



Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Staff Report

Application: 53416

Applicant: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Local Government: Cariboo EA

Proposal: To widen Highway #97 south of Quesnel at Dragon Lake - between Dragon Lake Road and Quartz Road - from four (4) lanes to two (2) lanes. Five (5) properties are affected and 3 ha of ALR is requested for right of way.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

No previous applications.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

PID: 012-803-073
Legal Description: SE 1/4 of DL 4519, Cariboo District, Except Plans PGP35209, PGP35590 and H673
Property Area: 62.7 ha
ALR Area: 62.7 ha

Location:

Owner:

PID: 017-166-535
Legal Description: Lot 1, DL 3950 and 4519, Cariboo District, Plan PGP35209
Property Area: 55.5 ha
ALR Area: 55.5 ha

Location:

Owner:

PID: 024-407-950
Legal Description: Lot A, DL 4519, Cariboo District, Plan PGP42505
Property Area: 2.3 ha
ALR Area: 2.3 ha

Location:

Owner:

PID: 011-444-426
Legal Description: Lot 1, DL 4519, Cariboo District, Plan 17431
Property Area: 4.4 ha
ALR Area: 4.4 ha

Location:

Owner:

PID: 015-091-937
Legal Description: Fractional South 1/2 of DL 3965, Cariboo District, Except Park East of Plan H637 and Plans H673, 16492, 16512 and 21742
Property Area: 13.9 ha
ALR Area: 13.9 ha

Location:

Owner:

Total Land Area: 138.8 ha
Total ALR Area: 138.8 ha

LAND USE

Current Land Use:

The proposed highway widening affects cleared and cultivated farmland and forested areas.

Surrounding Land Uses:

North: Mixed uses - rural residential, park
East: Mixed uses - farming, pasture and hayland
South: Rural residential in the ALR
West: forested, unimproved ALR

PROPOSAL DETAILS

Non- Farm Use Area: 3.0 ha

Non- Farm Use Type: Transportation/Utilities: Roads

Agricultural Capability:

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

Source: CLI

Mapsheet: 93 B/16

ALC STAFF COMMENTS

Staff notes that the maximum amount of land required for the right of way from the subject properties is 1 ha. This translates for an approximate ~10 meter wide increase in the right of way.

The right of way expansion area is also proposed to be re-fenced.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the application because the community and regional benefits associated with highway expansion outweigh the negative impacts of the minimal loss of agricultural land.

END OF REPORT

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