



**Staff Report**  
**Application # N – 37724**  
**Applicant: Robert & Bernice McKnight**  
**Agent: Integrated Land Management Bureau**

**DATE RECEIVED:** October 4, 2007

**DATE PREPARED:** November 5, 2007

**TO:** Chair and Commissioners – North Panel

**FROM:** Simone Rivers, Land Use Planner

**PROPOSAL:** The applicant wishes to purchase a 16 ha parcel from the Crown for the purposes of Agriculture

This application is made pursuant to section 30(1) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The applicant applied to the Crown for an extension of holdings to acquire the subject property in order to expand the land base of their existing farm. The soils of the subject site are similar to the applicant's existing farm and would like to purchase this property and include it into the ALR.

**Local Government:**

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

**Legal Description of Property:**

District Lot 9762, Part of Block A & C, Cariboo District

**Location of Property:**

North East of Bednesti Lake - Telachick Road

**Size of Property:**

16.0 ha

**Present use of the Property:**

agriculture

**Surrounding Land Uses:**

**WEST:** crown land  
**SOUTH:** crown land  
**EAST:** crown land  
**NORTH:** crown land

**Agricultural Capability:**

Data Source: Agricultural Capability Map # 93G/14  
The majority of the property is identified as having Secondary ratings.

**Official Community Plan and Designation:**

OCP Bylaw No 1596  
Designation - Agriculture/Resource (Ag/Res)

**Zoning Bylaw and Designation:**

Zoning Bylaw No 833  
Designation - Rural 2  
Minimum lot size - 30 ha

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**

**Regional Board:** Recommend approval.

**Local Government Staff:** This proposal is consistent with the Chilako River Nechako OCP and would be an extension of the applicants' property that currently has farming fields. Staff supports this proposal.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

**District Agrologist, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries:** No comments.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Staff has the following comments:


- The soils on the subject property are 70% arable and are similar to the applicants existing holdings.
- A condition of the Crown's Extension of Holdings Policy - direct sale for agriculture - is to include the subject property into the ALR
- This application is recommended for support by the Regional Board and the local government staff.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ALC Context Map

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Signature

  
Date