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Reply to the attention of Ron Wallace  
ALC File: MM-38578

Christopher and Hiromi Bush  
2016 Inter-Provincial Highway  
Abbotsford, BC V3G2H8

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: Application for Non-Farm Use in the Agricultural Land Reserve**

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # **601/2009** outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Other approvals may be necessary. Prior to proceeding, the Commission suggests you contact your Local Government.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karlsen, Chair

Enclosure: Minutes

cc: City of Abbotsford (A08/008) Attn: Peter Andzans  
BC Assessment, Abbotsford  
Ministry of Environment, Surrey Attn: George Rushworth  
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# MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on July 30, 2009 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.

**PRESENT:** Erik Karlsen  
Sylvia Pranger  
John Tomlinson  
Tony Pellett  
Chair of the Commission  
Chair, South Coast Panel  
Commissioner  
Staff

**ABSENT:** Mike Bose  
Commissioner

## For Consideration

Application: #MM-38578  
Applicant: Christopher and Hiromi Bush  
Agent: n/a  
Proposal: To amend the original decision to request the allowance to add a portion of off farm feedstock to their operation. This addition will allow optimization of the facility as outlined in the proposed Nutrient Management Plan.  
Legal: Lot 79, Section 13, Twp. 19, New Westminster District, Plan 4211  
Location: 2016 Interprovincial Highway, Abbotsford

## 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 has no objection to the request to include a portion of off farm feedstock to the operation. The Commission agreed that this request would allow for more effective operation of the anaerobic digester and would be beneficial to the farm business and agricultural community in general.

## Conclusions

1. That the land under application has agricultural capability and is appropriately designated as ALR.
2. That the land under application is suitable for agricultural use.
3. That the proposal request would allow for better optimization of the facility and be beneficial to the farm business and agricultural community.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Karlsen  
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Pranger

THAT the application be allowed to include off farm feedstock to the operation as outlined in the Nutrient Management Plan. Except for this change the conditions as outlined in Resolution #749/2008 still apply.

This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government. This includes zoning, subdivision, or other land use bylaws, and decisions of any authorities that have jurisdiction under an enactment.

**CARRIED**  
**Resolution # 601/2009**