



Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Staff Report

Application: 52414

Applicant: Canadian Natural Resources Ltd
Agent: Pioneer Land and Environment
Local Government: Peace River

Proposal: To use 7.37 ha of unit 41 for non farm uses. This exceeds the 7 ha threshold specified by the OGC Delegation Agreement. The specific proposal is for a 2 ha extension to an existing sandstone pit. The sandstone resource is extracted for oil and gas resource roads.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The existing ~5 ha sandstone pit has been utilized for many years for the extraction of road and pad construction material.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Legal Description: Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenure - Unit 41 Block J 94-A-13
Property Area: 70.6 ha
ALR Area: 24.8 ha

Location:
Owner:

Legal Description: Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenure - Unit 42 Block J 94-A-13
Property Area: 70.6 ha
ALR Area: 67.1 ha

Location:
Owner:

Total Land Area: 141.2 ha
Total ALR Area: 91.9 ha

LAND USE

Current Land Use:

Forested crown land, ~25 km northeast of Wonowon.

Surrounding Land Uses:

North: Forested Crown land - ALR
East: Existing sandstone pit
South: Existing sandstone pit
West: Forested Crown land 0 ALR

PROPOSAL DETAILS

Non- Farm Use Area: 7.3 ha
Non- Farm Use Type: Industrial: Oil and Gas Activities

Agricultural Capability:

The majority of the area under application is rated as: Secondary

Source: CLI

Mapsheet: 94 A/13

RELEVANT APPLICATIONS

Application ID: 44193

Legacy #: 37535

Applicant: Canadian Natural Resources Ltd

Proposal: Non-farm use on the portion of the proposed oil and gas development (non agricultural disturbance) situated within the Agricultural Land Reserve is composed of a wellsite (1.69 ha), a remote sump (0.36 ha), a campsite (0.24 ha) and an access road (0.27 ha) for a total area of 2.56 ha. The proposed development area is located on forested Crown Land dominated by Lodgepole Pine.

Decision:

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
534/2007	October 5, 2007	Not in ATS

Note: This application affects adjoining land to the south of the present application.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Official Community Plan:

Bylaw Name: North Peace OCP Bylaw #820, 1993

Designation: Rural Resource - Agricultural

OCP Compliance: Yes

Zoning:

Zoning Bylaw Name: PRRD Zoning Bylaw # 1000

Zoning Designation: A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings Zone)

Minimum Lot Size: 63.0 ha

Zoning Compliance: Yes

Comments and Recommendations:

Board/Council

The Peace River Regional Board forwarded the application with the comment that the non farm alienation of agricultural land be kept to a minimum.

ALC STAFF COMMENTS

Staff recommends that the application be allowed subject to reclamation conditions, similar to other applications in the surrounding area. No agricultural activities are affected.

END OF REPORT

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