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July 12, 2011

Reply to the attention of Jennifer Carson
ALC File: #52172

Pauline Gomez
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Dear Ms. Gomez:

Re: Application to Include land in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # **258/2011** outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application. As agent, it is your responsibility to notify your client(s) accordingly.

By way of a copy of this letter, the Commission is advising the Registrar of Land Titles of its order and confirming that the ALR notation is to be included onto the Certificate of Title for the property identified as: Block A of District Lot 5104, Range 5, Coast District.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Underhill', is written over the 'Per:' label.

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

cc: RDBN

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PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on April 28, 2011.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bullock Chair
Denise Dowswell Commissioner
Jim Collins Commissioner

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Gordon Bednard Land Use Planner

APPLICATION ID: #52172

PROPOSAL: to include 64.1 ha into the ALR to be used as forage. (Submitted pursuant to section 17(3) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Legal Description: Block A of District Lot 5104, Range 5, Coast District
Size: 64.1 ha
Area in ALR: 0 ha
Property Owner(s): Crown

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:

Section 6 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* identifies the purposes of the Commission 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.

Agricultural Capability

In assessing agricultural capability, the Commission refers in part to agricultural capability mapping and ratings. The ratings are interpreted using the Canada Land Inventory (CLI), 'Soil Capability Classification for Agriculture' system, or the BC Land Inventory (BCLI), 'Land Capability Classification for Agriculture in B.C.' system.

The agricultural capability of the soil of the subject property is

Class 5 – Land in this class has limitations that restrict its capability to producing perennial forage crops or other specially adapted crops.

Class 7 – Land in this class has no capability for arable or sustained natural grazing

Subclasses

C adverse climate
T topography

A more detailed land use report by Elizabeth Williamson of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations discusses that the land proposed for inclusion into the ALR is approximately 90% arable (80% Class 4 & and 20% Class 5, both with the limitations of topography), while the non arable portion (Class 6 with the limitation of topography) is a steep ravine.

Agricultural Suitability

The conclusion of the aforementioned report indicates that 90% of the property is arable and appropriate for forage. The Commission also noted that the subject land is similar to adjacent lands currently farmed by the applicant.

Other Factors

In order for the applicant to purchase the 64.1 ha area from the Crown it must first be included into the ALR as per Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) policy that an application must be made to include land into the ALR if the land is sold for agricultural purposes.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. That the land under application has agricultural capability and would be appropriately designated as ALR.
2. That the land under application is suitable for agricultural use.
3. That the proposal is consistent with the objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to preserve agricultural land.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Doswell

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Collins

THAT the application be allowed.

