

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: October 20, 2015**

FROM: General Manager, Engineering **FILE: 0910-30/206**
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

SUBJECT: Road Closure Adjacent to 12340 and 12392 – 102 Avenue and 12499 – 100 Avenue (Robson Ravine Park)

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the dedication as highway of a 3,343.2 m² (35,986 ft.²) portion of 124 Street adjacent to the properties at 12340 and 12392 – 102 Avenue and 12499 – 100 Avenue, as generally illustrated in Appendix I attached to this report, subject to 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 3,343.2 m² (35,986 ft.²) and is that portion of 124 Street located south of 102 Avenue and Park Drive.

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

The road closure area and the adjacent properties located at 12340 and 12392 – 102 Avenue and 12499 – 100 Avenue are zoned Single Family Residential (RF) Zone and designated as “Urban” in the Official Community Plan.

DISCUSSION

Purpose of Road Closure

The unopened road allowance proposed to be closed is a forested area of native trees and shrubs within a riparian corridor, contiguous with the other natural areas that make up Robson Ravine Park. This proposed road closure is required to accommodate the ultimate layout of Robson Ravine Park. 12340 – 102 Avenue is a hook-lot legally connected to the parcel located immediately adjacent and south of the BC Hydro rail corridor (South Westminster section). Upon closure of 124 Street, the three separate park titles, plus the portion of 124 Street road allowance area, will be consolidated into one park parcel.

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.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed road closure and consolidation with the adjacent parklands supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter, more particularly Environmental Goal 1(b): protecting existing urban forests and natural coverage, as well as 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 is a housekeeping measure that will assist in formalizing park/open space for the Cedar Hills area. 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 Parks Acquisition Program to the Engineering Department for the purchase of the road closure area.

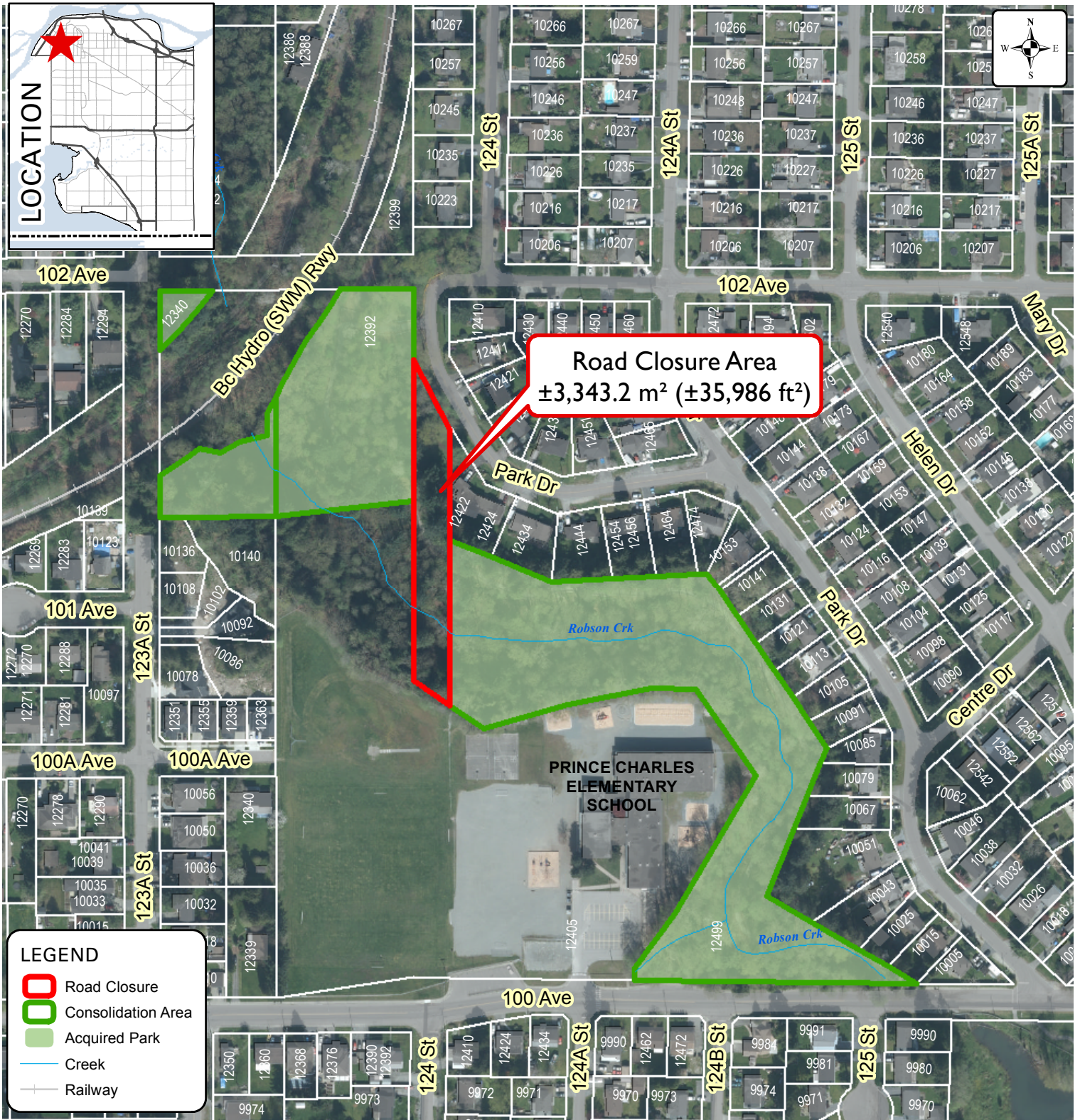
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Appendix I - Aerial Photograph of Site

APPENDIX I AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE



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ROAD CLOSURE
Adjacent to 12340 & 12392 - 102 Ave
and 12499 - 100 Ave

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