

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **January 4, 2018**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **0910-30/214**
General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture XC: **0910-30/216**

SUBJECT: **Approval of Road Closure of 14571 and 14575 - 32 Avenue and Consolidation with Semiahmoo Heritage Trail**

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a Bylaw to close and remove the road dedication as highway of two portions of unconstructed road allowance: the 634.7 m² (6,832 ft.²) portion of 14571 - 32 Avenue; and the 1,271 m² (13,681 ft.²) portion of 14575 - 32 Avenue, 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 areas proposed for closure are two portions of road within the Semiahmoo Heritage Trail (the "Trail"); 14571 - 32 Avenue has an area of 634.7 m² (6,832 ft.²) and 14575 - 32 Avenue has an area of 1,271 m² (13,681 ft.²).

Zoning, Plan Designations and Land Uses

There are three park properties adjacent to the two road closure areas. The road closure areas and the adjacent property, 3314 - 144 Street, are designated One Acre Residential (RA) Zone, while the adjacent property 14533 - 32B Avenue is designated Half Acre Residential Gross Density (RH-G) Zone and 14579 - 32 Avenue is designated Multiple Residential 10 (RM-10) Zone. All five properties are designated as "Urban" in the Official Community Plan.

DISCUSSION

Purpose of Road Closure

The proposed road closure areas are required to accommodate the layout of the Trail. Both 14571 and 14575 - 32 Avenue received a Bylaw and plan in 1975; however, vesting from the Province was not obtained at that time, and therefore title was never raised on the two portions of road. Upon the closure of 14571 and 14575 - 32 Avenue, the two new titles and the park property at 3314 - 144 Street will be consolidated into one 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.

It is noted that all area calculations contained in this report are approximate and subject to final survey.

Park Consolidation

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has agreed to fund the acquisition and works associated with the closures and the consolidation of the adjoining parkland.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed road closure and consolidation with the Trail supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter. In particular, this road closure and consolidation relates to the Sustainability Charter theme of Built Environment and Neighbourhoods. Specifically, this closure supports the following Desired Outcome and Strategic Direction:

- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design DO5: Trees, green spaces and natural areas are integrated into all neighbourhoods; and
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design SD4: Continue to plan and develop a transportation and mobility network that supports safety, placemaking and integration of neighbourhoods.

CONCLUSION

The proposed road closures and consolidation of parkland area are housekeeping measures that will assist in formalizing park/open space along the Trail. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to bring forward an appropriate Bylaw to close the subject road allowance areas in preparation for 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.

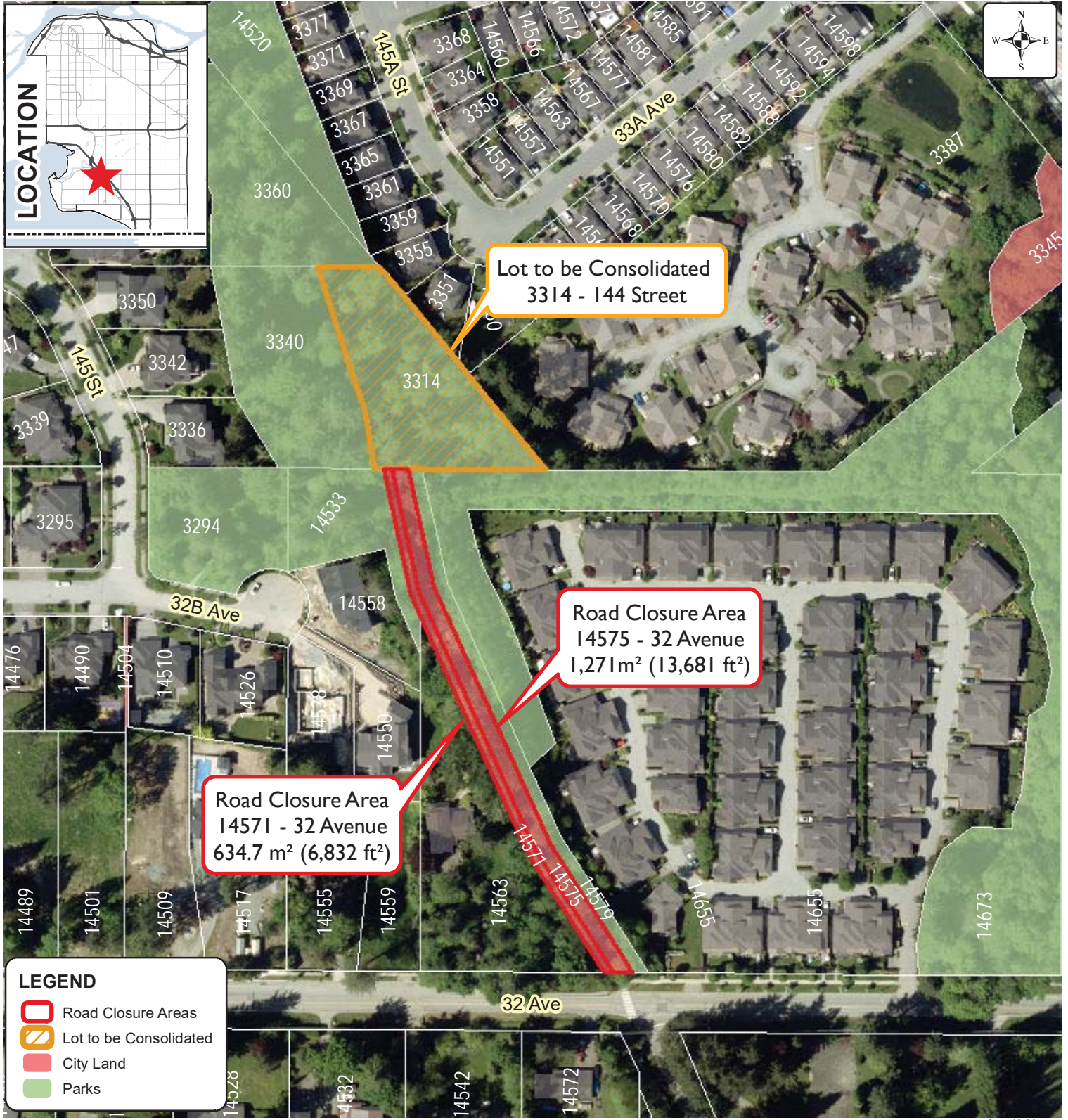
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
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Appendix "I" - Aerial Photograph of Site

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF SITE




LEGEND

-  Road Closure Areas
-  Lot to be Consolidated
-  City Land
-  Parks

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Scale: 1:2,000 



Road Closure 14571 & 14575 - 32 Avenue

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey. This information is provided for information and convenience purposes only. Lot sizes, Legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.