

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

BYLAW NO. 3810

***A Bylaw to provide for regulations of Election Signs and Advertising
for the conduct of civic elections and other voting.***

Whereas the Local Government Act, being Chapter 323 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1996 as amended, and particularly Part 3 thereof governs the conduct of Civic Elections in the City;

And whereas it is deemed expedient by the Council to provide certain regulations for the purpose of clarifying and supplementing the Statutory Regulations;

Now therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1.** This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Election Signs Bylaw, 2014, No. 3810".
- 2.** The provisions of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be supplemental and complimentary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act* respecting the conduct of Municipal Elections and not in replacement thereof.
- 3. Definitions**

City means the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam.

Election Sign means a sign promoting a political candidate, party or cause in relation to a federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee election or a public referendum.

Election Sign Locations means the areas permitted within this Bylaw as shown on Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this Bylaw that have been dedicated as the only authorized areas, besides private property, where election signs may be located within the boundaries of the City of Port Coquitlam.

General Voting Day means "polling day" under the *Canada Elections Act* or "general voting day" under the *Local Government Act*, *School Act* (BC) or *Election Act* (BC), whichever is applicable.

Political Organization includes:

- a) an "elector organization" within the meaning established in the *Local Government Act*;
- b) a "campaign organizer" within the meaning established in the *Local Government Act*;

- c) a “political party” within the meaning established in the *Election Act (BC)* or *Canada Elections Act*;
- d) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes the election of a candidate;
- e) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which approves or disapproves of a course of action advocated by a candidate or another political organization;
- f) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes an issue that is the subject of a referendum; and
- g) any incorporated or unincorporated organization which promotes or opposes a recall or initiative campaign.

4. Election Signs – Public (City) Property

An election sign for federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee elections and referendums is permitted on public (City) property, provided that:

- a) the sign location is allowed as identified in Schedule A of this Bylaw;
- b) the number of election signs per candidate, per location, is restricted to one sign;
- c) the sign is not erected prior to 7:00 am on the 30th calendar day before General Voting Day;
- d) the sign face area does not exceed 16 sq. ft.;
- e) the sign does not have more than two sign faces;
- f) if the sign does have two sign faces, they must be parallel to each other;
- g) a candidate’s sign is not attached to another candidate’s sign or supporting structure unless permission is given by the candidate or agent (Financial Agent for local and provincial elections and Official Agent for federal elections);
- h) on Advance Polling Days and General Voting Day, no election sign is posted within at least 100 metres of an active Polling Station as indicated by the shaded areas in Schedule B of this Bylaw;
- i) the sign must be no more than 8 feet in height from the ground including support material;
- j) the sign is not illuminated;
- k) the sign is not unsightly or dilapidated;

- l) the sign is not within one metre of a fire hydrant;
- m) the placement of the sign does not interfere with traffic safety (ie. sightlines at street intersections, safety of vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists);
- n) the placement of the sign does not obstruct, simulate or detract from any traffic control device;
- o) no advertising shall be undertaken by way of the use of a sound truck, unless that sound truck remains in a stationary position at a rally or meeting, and any authorizations required, have been received;
- p) the sign is not attached in any way to a tree, bush, planter, waste or recycling receptacle, newspaper box, mail box, sign post or any other City fixture; and
- q) all signs are removed within three calendar days after general voting day.

5. Election Signs – Private Property

An election sign for federal, provincial, municipal, school trustee elections and referendums is allowed on private property, provided that:

- a) consent from the owner must be obtained;
- b) the sign must not be located on the boulevard;
- c) the sign is not erected prior to 7:00 am on the 30th calendar day before General Voting Day;
- d) the sign face area does not exceed 16 sq. ft.;
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- p) all signs are removed within three calendar days after the election or event.

6. Enforcement

- a) A Bylaw Enforcement Officer may remove, and the Chief Election Officer may order the removal of, any election sign that is placed, or permitted to be placed, in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw.
- b) Election signs removed pursuant to section 6. a) will be stored at a City facility and may be claimed by a candidate or a person appointed by the candidate.
- c) Election signs removed pursuant to section 6. a) and not claimed within 7 days after general voting day will become the property of the City and may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the City without notice to any person.

7. Offence and Penalties

- a) A violation of any of the provisions identified in this Bylaw shall be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in the City's current Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw.
- b) A violation of any of the provisions identified in this Bylaw shall be subject to the procedures, restrictions, limits, obligations and rights established in the City's current Notice of Bylaw Enforcement Bylaw."
- c) Any fines associated with the violation of any of the provisions identified in this Bylaw shall be charged to the Financial Agent (local and provincial) or Official Agent (federal government).

8. Use of City of Port Coquitlam Logo

Other than as authorized in writing by the City, no person shall display on any election sign or other election advertising a logo, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, owned or licensed by the City.

Read a first time by the Municipal Council this 11th day of February, 2014.

Read a second time by the Municipal Council this 11th day of February, 2014.

Read a third time by the Municipal Council this 11th day of February, 2014.

Certified in accordance with the Bylaw authorizing the revision.

Adopted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam this 24th day of February, 2014.

Mayor

Assistant Corporate Officer

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

Bylaw	Section	Date
3969	Sections 4-7 and Schedule B	2017 02 28
4411	Addition of site #14 – Sch A & B	2025 09 09

Schedule 'A'

Election Signs – Permitted Areas

- Site #1 - Shaughnessy Street boulevard, north of Nacht Avenue (from traffic 'pull-out' area to 2nd to last street light pole before Nacht Avenue – see attached map).
- Site #2 - Shaughnessy Street boulevard, north of Eastern Drive (between the parallel parking lot and the hydro power box – see attached map).
- Site #3 - Mary Hill Bypass boulevard, south of Pitt River Road (between the two street light poles – see the attached map).
- Site #4 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 1855 Kingsway Avenue (Esco) (from fire hydrant, west to driveway – see attached map).
- Site #5 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 2061 Kingsway Avenue (from fire hydrant, east to driveway – see attached map).
- Site #6 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, from Kelly Avenue north to Wilson Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #7 - Oxford Connector median – see attached map.
- Site #8 - Coast Meridian Road boulevard, south of Salisbury Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #9 - Shaughnessy Street boulevard, between Manning Avenue and Lougheed Hwy. (from street light pole to crosswalk – see attached map).
- Site #10 - Westwood Street boulevard, south of Kitchener Avenue (along Sheila Barrett Park – see attached map).
- Site #11 - Maple Street boulevards (one on east side and one on west side), south of Kingsway Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #12 - Kingsway Avenue boulevard, in front of 1275 Kingsway Avenue – see attached map.
- Site #13 - Coast Meridian Road (north of Coast Meridian Connector), from the path to the hydro box – see attached map.
- Site #14 - Fremont Connector – see attached map.

