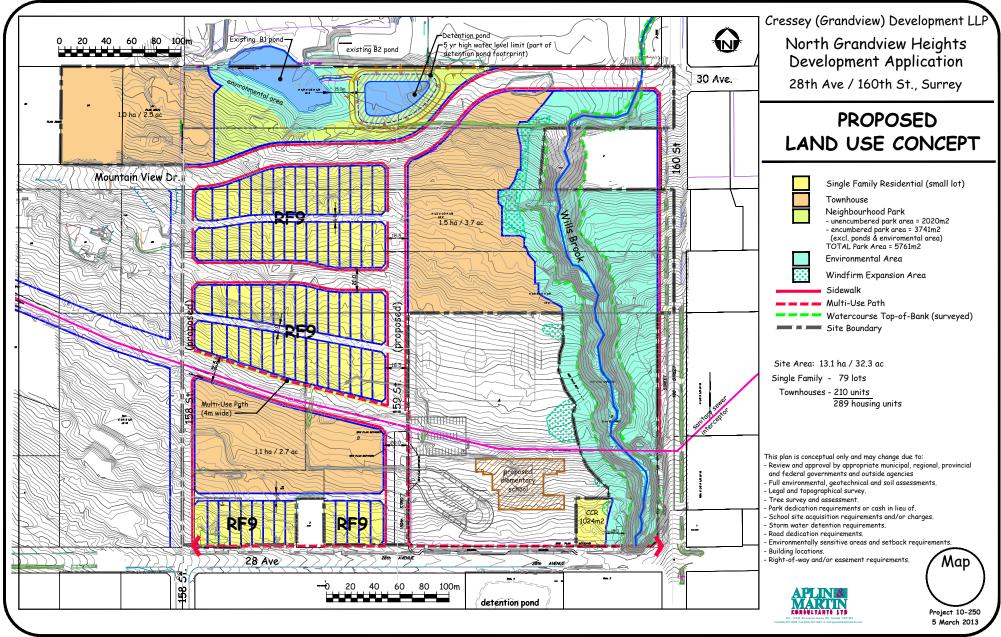
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Appendix I: Aerial Photograph of Site Appendix II: Proposed Land Use Concept

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



APPENDIX II



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