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Reply to the attention of Terra Kaethler
ALC File: C-38038

June 24, 2008

Charles and Susan Groot
6476 Oldfield Road
Saanichton, BC V8M1X8

Dear Sir/Madam:

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

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 294/2008 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Karlsen', written over a white background.

Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc: The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich (3360-40-1/08)

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

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MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on May 14, 2008 in Chemainus, B.C.

PRESENT:	Lorne Seitz	Chair, Island Panel
	David Craven	Commissioner
	Jennifer Dyson	Commissioner
	Roger Cheetham	Staff
	Terra Kaethler	Staff

For Consideration

Application: # C- 38038
 Applicant: Charles and Susan Groot
 Proposal: Non-farm use proposal to allow a second dwelling to remain on the subject property as a second dwelling unit for farm help.
 Legal: PID: 005-700-914
 Lot 3, Section 15, Range 2 East, South Saanich District, Plan 7299, Except Part in Plan 33379
 Location: 6476 Oldfield Road, Saanichton

Site Inspection

A site inspection was conducted on May 14, 2008. Those in attendance were:

- Lorne Seitz Chair, Island Panel
- David Craven Commissioner
- Jennifer Dyson Commissioner
- Susan Groot Applicant

The Commission met with the applicant and viewed the property. It was noted that there were a number of agricultural activities taking place on the property, including a horse breeding and training operation, 0.4 ha of kiwis planted, and 0.4 ha of other fruit and nut trees. It was further noted that the second dwelling had been in place and utilized since the 1980's.

Context

The proposal was weighed against the purposes of the Commission as stipulated in section 6 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (the "Act"). They are:

1. to preserve agricultural land
2. to encourage farming on agricultural land in collaboration with other communities of interest, and
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 assessed the impact of the proposal against the long term goal of preserving agricultural land. The Commission was impressed by the agricultural operations in place on the property, and believed that the use of the existing second dwelling to provide for farm help accommodation was warranted. As such, the Commission believed that the proposal may provide a benefit to the existing and potential agricultural use of the subject property and would not negatively impact surrounding lands.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Dyson

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Seitz

THAT the application be approved.

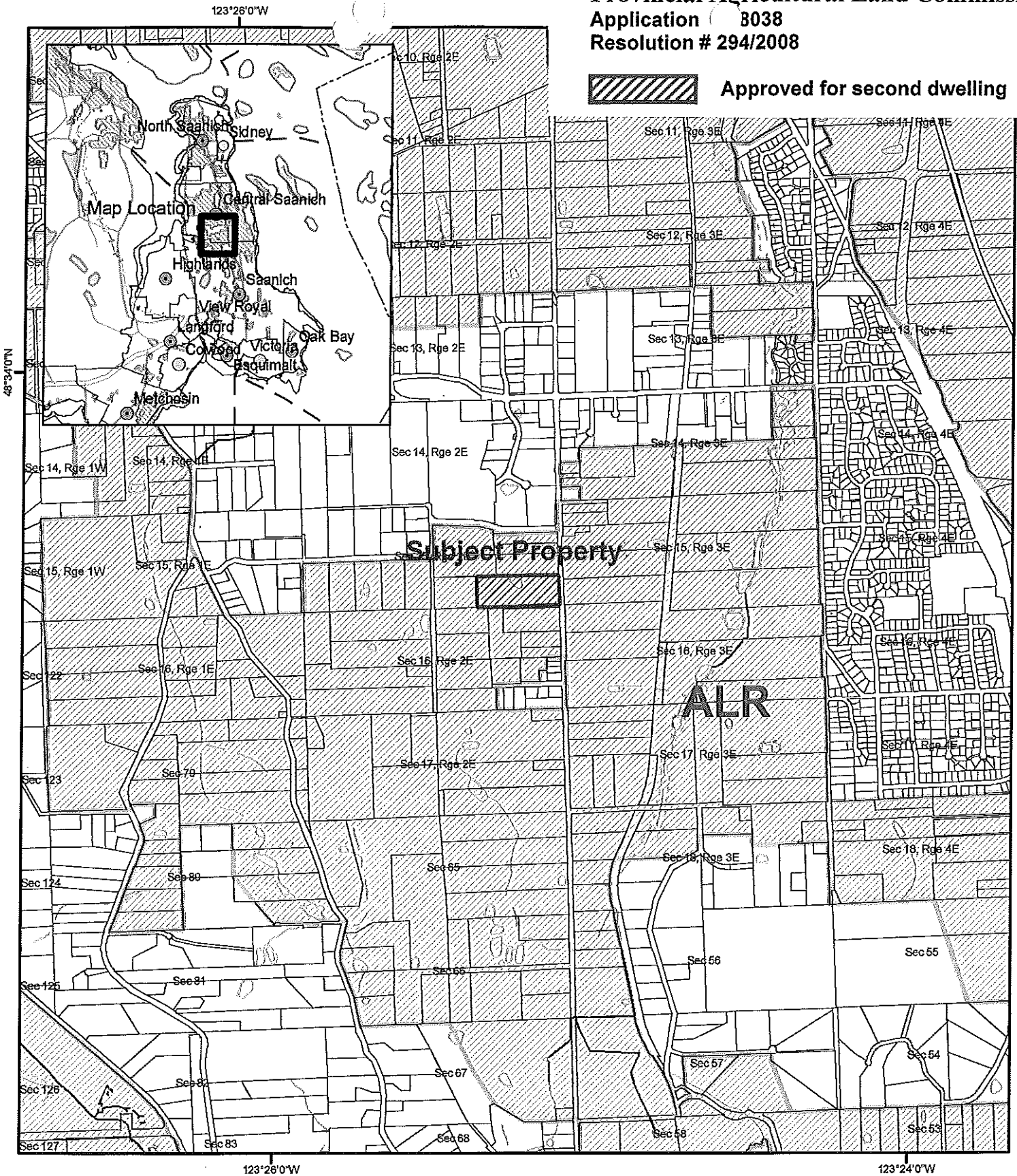
This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.

CARRIED

Resolution # 294/2008

Provincial Agricultural Land Commission
 Application 8038
 Resolution # 294/2008

 Approved for second dwelling



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ALC Context Map

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