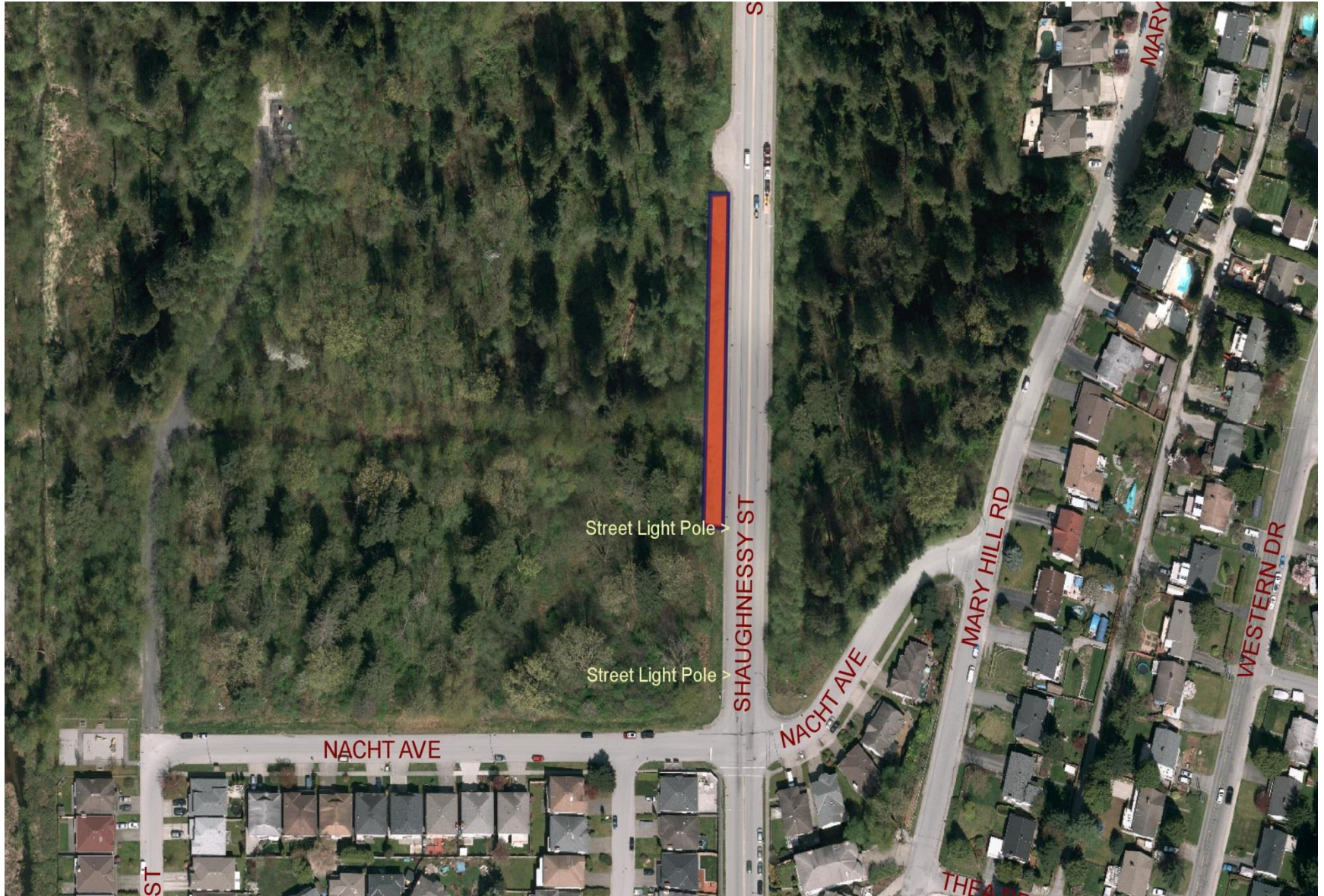
See .pdf version for Schedule A maps.

Schedule 'B'

Election Signs within 100m of a Polling Station (restriction on voting days)

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Site #1 – Shaughnessy Street, north of Nacht Avenue



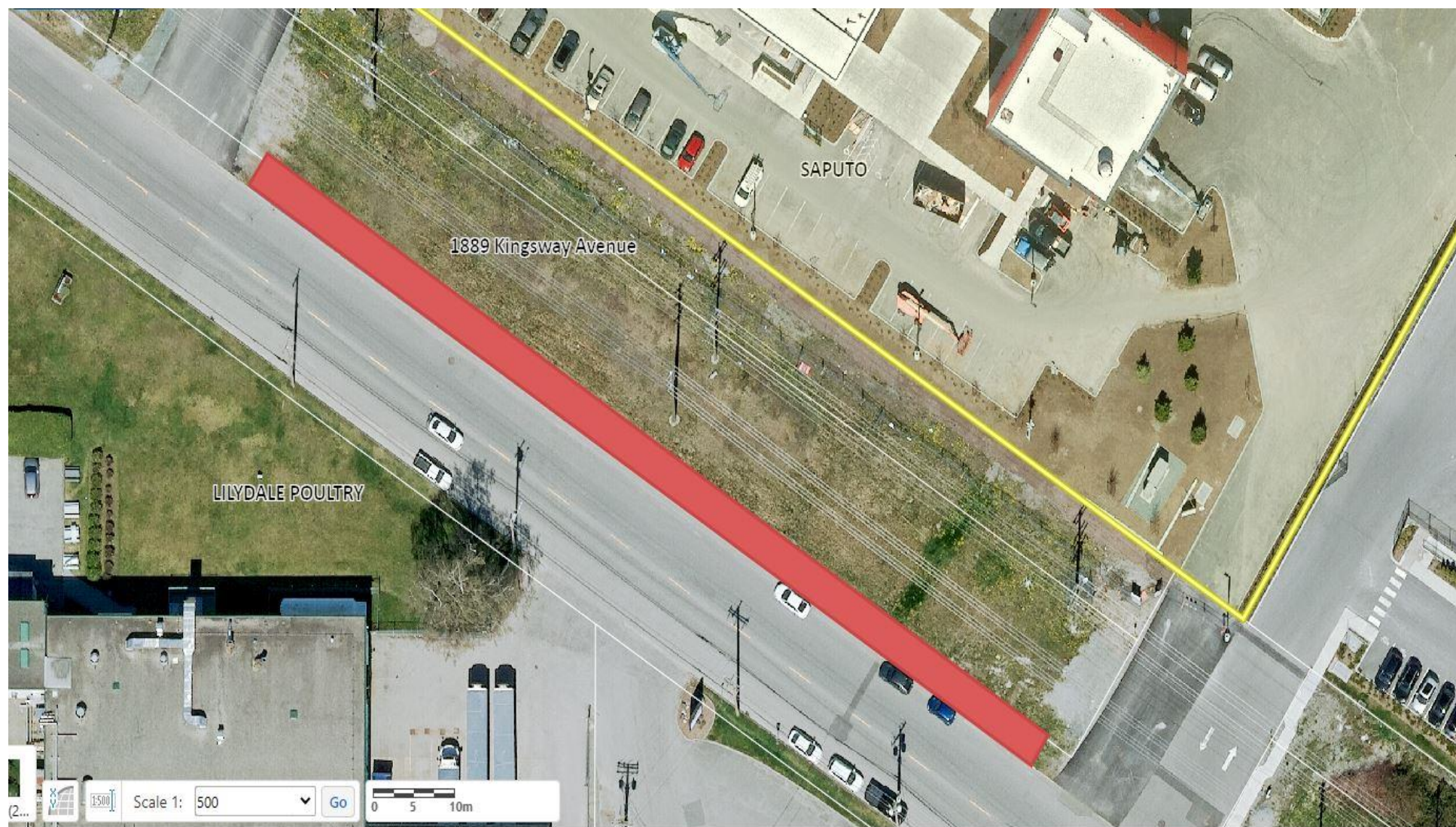
Site #2 – Shaughnessy Street, north of Eastern Drive



