

HOPINGTON AQUIFER DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS INTERIM TOWNSHIP POLICY

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On October 16, 1995, Council due to groundwater quality (and later quantity) concerns, placed a "moratorium" on the approval of new development applications increasing residential density over the Hopington Aquifer as follows:

"That all subdivision and development applications submitted after October 16, 1995 to increase residential density in the Salmon River Uplands area which lies over the Hopington Aquifer be denied until environmental studies currently underway by the University of British Columbia and its agencies are completed and a means of resolving any identified health and environmental concerns is determined."

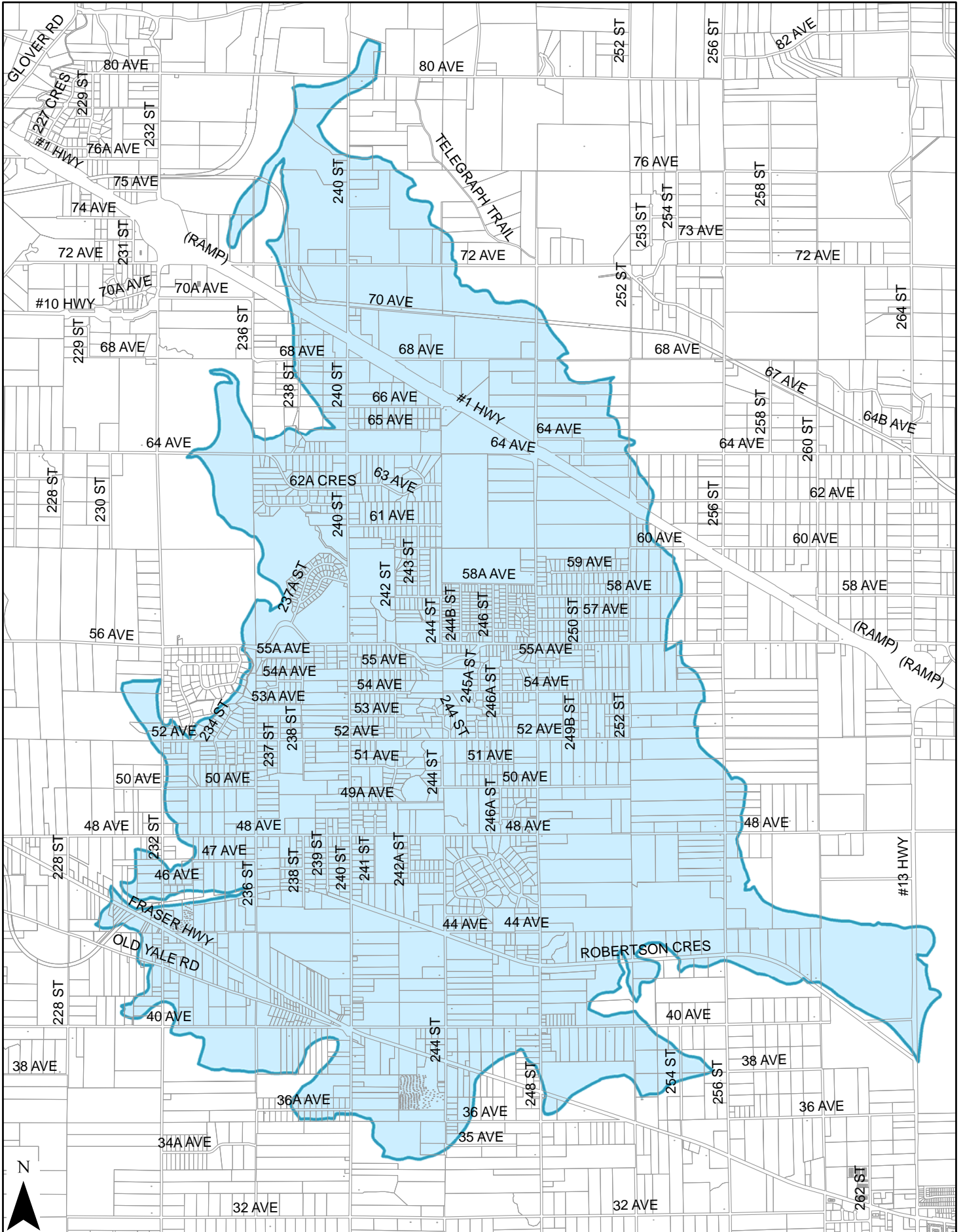
CURRENT POLICY:

The moratorium is intended as an interim measure to remain in place only until appropriate means of addressing environmental and health concerns are identified. Since its adoption, several proposals have been brought forward to Council to either amend or lift the moratorium; however, Council has not agreed to lift the moratorium. In early 2007 Council stated that a review of the moratorium will only be undertaken when the Township Water Management Plan (currently being developed by the Township's Engineering Division) has been completed and reviewed. This is contemplated not to be until the end of 2007.


All applications over the Hopington Aquifer remain subject to the moratorium policy at this time.

For further information regarding the Hopington Aquifer please contact Township of Langley Community Development Division staff at Tel. 604 533-6034.

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 Approximate Boundary