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Reply to the attention of Martin Collins
ALC File: V-37771

Don and Rita Cameron
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Dear Sir:

Re: Application for Non-Farm Uses in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 665/2007 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per: 

Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc: The Corporation of the District of Summerland

Enclosure: Minutes

3. 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.

Discussion

The Commission noted that the application was to permit the sale of local fruit from the fruit stand, now that a nearby orchard property, which had historically been associated with the fruit stand, was no longer owned by the applicant. The Commission has no objection to the application provided that at least 50% of the fruit and food processed products sold from the fruit stand was grown in British Columbia.

The Commission's support for the application does not endorse;

- a full service retail food store operation on the property,
- expansion of the range of non farm products permitted for sale (beyond permitted by B.C. Regulation #171/2002),
- substantive changes to the fruit stand structure (i.e. its expansion),
- a year round retail produce operation.

Conclusions

1. That the land under application represents an important retail outlet for fresh local and regional food products. .
2. That the proposal will not affect agriculture on the property or on adjoining ALR lands.
3. That the proposal is consistent with the objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to encourage farming.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner S. Sidhu

SECONDED BY: Commissioner R. Mayer

THAT the application to permit the sale of farm products not grown on a farm property be allowed,

AND THAT the approval is subject to the following conditions:

- no expansion of the fruit stand structure,
- that the fruit stand retail operation remain seasonal,
- at least 50% of the fruit stand floor space is devoted to seasonal crops that are grown in British Columbia.

This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

CARRIED

Resolution # 665/2007