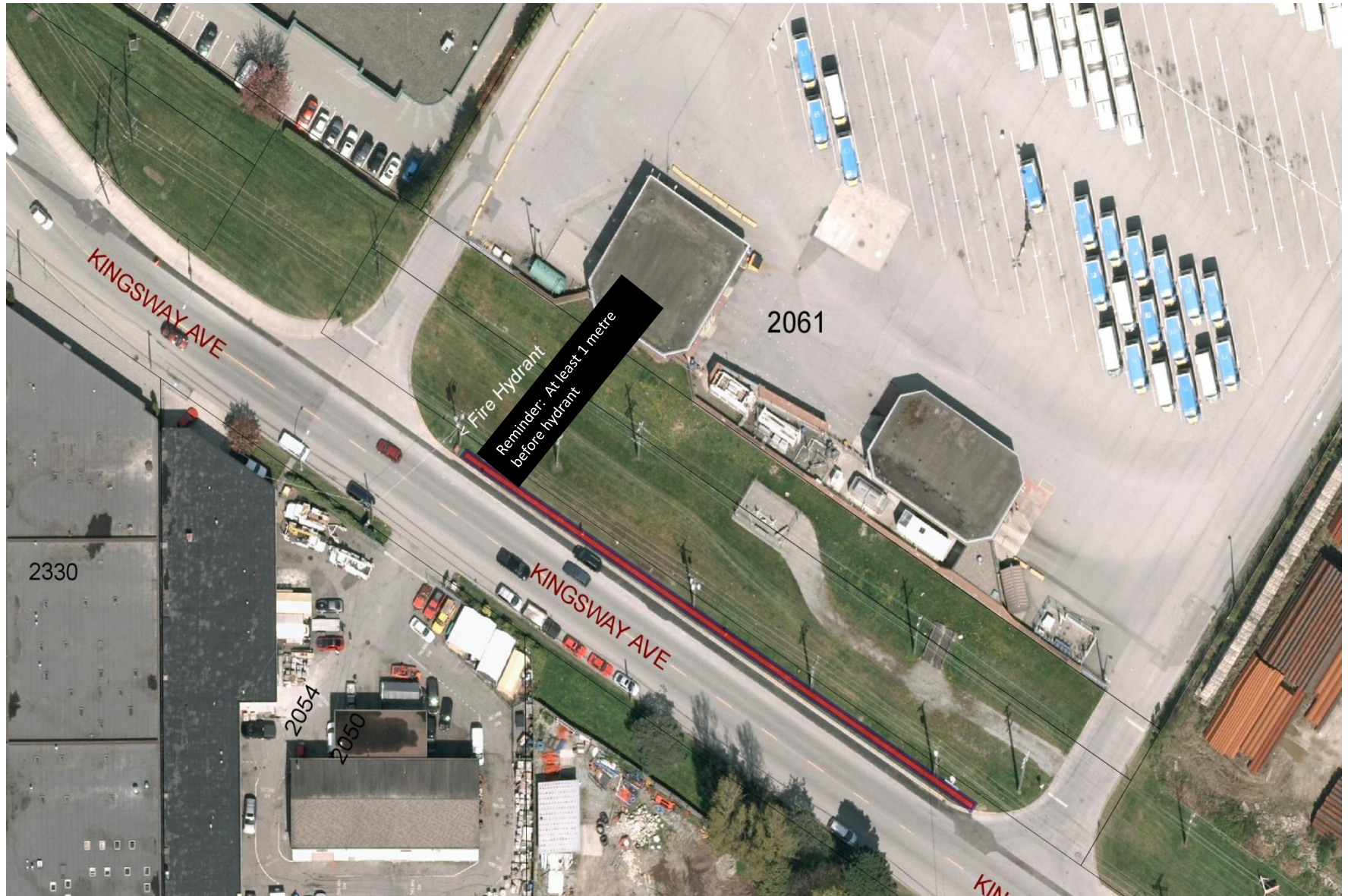
Site #3 – M.H. Bypass, south of Pitt River Road, near Argue Street



