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ALC Files: #52925 and #53019  
Your File: 3370-20 (ALR00236)

City of Chilliwack  
8550 Young Road  
CHILLIWACK BC V2P 8A4

Attention: Gillian Villeneuve, Manager of Development Planning

**Re: Application to include land into the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)  
and to allow non-farm uses within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)**

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolutions #364/2012 and #365/2012 as they relate to the above noted application.

Further correspondence with respect to this application should be directed to Tony Pellett.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Underhill', is written over the printed name.

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure(s): Minutes of Resolutions #364/2012 and #365/2012.

Cc: Fraser Valley Regional District

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## MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on November 22, 2012 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. as it relates to Application #52925.

### COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bullock	Chair
Jennifer Dyson	Vice-Chair
Gordon Gillette	Vice-Chair
Sylvia Pranger	Vice-Chair
Bert Miles	Commissioner
Jim Johnson	Commissioner
Jerry Thibeault	Commissioner
Lucille Dempsey	Commissioner
Denise Dowswell	Commissioner
Jim Collins	Commissioner

### COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Tony Pellett	Regional Planner
Eamonn Watson	Land Use Planner
Brian Underhill	Executive Director
Colin Fry	Executive Director

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### PROPOSAL

Approve non-farm uses previously allowed by the City of Chilliwack without due process under the Agricultural Land Commission Act, the regulations or the orders of the Commission, and include City-owned land into the ALR. The proposal arises from the recommended action items for the City of Chilliwack, outlined in a report prepared by the Commission in April 2010: *Agricultural Land Commission Review of Boundary Adjustment Subdivisions within the City of Chilliwack (1991 - 2009)*.

(Non-farm use application submitted pursuant to section 29(1)(b) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and inclusion application submitted pursuant to section 17(1)(b) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

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### LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

Section 6 (Purposes of the commission) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* states:

- 6 The following are the purposes of the commission:
- (a) to preserve agricultural land;
  - (b) to encourage farming on agricultural land in collaboration with other communities of interest; and
  - (c) 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.

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### COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

After considering the information the Commission concluded as follows:

1. Inclusion of City-owned land on Island 22  
**Conclusion:** The land proposed for inclusion is suitable for agriculture.

2. Approval of non-farm use which had been allowed on certain park and school sites

**Conclusion:** While it is recognized that the City's action in allowing these uses was contrary to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*, the regulations and the orders of the commission, the City has now taken action to ensure that such violations do not occur in the future and additionally has made application to include into the ALR more than twice the amount of land as has been occupied by the park and school facilities now under application.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Thibeault

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Collins

THAT the request to include 36.2 ha of land on Island 22 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #364/2012**

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Bullock

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Miles

THAT the request for retroactive approval of the 16.9 ha of school and park expansion projects under application within the ALR be granted.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #365/2012**