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Reply to the attention of Ron Wallace  
ALC File: O-37963

Dan Kosicki  
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Dear Mr. Kosicki:

**Re: Application to Exclude land from the Agricultural Land Reserve**

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 100/2008 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application. As agent, it is your responsibility to notify your client(s) accordingly.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc: City of Pitt Meadows (6635-20-2007-08-P)  
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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**

#### **Assessment of Agricultural Capability**

In assessing agricultural capability, the Commission refers in part to agricultural capability mapping and ratings. The ratings are interpreted using the Canada Land Inventory (CLI), 'Soil Capability Classification for Agriculture' system, or the BC Land Inventory (BCLI), 'Land Capability Classification for Agriculture in B.C.' system.

The agricultural capability of the soil of the subject property is

Class 2 – Land in this class has minor limitations that require good ongoing management practices or slightly restrict the range of crops, or both.

Class 3 – Land in this class has limitations that require moderately intensive management practices or moderately restrict the range of crops, or both.

#### Subclasses

D undesirable soil structure  
T topography  
W excess water

#### **Assessment of Agricultural Suitability**

The Commission believes that the applicant's argument that the subject property is no longer suitable for agriculture may have merit.

#### **Assessment of Impact on Agriculture**

The Commission also assessed the impact of the proposal against the long term goal of preserving agricultural land. As noted above the subject property has good agricultural capability and therefore the Commission was reluctant to exclude this property from the inventory of ALR land in Pitt Meadows. Before proceeding further, the Commission recalled the agent's stated desire to acquire the site but also to assist agriculture in Pitt Meadows; The Commission expressed the preference that he and the City explore agricultural improvement opportunities elsewhere in the community, achievement of which may increase the long term productivity of ALR land in Pitt Meadows and offset the removal of the subject lands from the agricultural land inventory in Pitt Meadows.

#### **IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Pranger

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Bose

THAT the application be tabled pending receipt of information from the City of Pitt Meadows and the agent or applicant as to an agricultural improvement opportunity and as to the extent the agent or applicant is prepared to cooperate with achievement of that improvement.

#### **CARRIED**

**Resolution # 100/2008**