Site #4 – Boulevard in front of 1889 Kingsway Avenue



Site #5 – Boulevard of 2061 Kingsway Avenue



Site #6 – Kingsway Avenue, Wilson Avenue to Kelly Avenue



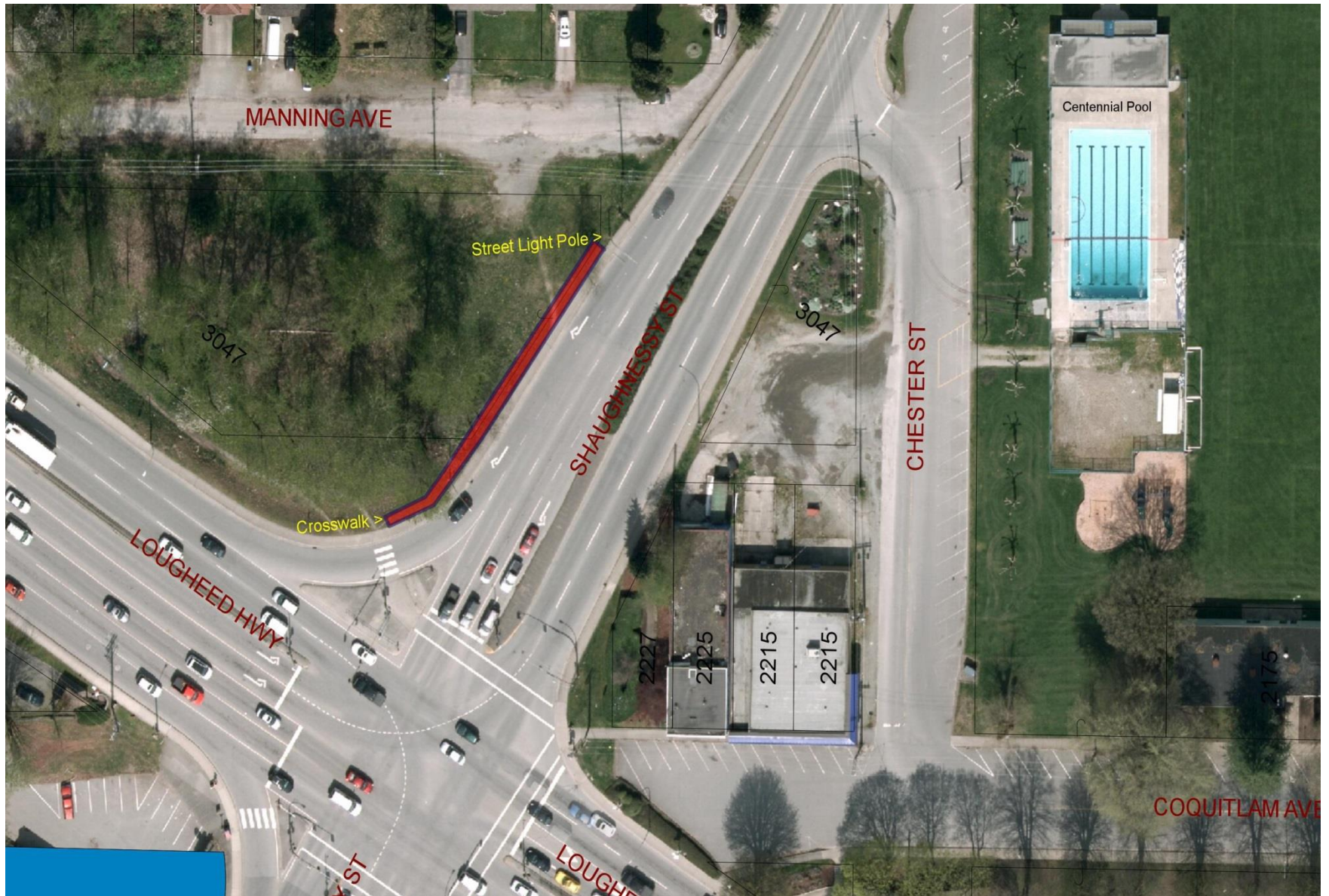
Site #7 – Oxford Connector Median



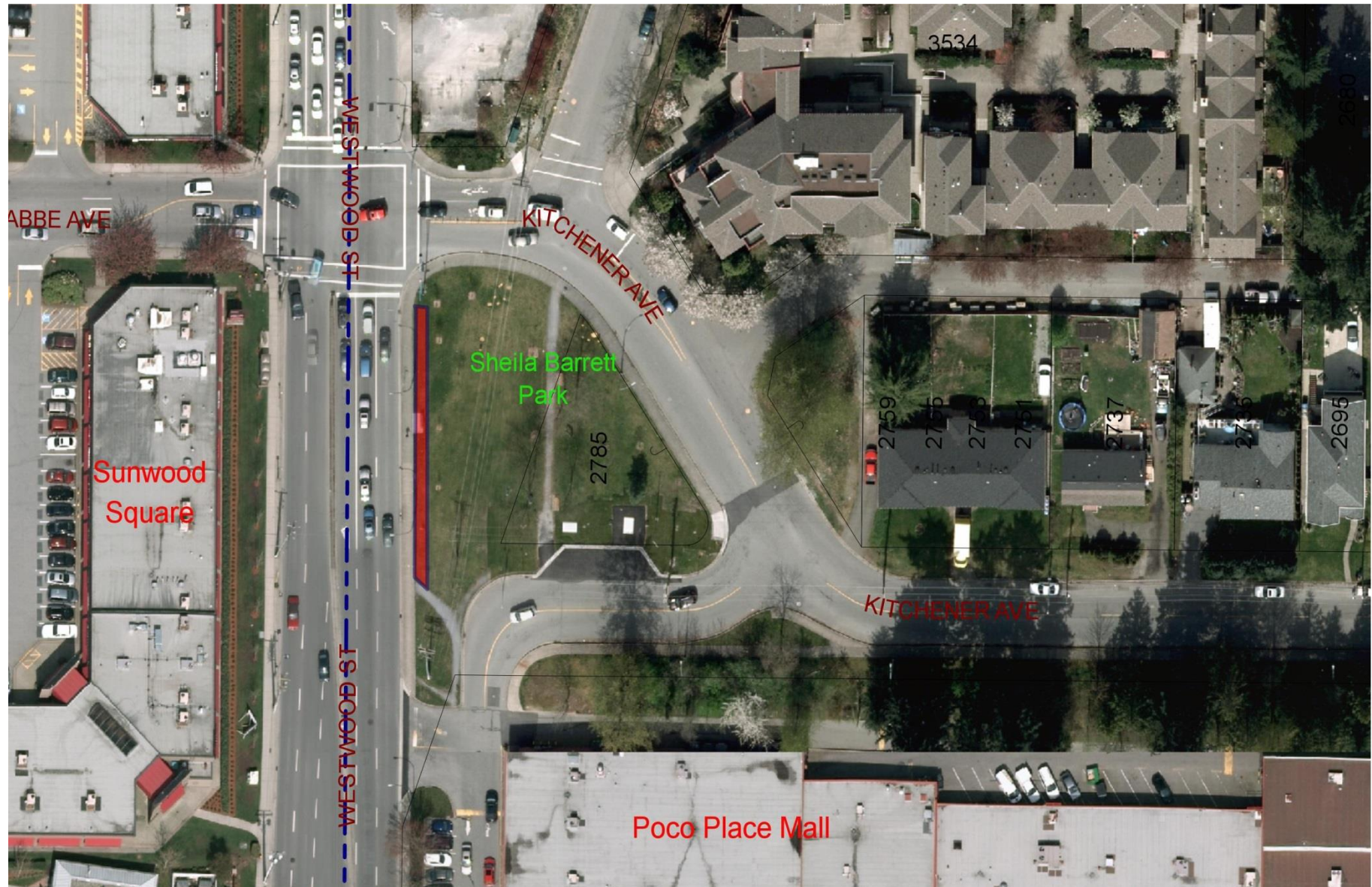
Site #8 – Coast Meridian Road boulevard, south of Salisbury Avenue



Site #9 – Shaughnessy Street, between Manning Ave. and Lougheed Hwy.



Site #10 – Shaughnessy St. between Manning Avenue and Loughheed Hwy.



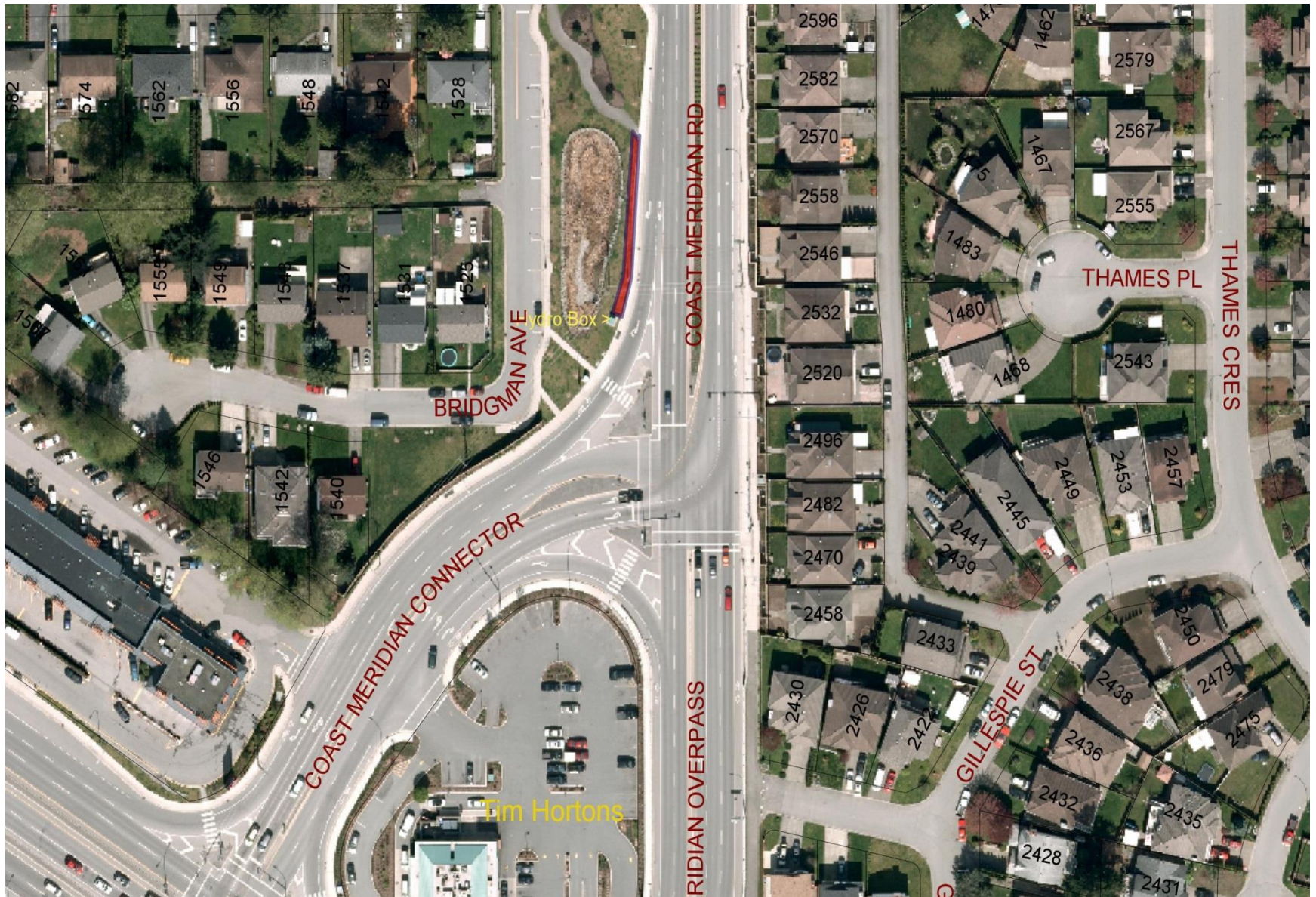
Site #11 – Maple Street boulevards (2), south of Kingsway Avenue - PICK ONE SIDE



