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## REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **November 2, 2015**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **0910-30/205**  
**General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture**

SUBJECT: **Road Closure Adjacent to 12576 – 100 Avenue, 9950 – 126 Street and 9939 – 127A Street (Robson Park)**

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## RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering and Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments recommend that Council:

1. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the road dedication as highway of a 1,857.6 m<sup>2</sup> (19,995 ft.<sup>2</sup>) portion of unconstructed road allowance adjacent to 12576 – 100 Avenue, 9950 – 126 Street and 9939 – 127A Street, as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report, subject to the compliance with the notice provisions of Sections 26 and 94 of the *Community Charter*, S.B.C., 2003, c.26; and
2. Authorize the transfer of appropriate funds from the Park Acquisition Program to the Engineering Department for the purchase of the road closure area.

## BACKGROUND

### Property Description

The road allowance area proposed for closure has an area of 1,857.6 m<sup>2</sup> (19,995 ft.<sup>2</sup>) and is that portion of 126 Street located between 100 Avenue and 99 Avenue.

### Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The road closure area and the adjacent Parkland (Robson Park) are located at 12576 – 100 Avenue, 9950 – 126 Street and 9939 – 127A Street. 12576 – 100 Avenue and 9939 – 127A Street are zoned Single Family Residential (RF) Zone, while 9950 – 126 Street is zoned ninety-seven percent (97%) Single Family Residential (RF) Zone and three percent (3%) Assembly Hall 1 (PA-1) Zone. All three Parkland properties are designated as “Urban” in the Official Community Plan.

## DISCUSSION

### Purpose of Road Closure

The proposed road closure area is required to accommodate the layout of Robson Park. Upon closure of 126 Street, the three separate titles, plus the 126 Street road allowance area, will be consolidated into one parcel.

The southern section of the 126 Street road allowance is not being closed and consolidated at this time to “square off” the southern park boundary due to a Fortis gas main that traverses 126 Street at this location.

Currently, the area of the unopened road allowance contains parking areas for the park, a pathway leading to the main portion of the park, a pedestrian bridge and other passive areas.

The proposed road closure has been circulated to all potentially concerned City Departments for review and all are supportive of the proposal.

As required under Section 40 (4) of the *Community Charter*, all utility companies potentially affected by the proposed road closure have been consulted and none have expressed any objections.

### **Park Consolidation**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department and the Engineering Department have agreed to cost share the works/responsibilities associated with the closure of 126 Street and the consolidation of the adjoining parklands.

### **SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

The proposed road closure and consolidation with Robson Park supports the objectives of the City’s Sustainability Charter; more particularly, the following Charter Scope actions:

- SC6: Accessible and Appropriately Located Services within the City; and
- EN13: Enhancing the Public Realm.

### **CONCLUSION**

The proposed road closure and consolidation of parkland area are housekeeping measures that will assist in formalizing park/open space in Robson Park. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to bring forward an appropriate Bylaw to close the subject road allowance area in preparation for its consolidation as generally described in this report and authorize the transfer of appropriate funds from the Park Acquisition Program to the Engineering Department for the purchase of the road closure area.

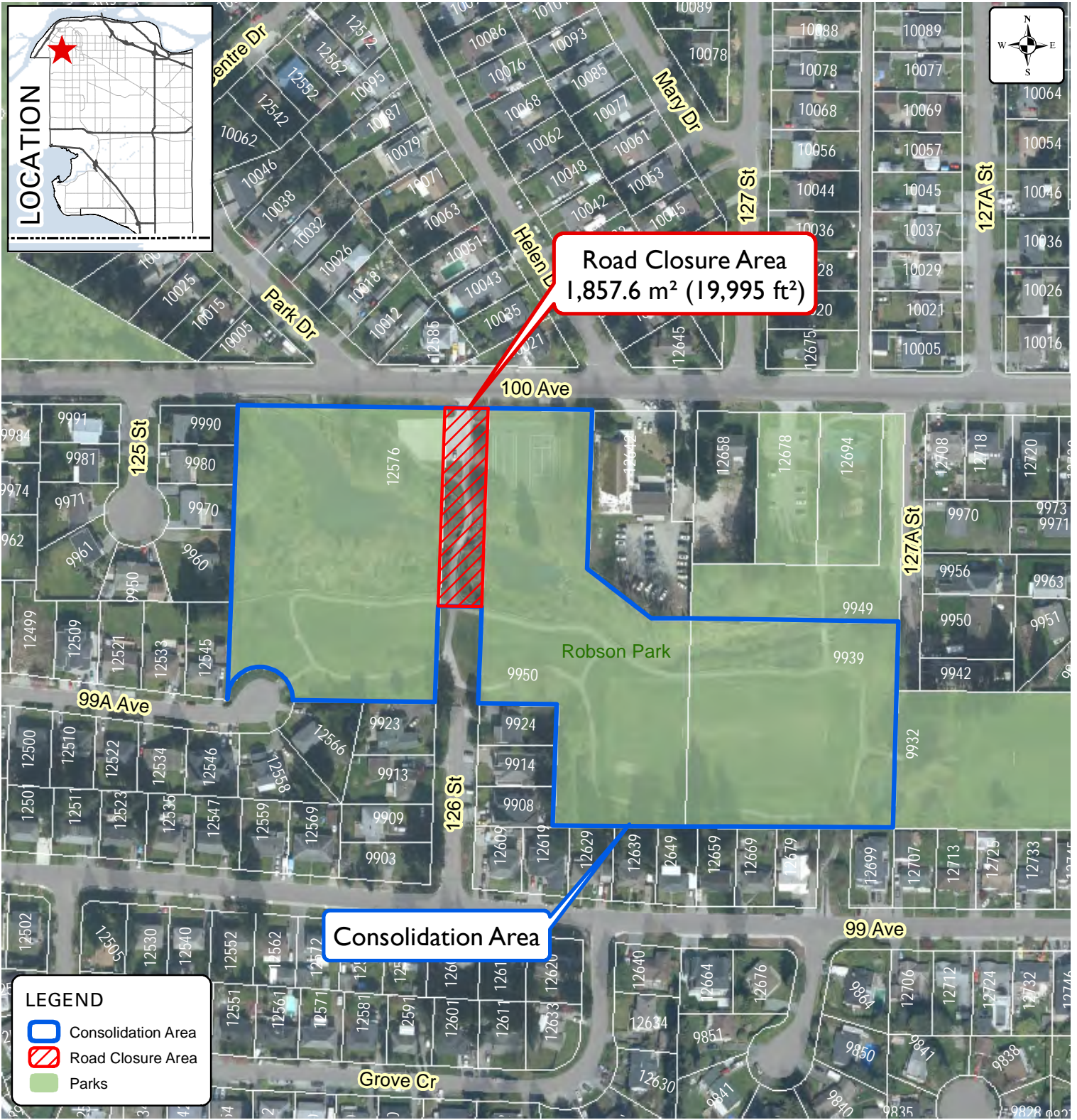
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Appendix I - Aerial Photograph of Site

# APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



**Road Closure**  
Adjacent to 12576 – 100 Avenue,  
9950 – 126 Street and  
9939 – 127A Street

**ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT**