

CITY OF ST. ALBERT

BYLAW 31/2011

Being a Bylaw to designate White Spruce Forest as a Municipal Historic Resource

WHEREAS Section 26 of the *Historic Resources Act* R.S.A. 2000, c.H-8, as amended, provides that a municipality may by bylaw designate any historic resource within the municipality whose preservation it considers to be in the public interest, together with any land on which it is located, as a Municipal Historic Resource; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of St. Albert has determined that it is in the public interest to protect and preserve the Municipal Reserve Lands known as the "White Spruce Forest" and the land upon which the forest is situated as a Municipal Historic Resource;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of St. Albert, having complied with the requirements of the *Historic Resources Act*, hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

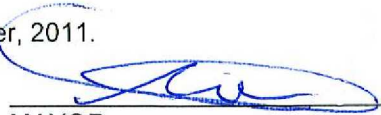
1. The Municipal reserve known as White Spruce Forest, specifically described in Schedule "A" and the lands on which the forest is located, being the lands legally described in Schedule "B", are hereby designated a Municipal Historic Resource ("Historic Resource").
2. The Chief Administrative Officer is appointed by Council to administer the implementation of any matters arising out of this designation and, in particular, for the purpose of determining whether a written approval shall be given under Section 3 of this Bylaw.
3. No person shall:
 - a. destroy, disturb, alter, restore, or in any way cause changes to the Historic Resource other than in accordance with an approved management plan for the area; or
 - b. remove any historic object from the Historic Resource, without the written approval of the Chief Administrative Officer.
4. Except as provided herein, the Chief Administrative Officer, in the Chief Administrative Officer's absolute discretion, may refuse to grant an approval under Section 3 of this Bylaw or may make the approval subject to any conditions the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate.
5. In exercising the discretion under Section 3 of this Bylaw the Chief Administrative Officer shall consider recommended management strategies as provided from time to time by advisory committee(s) that may be struck.

Read a first time this 19 day of September, 2011.

Read a second time this 19 day of September, 2011.

Read a third and final time this 19 day of September, 2011.

SIGNED AND PASSED THIS 20th day of September, 2011.


MAYOR


CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER



**SCHEDULE A
TO BYLAW 31/2011**

**WHITE SPRUCE FOREST
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC PLACE**

The area commonly referred to as the White Spruce Forest is a natural stand of forest approximately 9.25 hectares in area that has escaped fire and logging for over 170 years and is today one of the last known native Spruce Forests of any significance within an urban municipality in North America. The White Spruce Forest is one of the last natural features that predates the settlement of St. Albert. This "forest" features a variety of flora, including white spruce, balsam poplar, aspen poplar, red-osier dogwood, beaked hazelnut, bunchberry, and strawberry.

HERITAGE VALUE

The heritage value of the White Spruce Forest lies in its preservation of one of the few extant stands of White Spruce within an urban municipality in Alberta. The stand of trees is a first growth forest that is approximately 170 years old which predates the settlement of St. Albert.

White spruce is a characteristic tree of the Boreal Forest, and although it can be found almost everywhere in Canada in most urban communities there are no natural forests remaining. White spruce is a main source of pulpwood and construction grade lumber throughout Canada. Its long, tough fibres produce superior pulp, which is made into a wide range of papers, fibre moulded products, insulating boards and particle board. White Spruce have historically been logged throughout the province of Alberta in support of urbanization and a first growth forest that predates the settlement of a city the size of St. Albert is extremely rare.

CHARACTER-DEFINING ELEMENTS

The character-defining elements of the White Spruce Forest include such features as:

- location in proximity to the Sturgeon River and Big Lake;
- variety of flora;
- extant first growth White Spruce;
- environment conducive to the continuing preservation of the White Spruce trees.

