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December 15, 2010

Reply to the attention of Martin Collins
ALC File: 52039

George Burns, President
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Dear Sir:

Re: Application for Non Farm Uses in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution #2816/2010 and a sketch plan 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Underhill', written over a white background.

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

cc: Regional District of Kitimat Stikine (File 3370 20 #289)

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Assessment of Agricultural Suitability

The Commission assessed whether external factors such as encroaching non-farm development have caused or will cause the land to become unsuitable for agriculture. The Commission does not believe there are external factors that render the land unsuitable for agricultural use.

Assessment of Impact on Agriculture

The Commission also assessed the impact of the proposal against the long term goal of preserving agricultural land. The Commission believes the shooting range proposal would not substantively impact existing or potential agricultural use of surrounding lands.

Assessment of Other Factors

The Commission concluded that the land had limited potential for agriculture, but also recognized that, if necessary, a shooting range could be reclaimed for agriculture. It was acknowledged that some site disturbance and clearing was necessary. However, the Commission stipulated that no soils be removed or added to the property, with the exception of gravel for parking and road access improvements. Should the use cease the land could be reclaimed, and leased by the crown for agricultural uses – such as seasonal grazing (particularly on cleared areas)

Conclusions

1. That the land under application has agricultural capability, is appropriately designated as ALR and is suitable for agricultural use.
2. That the proposal will not substantively impact agriculture.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner D. Dowswell

SECONDED BY: Commissioner L. Dempsey

THAT the application to use 33 ha for a shooting range be allowed.

AND THAT the approval is subject to the following conditions:

- The shooting range must be completed within three (3) years from the date of this decision.
- No soils may be removed or added from the property with the exception of gravel for parking and base for shooting facilities. Where possible (such as the parking area and shooting facilities), the topsoil must be stripped, stored in berms, and reseeded.
- Reclamation of the range area should the use cease. Reclamation would include, but is not limited to the removal of structures, re-distribution of topsoils and re-seeding of disturbed areas, and soil rehabilitation in areas affected by spent cartridges.

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,

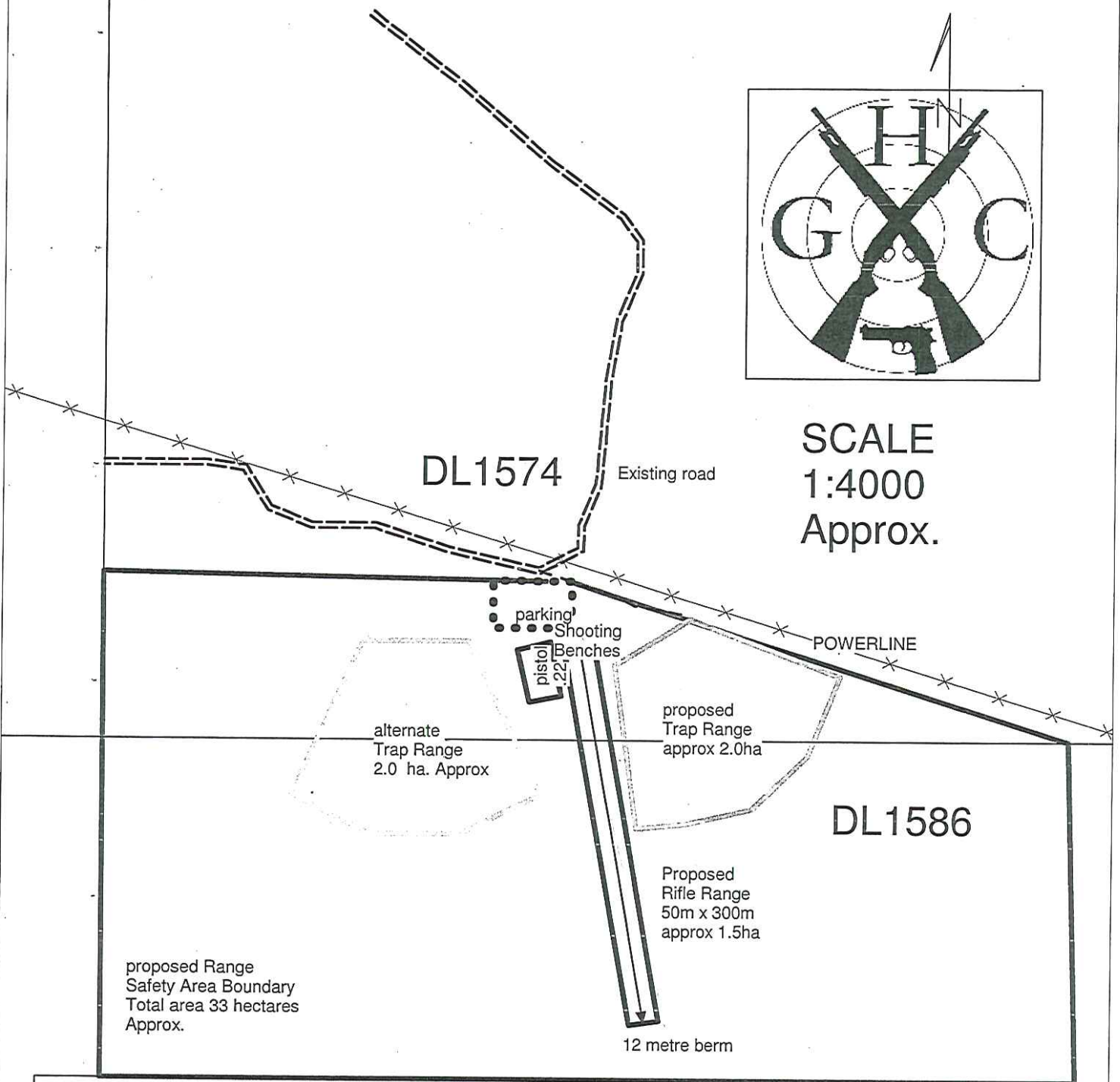
subdivision, or other land use bylaws, and decisions of any authorities that have jurisdiction under an enactment.

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Resolution # 2816/2010



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