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Reply to the attention of Terra Kaethler
ALC File: # N-38022

May 27, 2008

Giesbrecht Dairies Ltd
PO Box 219
Prince George, BC V2L4S1

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Application to Include land in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 268/2008 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

It is our understanding that the Integrated Land Management Bureau will inform the Registrar of Land Titles of the ALR status of the property when the title is transferred.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per: 

Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (ALR-1868)
Integrated Land Management Bureau - 200-1488 - 4th Avenue, Prince George, BC,
V2L4Y2;

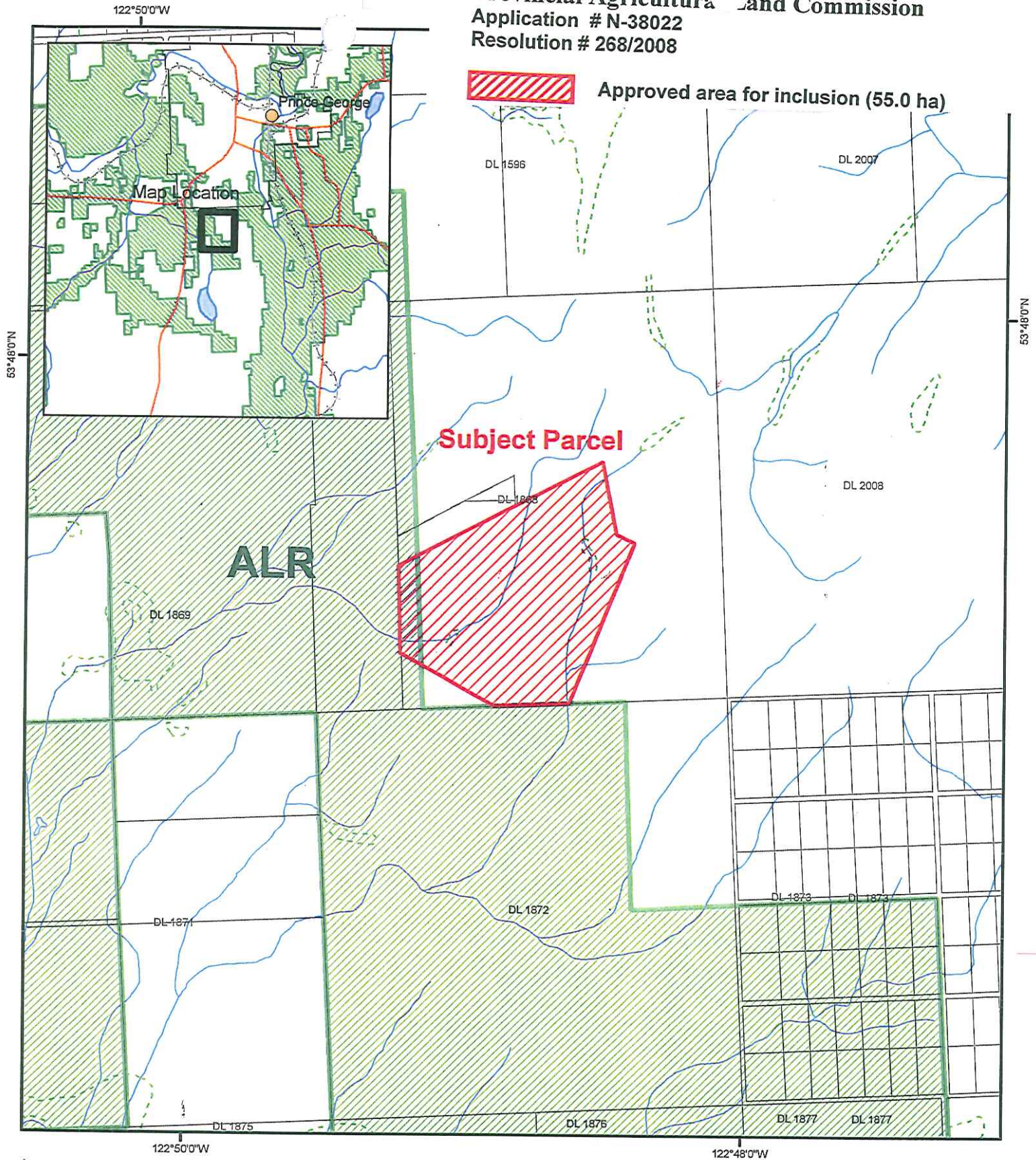
Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

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Provincial Agriculture and Commission
Application # N-38022
Resolution # 268/2008



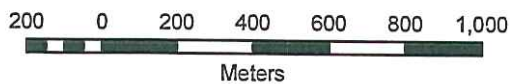
Approved area for inclusion (55.0 ha)



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ALC Context Map

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A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on May 6, 2008 at the offices of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George located at 155 George Street, Prince George, B.C.

PRESENT:

William Norton	Chair, North Panel
Denise Dowswell	Commissioner
Simone Rivers	Staff
Terra Kaethler	Staff

For Consideration

Application: # N- 38022
Applicant: Giesbrecht Dairies Ltd
Proposal: To include 55.0 ha into the Agricultural Land Reserve
Legal: Part of District Lot 1868, Cariboo District
Location: East of Blackwater Road

Site Inspection

A site inspection was conducted on May 6, 2008. Those in attendance were:

- William Norton Chair, North Panel
- Denise Dowswell Commissioner
- Simone Rivers Staff
- Terra Kaethler Staff
- Gord Humphrey Integrated Land Management Bureau

The Commission viewed the property and discussed the agricultural capability of the property. Gord Humphrey from the ILMB clarified that the property was approximately 70% arable. The Commission noted that the property was mostly treed and had areas of steep slope and gravel. However, it was discussed that the applicant was farming a nearby property with similar agricultural capability and that purchase and inclusion of the subject property would expand the land base of the existing farm.

Context

The proposal was weighed against the purposes of the Commission as stipulated in section 6 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (the "Act"). They are:

1. to preserve agricultural land
2. to encourage farming on agricultural land in collaboration with other communities of interest, and
3. to encourage local governments, first nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies.

Discussion

The Commission had no objection to the proposed inclusion on the grounds that the land is being Crown Granted for agricultural purposes and the application is consistent with the longstanding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commission and the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) and its predecessors.

It is the Commission's understanding that, in accordance with ILMB's extensive agriculture policy for the Northern Service Region, the 55.0 ha property will be bound by covenant to the applicants' other holdings as a condition of purchase.

Conclusions

1. That the land under application has agricultural capability.
2. That the land under application is suitable for agricultural use.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Norton

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dowswell

THAT the application be allowed.

The subject property now forms part of the ALR for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and is subject to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation*.

CARRIED

Resolution # 270/2008