**SCHEDULE B
TO BYLAW 31/2011**

2MR Block 1, Plan 1025668

3MR Block 1, Plan 1025668 and

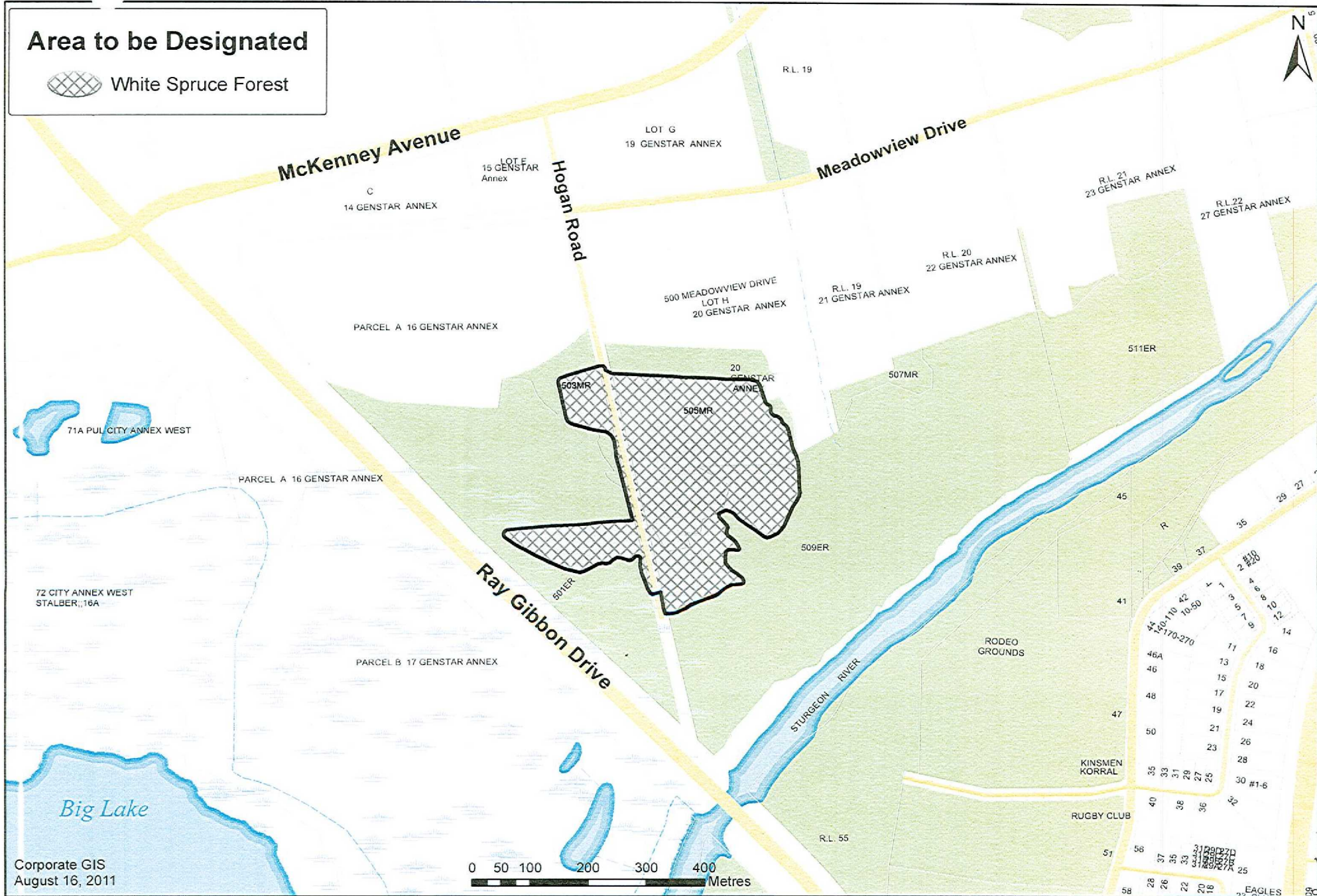
Those portions of 1 ER, Block 1, Plan 1025668 and 5ER, Block 1, Plan 1025668, as shown on the attached map.

Excepting thereout all mines and minerals.

Area to be Designated



White Spruce Forest



Corporate GIS
August 16, 2011