Site #12 – Boulevard at 1275 Kingsway Avenue



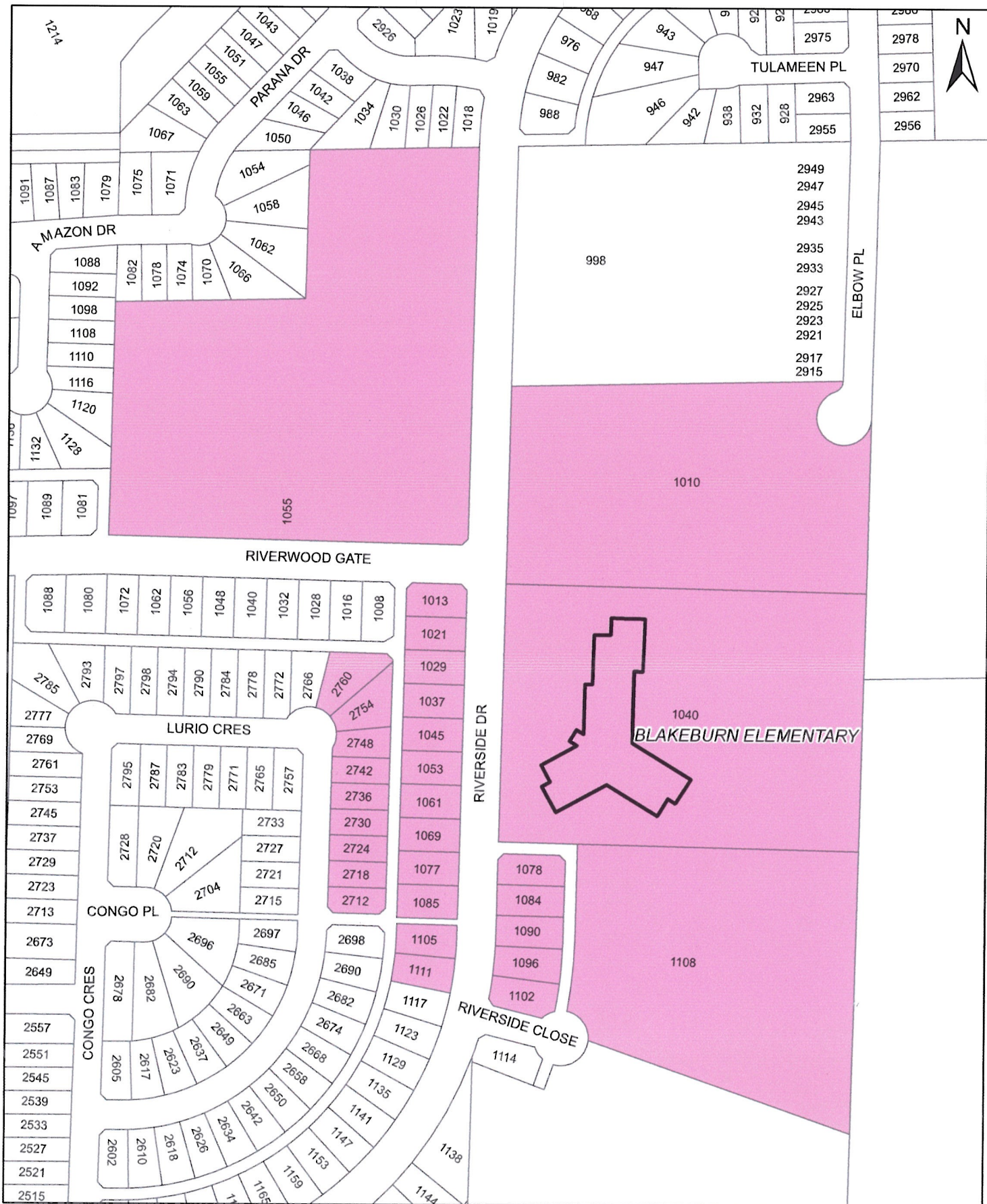
Site #13 - Coast Meridian, near Connector - from path to hydro box



