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December 18, 2012

ALC File: #52870

Ian & Tanya Collinson
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Collinson:

Re: Application to Subdivide Land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution #388/2012 as it relates to the above noted application. The Commission draws your attention to sections 33(1) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*.

Section 33(1) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* provides an applicant with the opportunity to submit a request for reconsideration based on specific criteria.

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.

A revised proposal does not constitute new evidence and as such is not a basis for reconsideration. The time limit for submitting a request for reconsideration is one (1) year from the date of this letter.

Further correspondence with respect to this application is to be directed to Liz Sutton.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

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

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure(s): Minutes of Resolution #388/2012
cc: Cariboo Regional District (File: 4035-20-G20120030)

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MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on November 20, 2012 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. as it relates to Application #52870.

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:

Martin Collins	Regional Planner
Lindsay McCoubrey	Land Use Planner
Eamonn Watson	Land Use Planner
Liz Sutton	Land Use Planner
Brian Underhill	Executive Director
Colin Fry	Executive Director

PROPOSAL: To subdivide the 25.5 ha parcel into three (3) 8.0 ha lots with 1.5 ha to be used for access to the proposed lots. (Submitted pursuant to section 21(2) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

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 file information the Commission concluded as follows:

1. 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. The improved CLI rating applicable to the subject property is Class 5PT:

Class 5 - land is capable of production of cultivated perennial forage crops and specially adapted crops. Limited by (P) stoniness and (T) topography

The subject property is located in an area of predominantly large agricultural parcels within the ALR. Lands with the above CLI rating are generally more productive in larger parcels and are characteristic of grazing lands in the area.

Conclusion:

The property has agricultural capability similar to other lands in the area being used for agriculture. While the property is still undeveloped, the land can be improved for agricultural pursuits. In addition, subdivision would reduce the agricultural options of the subject property.

2. The Commission also considered whether the property was suitable for agriculture. This consideration included details such as property size, surrounding land use and limitations to agriculture.

Conclusion:

The Commission did not believe there are external factors that render the land unsuitable for agricultural use.

3. The mandate of the Commission is to preserve agricultural land and to encourage farming within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The applicants have not provided any agricultural rationale for the subdivision proposal.

Conclusion:

The proposal for subdivision is inconsistent with objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to preserve and encourage agriculture.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Miles
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Thibeault

THAT the request be refused.

CARRIED
Resolution #388/2012