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Agricultural Land Commission

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Reply to the attention of Brandy Ridout ALC File #T-36759

Jim & Larry Segboer PO box 991 Salmon Arm, BC - V1E4P2

Dear Sirs:

Re: Application to subdivide in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution #394/2006 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Furthermore, thank you for the fax of August 3, 2006 that contained an excerpt from the North Okanagan Regional District (NORD) staff report. As NORD's staff report was prepared for your application, the information had previously been supplied to the Commission.

Yours truly,

PROVINGIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karlsen, Chair

BR/eg/Encl.: Minutes

MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on August 1, 2006 at the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands office located at 4607 - 23rd Street. Vernon, BC.

PRESENT:

Sue Irvine

Chair, Okanagan Panel

Sharon McCoubrey Sid Sidhu

Commissioner Commissioner

Brandy Ridout

Staff

For Consideration

Application # T - 36759

Applicants

Jim & Larry Segboer

Proposal

To subdivide the 10.6 ha subject property along Old Sicamous Road to

create a 3.7 ha lot and a 6.9 ha remainder.

Legal

PID: 024-694-967

Lot B, District Lot 526, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan KAP66151

Location

394 Old Sicamous Road

Site Inspection

A site inspection was conducted on August 1, 2006. Those in attendance were:

- Commissioners: Sue Irvine, Sharon McCoubrey and Sid Sidhu
- Staff: Brandy Ridout
- Applicant: Larry Segboer

Mr. Segboer confirmed that he had received the staff report dated July 17, 2006 and did not identify any errors.

Discussion

During the site visit, the Commission noted that a large cattle operation had taken place on the property in the past. This was evidenced by the remaining infrastructure and information presented by the applicant.

Also during the site visit, the issue of agricultural capability was discussed. The applicant noted that a soils report had been done for the subject property and that the information would be provided. The Commission noted that the improved Canada Land Inventory ratings for the property are 7:5T-3:4TM and 6:4FW-4:6W. It also noted that unless the agricultural capability assessment report showed a significant difference in agricultural capability ratings, the issue would not appreciably factor in its decision.

The Commission believed that subdivision would negatively affect agriculture in that it would reduce the agricultural options available to the owner of the property in the future. It also believed that other types of agriculture (i.e. non-soil bound agriculture), could take place on the property. In addition, the Commission believed that allowing subdivision would add an additional homesite to the area and increase the potential conflict between 'urban' and rural residents.

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The Commission did not believe that the road was an impediment to the use of the subject property as a single unit.

IT WAS

MOVED BY:

Commissioner McCoubrey

SECONDED BY:

Commissioner Sidhu

THAT the application be refused on the grounds that subdivision would reduce the agricultural options available to the owner of the property in the future.

CARRIED RESOLUTION #394/2006



Staff Report Application # T – 36759 Applicant: Jim & Larry Segboer Agent: Browne Johnson & Associates

DATE RECEIVED: June 15, 2006

DATE PREPARED: July 17, 2006

TO:

Chair and Commissioners - Okanagan Panel

FROM:

Brandy Ridout, Regional Research Officer

PROPOSAL:

To subdivide the 10.6 ha subject property along Old Sicamous Road to

create a 3.7 ha lot and a 6.9 ha remainder.

This application is made pursuant to section 21(2) of the Agricultural Land

Commission Act.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Under application #T-32633, the property lying southwest of the subject property was approved for subdivision along the ALR boundary (which coincides with Old Sicamous Road).

The applicant's agent notes that the subject property is currently vacant and owned by two brothers. It is the owners' intention to each operate a hobby farm on one of the proposed lots. They propose to enhance the agricultural capabilities and improve the farm buildings.

Local Government:

Regional District of North Okanagan

Legal Description of Property:

PID: 024-694-967

Lot B, District Lot 526, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan KAP66151

Purchase Date:

June 2004

Location of Property:

394 Old Sicamous Road

Size of Property:

10.6 ha (The entire property is in the ALR).

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION (continued):

Present use of the Property:

Portion lying east of Old Sicamous Road is mostly cleared and used as hayfield. The portion lying west of the road is mostly cleared pasture land and has several agricultural buildings. There are no dwellings on the property.

Surrounding Land Uses:

WEST:

Non-ALR

SOUTH: Large parcels, varying agricultural uses Large parcels, varying agricultural uses

EAST:

NORTH: Large parcels, varying agricultural uses

Agricultural Capability:

Data Source: Agricultural Capability Map # 82L/11

The majority of the property is identified as having Secondary ratings.

Official Community Plan and Designation:

Electoral Area 'A' Bylaw No. 1934 (2004) Designation: Non-Urban/Major Road

Zoning Bylaw and Designation:

Zoning Bylaw No. 1888 (2003)

Designation: Non-Urban Zone (N.U.)

Minimum lot size: 7.2 ha

RELEVANT APPLICATIONS:

Application #32633-0

Applicant:

Frank & Mary Dangel

Decision Date: April 20, 1999

Proposal:

To subdivide the property along the ALR boundary to create one 5.2 ha non-ALR

parcel and one 1.9 ha ALR parcel.

Decision:

Allowed as it was felt that there would be no net impact.

Application #33747-0

Applicant:

482821 BC Ltd Decision Date: May 28, 2001

Proposal:

To subdivide the 8.7 ha property along the ALR boundary to create one 6.1 ha

non-ALR parcel and one 2.6 ha ALR parcel.

Decision:

Allowed - on the grounds that there would be no negative impact on agricultural production in the area and it would be consistent with other relevant decisions in

the area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

Regional District of North Okanagan Board: Application be authorized for submission.

Electoral Area Services Commission: Application be authorized for submission.

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STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff suggest the Commission consider the following:

- There have been two applications in the area in which subdivision along the ALR boundary was approved. This application requests subdivision along a road rather than along the ALR boundary.
- A site visit may help determine if the road poses an obstacle to farming and what impact subdivision would have on the parcel.

END OF REPORT

Signature

July 17,06

Date