Site #14 – Fremont Connector

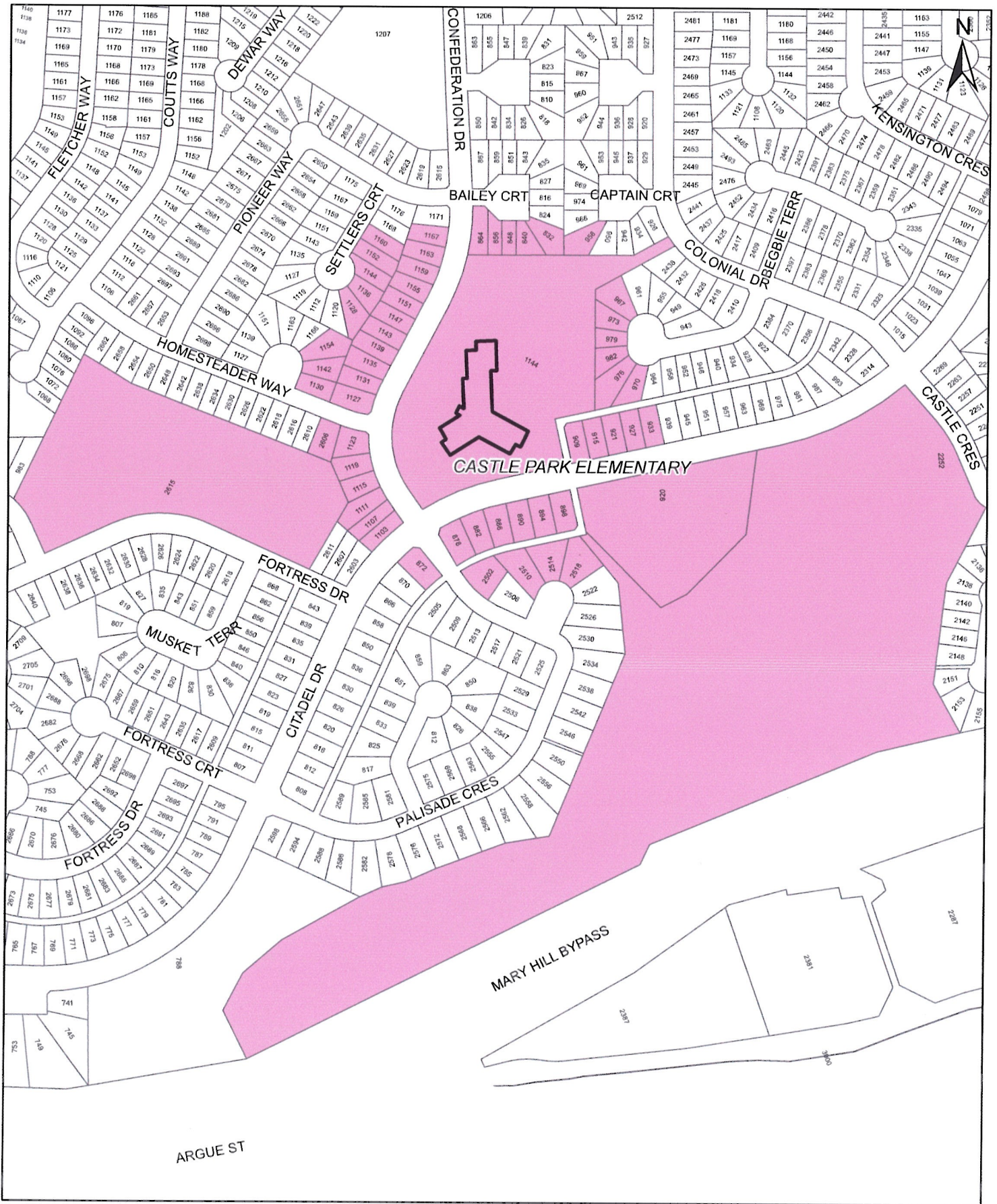


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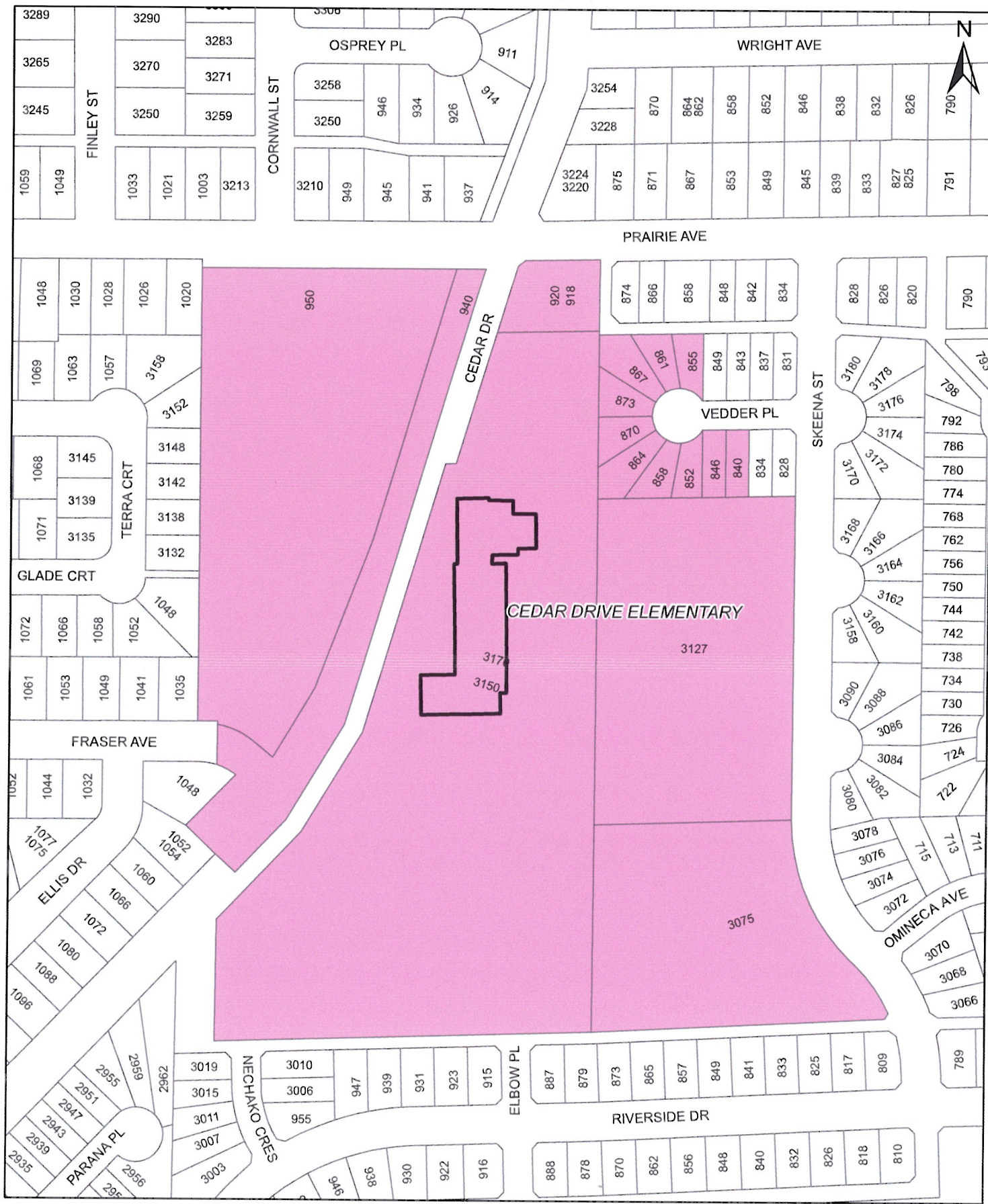
Sign Restriction - Blakeburn Elementary

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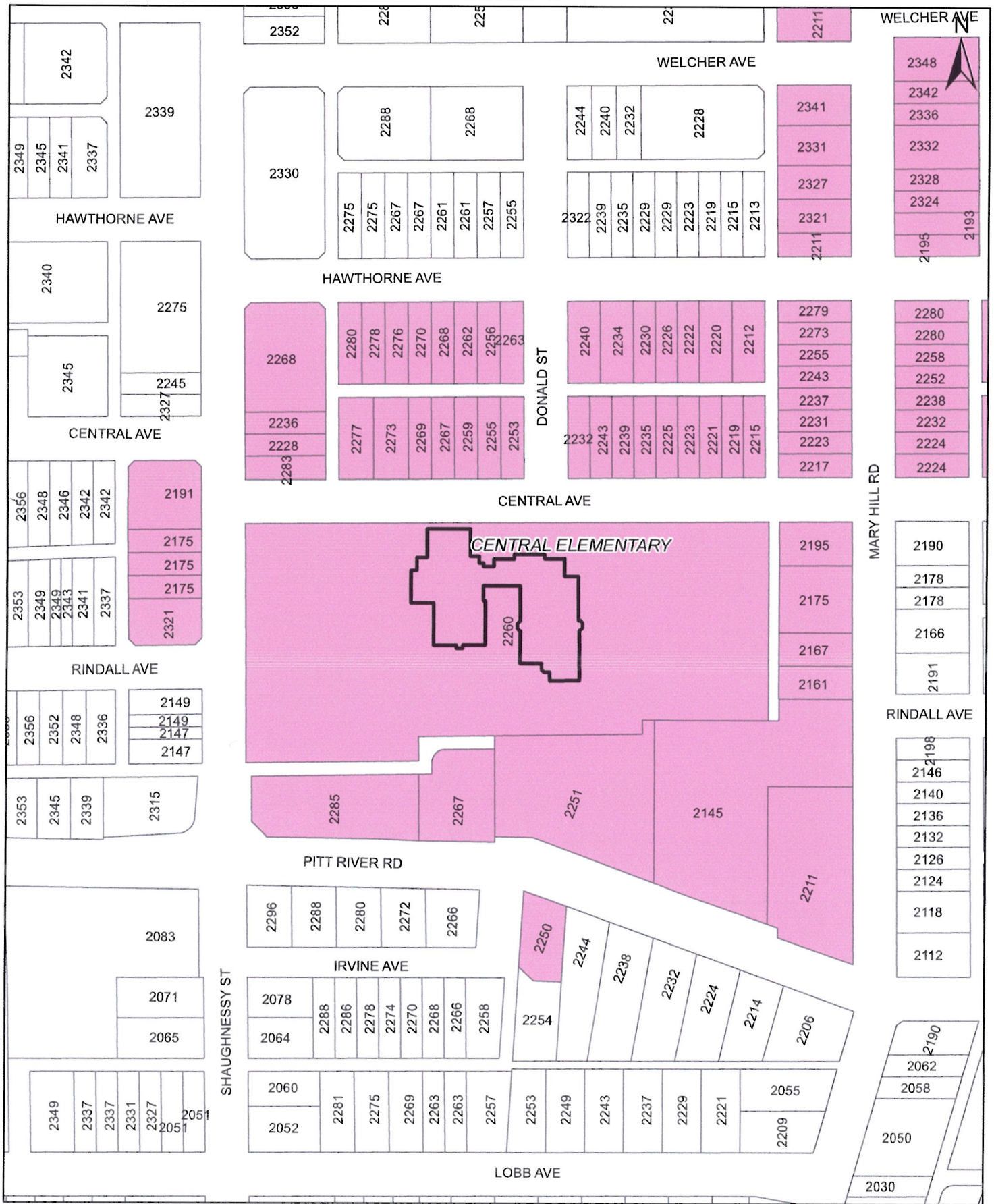
Sign Restriction - Castle Park Elementary