CARRIED

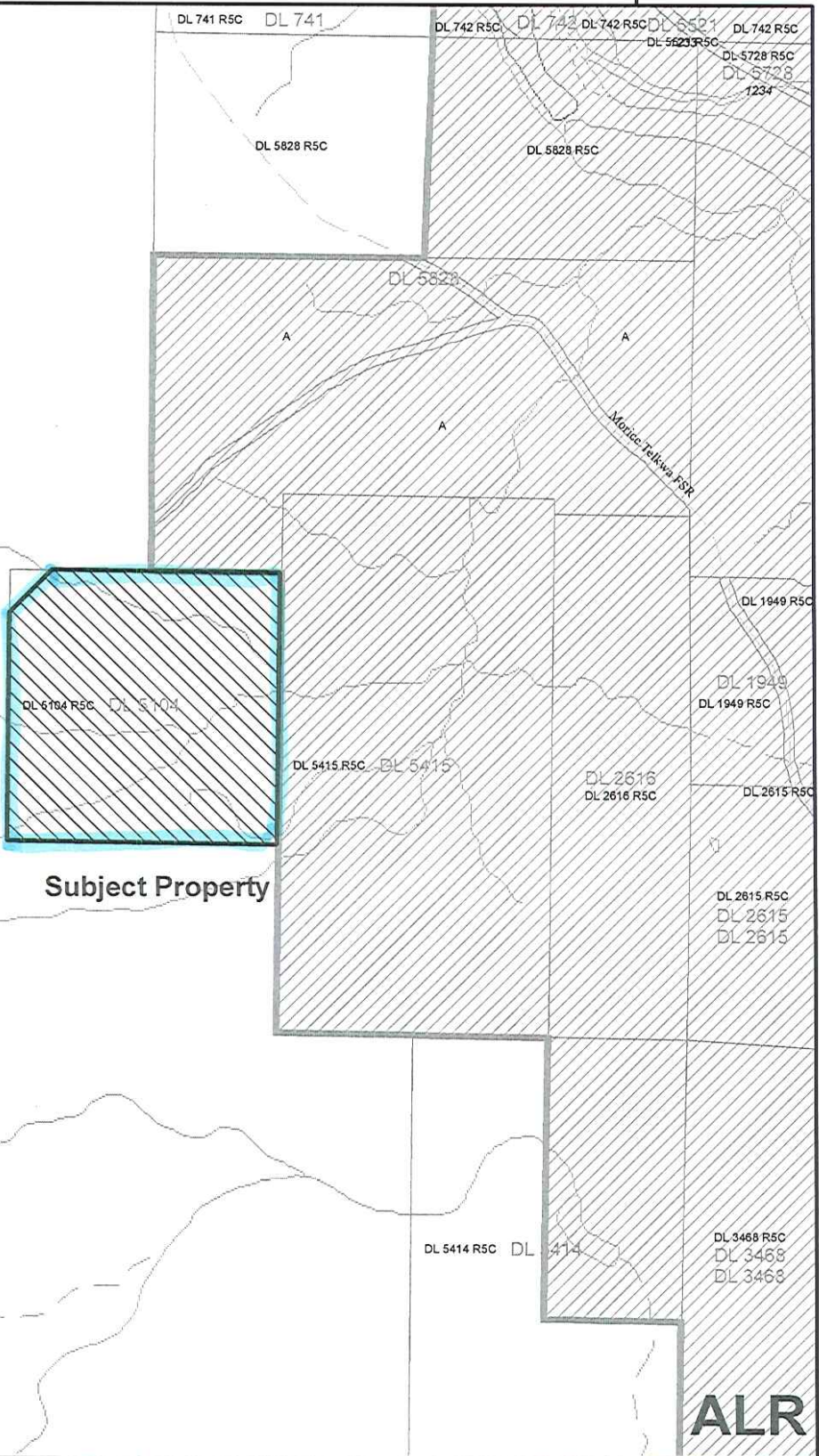
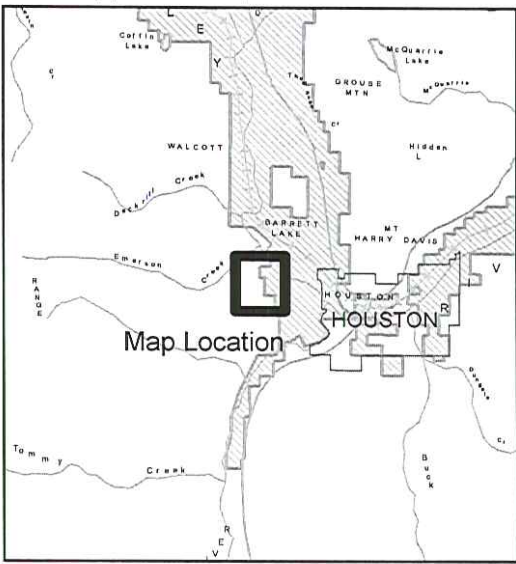
Resolution # 258/2011


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54°24'0"N



 Area approved for inclusion into the ALC via Resolution # 258/2011

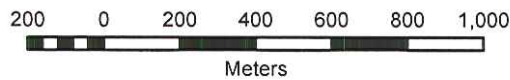
Subject Property

ALR



ALC Context Map

Map Scale: 1:20,000



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