



**Agricultural Land Commission**

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Reply to the attention of Eamonn Watson  
ALC File: 52453

Rick Matis  
34990 Skyline Drive  
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Dear Mr. Matis:

**Re: Application to operate a composting facility in the Agricultural Land Reserve,  
16601 Middleton Road, Pitt Meadows**

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 12/2012 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.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Underhill', is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure: Minutes

cc: City of Pitt Meadows (6635-20-2001-02)

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## PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

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A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.

### COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bullock	Chair
Jennifer Dyson	Commissioner
Sylvia Pranger	Commissioner
Bert Miles	Commissioner
Jim Johnson	Commissioner

### COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Eamonn Watson	Land Use Planner
Colin Fry	Executive Director

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### APPLICATION: #52453

**PROPOSAL:** To create a composting facility that will complement the existing berry operation. Golden Eagle Ranch Inc. will produce compost on the subject property which will be shipped to a mushroom farm located in Abbotsford. The spent mushroom compost will subsequently be returned to the berry operation to be used as a fertilizer for the berries.  
(Submitted pursuant to section 20(3) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

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### 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.

After review of all file information presented, the Commission has concluded as follows:

1. There are no external factors that render the land unsuitable for agricultural use;
2. The proposal will adversely impact existing or potential agricultural use of surrounding lands by introducing a land use that is effectively industrial in nature;
3. The parcel has good agricultural capability as indicated by a BCLI rating of prime dominant and its current use for agriculture;
4. The proposal will impede current and potential agricultural use of the land;

5. The proposal could be carried out on lands outside of the ALR on parcels that are not designated for agricultural priority;
6. That the proposal is inconsistent with the objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to preserve agricultural land;
7. The proposed use, although associated with agriculture, is effectively industrial in nature.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Jennifer Dyson

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Sylvia Pranger

THAT the application be refused.

AND THAT the applicant be advised of the provisions of Section 33 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* which provides an applicant with the opportunity to submit a request for reconsideration.

- S.33 (1) On the written request of a person affected or on the commission's own initiative, the commission may reconsider a decision of the commission under this Act and may confirm, reverse or vary it if the commission determines that*
- (a) evidence not available at the time of the original decision has become available,*
  - (b) all or part of the original decision was based on evidence that was in error or was false.*
- (2) The commission must give notice of its intention to reconsider a decision under subsection (1) to any person that the commission considers is affected by the reconsideration.*

AND FINALLY THAT the applicant be advised that a revised proposal does not constitute new information and will not be considered as a basis for reconsideration and the time limit for submitting a request for reconsideration is one (1) year from the date of the decision letter.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 12/2012**