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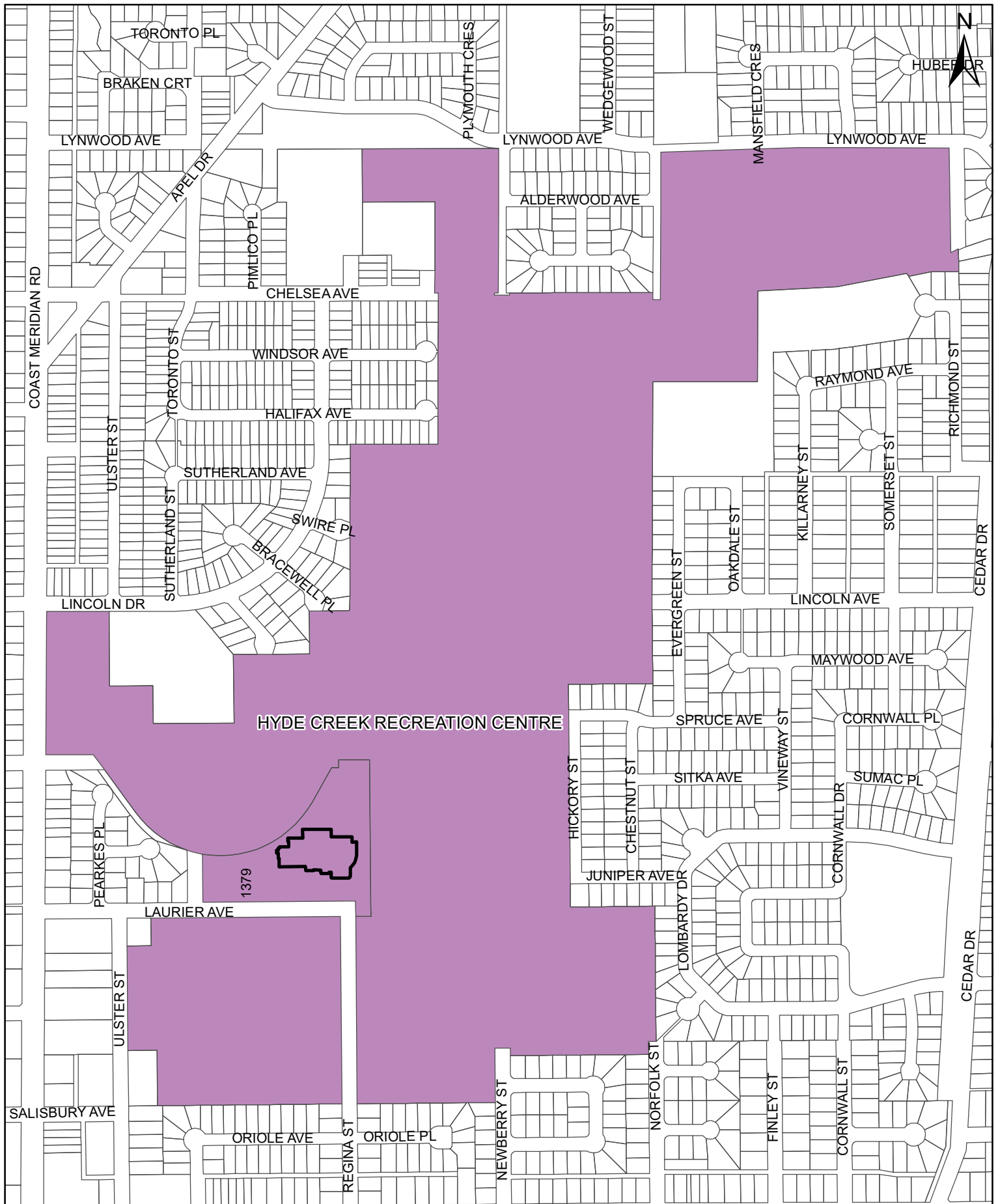


Sign Restriction - Cedar Drive Elementary

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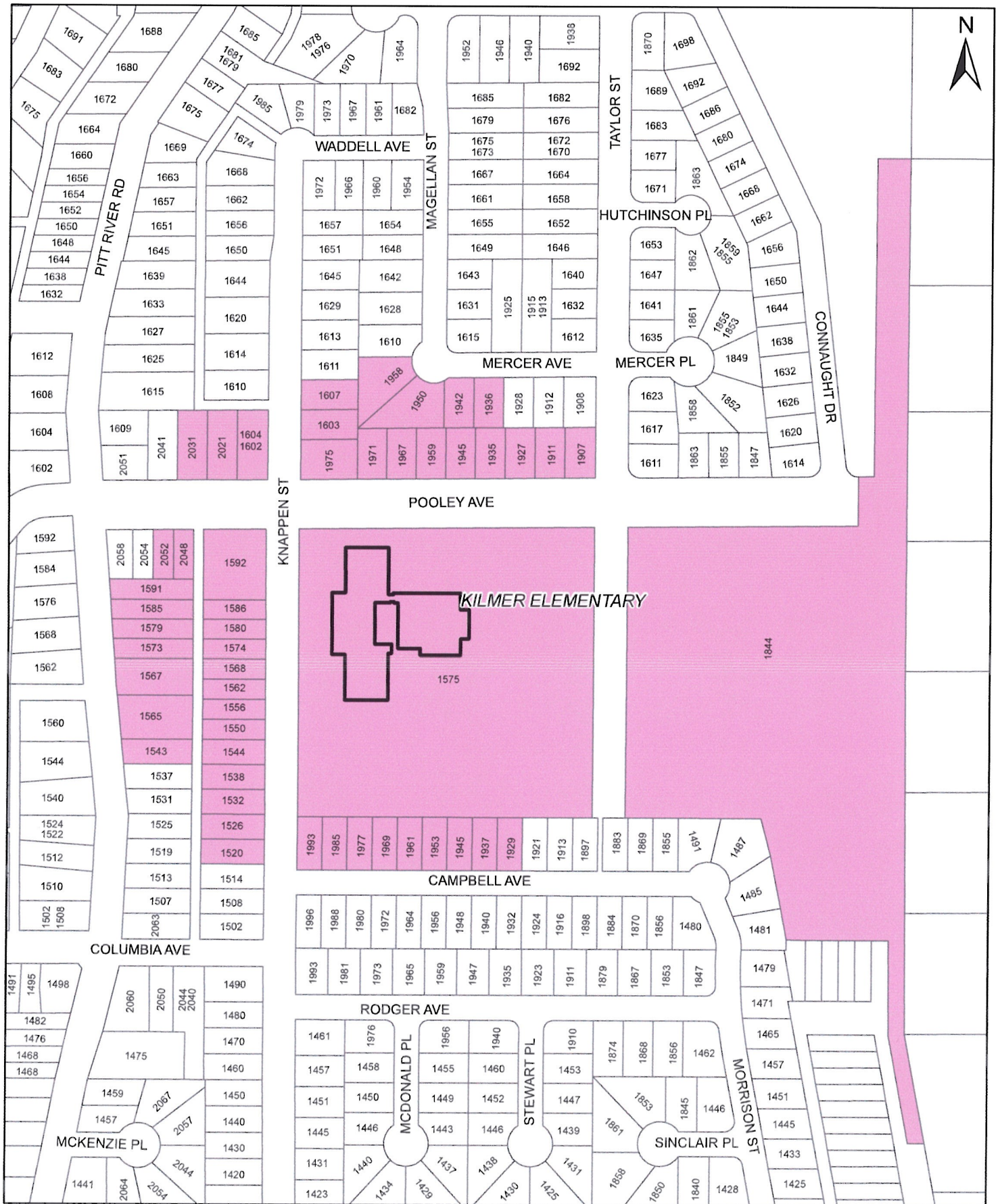


