



Agricultural Land Commission
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March 21, 2012

Reply to the attention of Jennifer Carson
ALC File: #52610

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
105 Lower Ganges Road
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Application to Subdivide land in the Agricultural Land Reserve

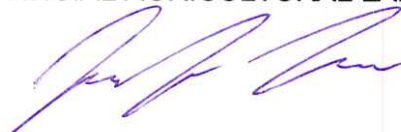
Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # **126/2012** outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application. As agent, it is your responsibility to notify your client(s) accordingly.

Please send two (2) paper prints of the final survey plans to this office. When the Commission confirms that all conditions have been met, it will authorize the Registrar of Land Titles to accept registration of the plan.

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

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per: 

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

cc: Islands Trust

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PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on March 20, 2012 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Richard Bullock | Chair |
| Jennifer Dyson | Vice-Chair |
| Sylvia Pranger | Vice-Chair |
| Jim Johnson | Commissioner |

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

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| Jennifer Carson | Land Use Planner |
| Colin Fry | Executive Director |

APPLICATION ID: #52610

PROPOSAL: To subdivide a 0.8 ha parcel from the 5.3 ha ALR portion of property for use as a Fire Hall and Emergency Services Centre. (Submitted pursuant to section 20(3) and 21 (2) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

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| Parcel ID: | 000-127-311 |
| Legal Description: | Lot 1, Sections 4 and 5, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 2296 |
| Civic Address: | 135 Brinkworthy Road, Ganges |
| Size: | 5.3 ha |
| Area in ALR: | 5.3 ha |
| Property Owner(s): | Brinkworthy Properties Ltd. |

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 good quality topsoil will be removed from the area proposed for non-farm use and will either be moved to the rest of the property or taken to existing registered farms on the island to enhance their agricultural activities.
- the subdivision must be completed within three (3) years from the date of this decision.

This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

CARRIED
Resolution # 126/2012

