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November 9, 2005

Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard

Grant Richardson
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Dear Sir:

Re: Application # MM-35989
PID: 002-850-907
West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South East 1/4, Section 36, Township 18,
New Westminster District;

Further to your correspondence received September 22, 2005, the Commission, acting under section 33 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*, has reconsidered the above noted application.

Your letter presented three options for the consideration of the Commission regarding the creation of a two-lot subdivision of the subject property.

In considering your request and reviewing the application, the Commission recalled its onsite meeting and tour of the property in June and the report of Susan Ames regarding the good agricultural capability of the property. The Commission remains concerned that good quality agricultural land be retained in as large as possible parcels to allow for the widest range of potential agricultural pursuits.

For these reasons, the Commission, by Resolution # **582/2005**, reconfirmed its decision to refuse subdivision of the property.

The intent of the Act is to preserve and protect agricultural lands and farm communities in the long-term and the Commission truly felt that your application was not in keeping with this mandate.

The land referred to in the application will continue to be subject to the provisions of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and regulations.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Kansen, Chair

cc Fraser Valley Regional District Attn: Dawn O'Neill file # 3015-20-2005-01

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MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Minutes of a meeting held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (the "Commission") on October 18, 2005 at Langley, B.C.

PRESENT: Walter Dyck Commissioner
Carol Paulson Commissioner

ABSENT: Peter Dhillon Vice Chair

STAFF: Gordon Bednard, Regional Research Officer
Tony Pellett, Planner

For Consideration

Gordon Bednard presented a request for reconsideration of Application # 35989, along with reports and information contained within the original file. The Commission carefully considered each of the three subdivision options presented in the request for reconsideration.

Commission Discussion

The Commission considered that as this request was a simple variation of the original request, no persons were affected by the reconsideration. The Commission further considered that its original decision to refuse the application was based on the good agricultural capabilities of the subject property and the Commission's desire to retain such parcels in as large as possible lot sizes. In this way, properties would be available for the widest potential range of agricultural uses.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Carol Paulson

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Walter Dyck

THAT the application be reconsidered and the original decision of the Commission to refuse the subdivision of the property be reconfirmed for the above reasons.

CARRIED