Sign Restriction - Central Elementary



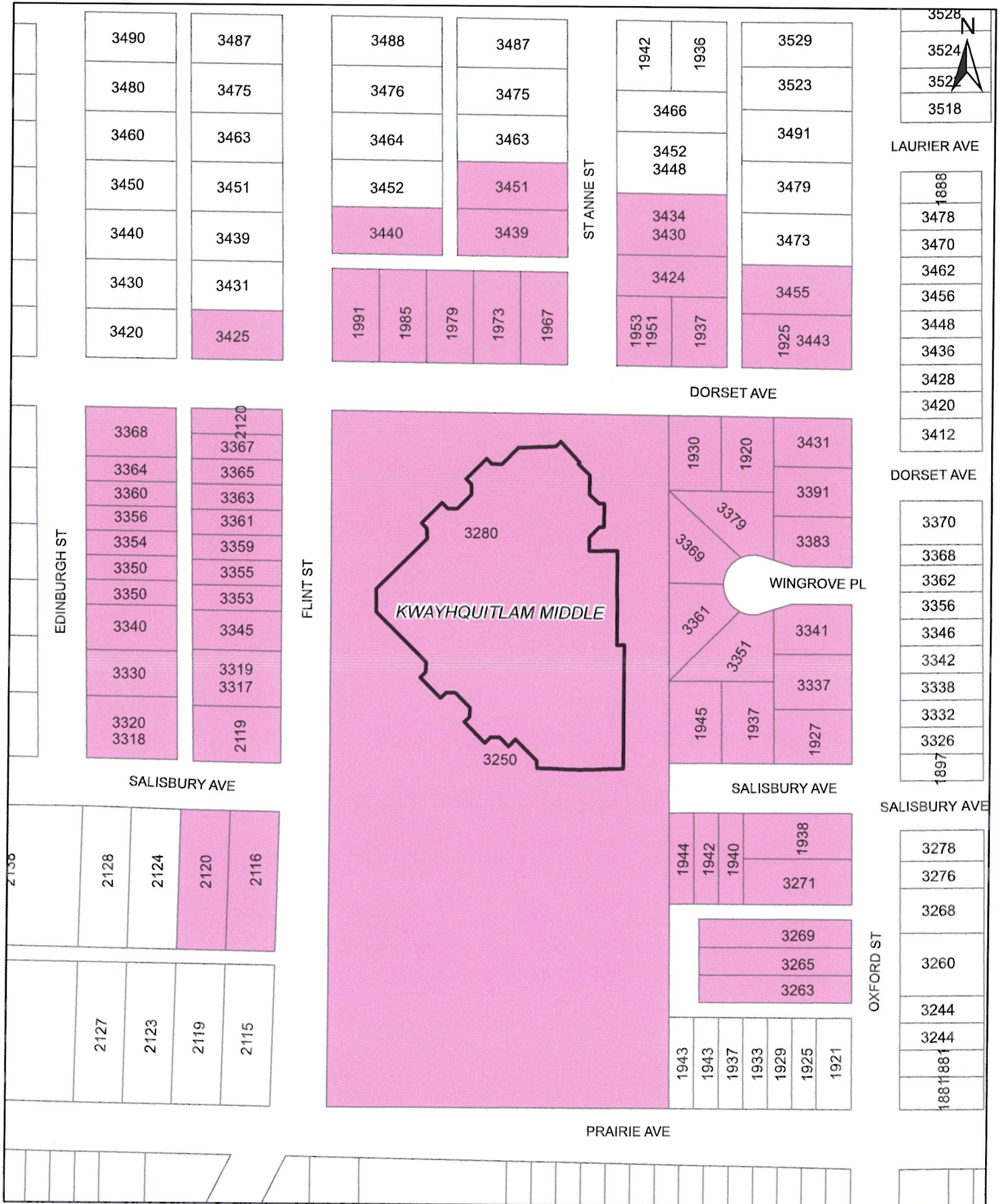
Sign Restriction - Hyde Creek Recreation Centre

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Sign Restriction - Kilmer Elementary

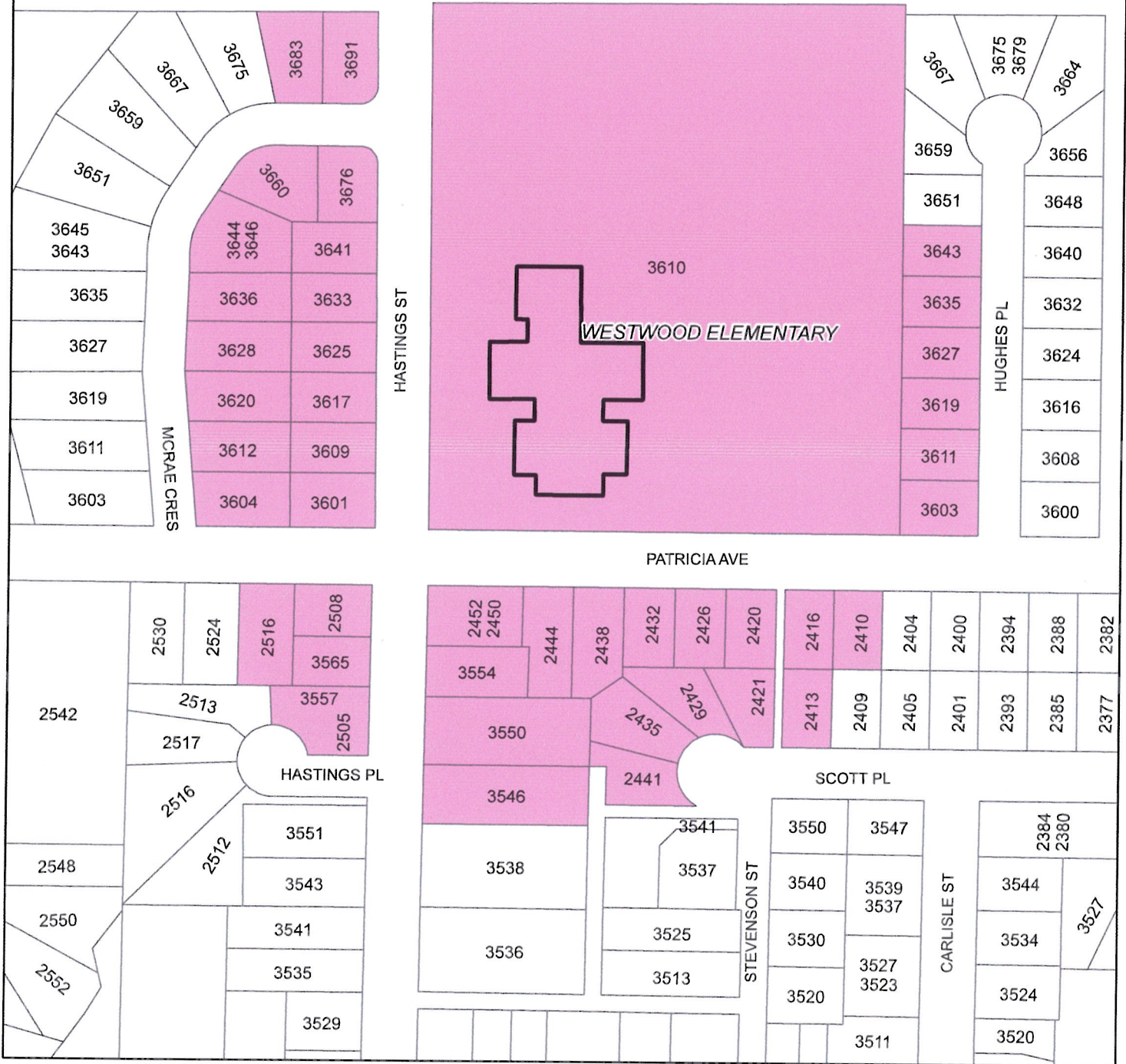
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Sign Restriction - Kwayhquitlam Middle



Sign Restriction - The Outlet



Sign Restriction - Westwood Elementary