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Reply to the attention of Tony Pellett
ALC File: O-38070

City of Pitt Meadows
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Attention: Ike de Boer, Engineering Services Coordinator

Re: Application for Recreational Trails in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 187/2008 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Please note also the Commission's comments on the rest of the trail system, including the attached illustration.

Yours truly,

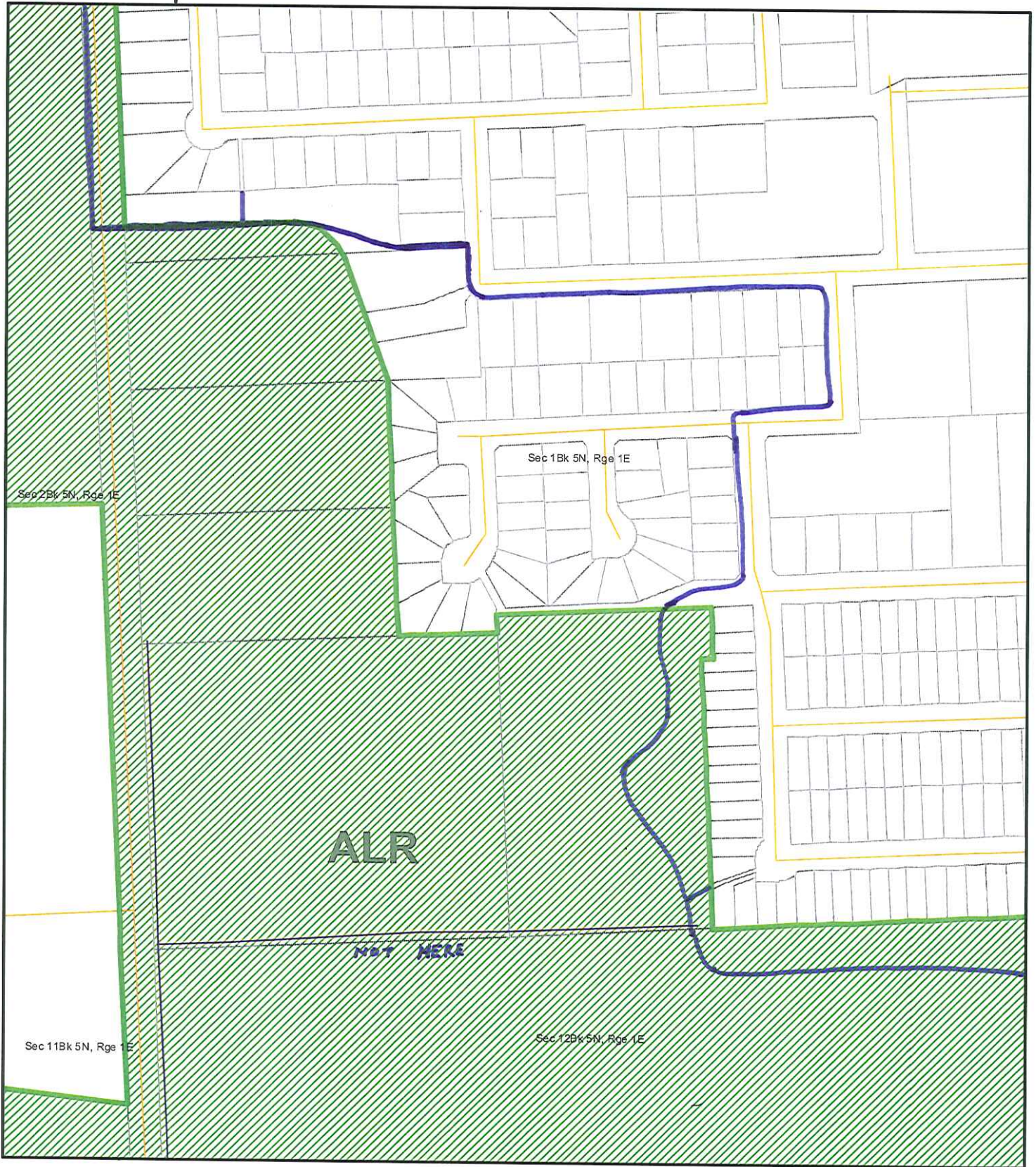
PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karlsen, Chair

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

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**SCHEMATIC ILLUSTRATION
OF ALTERNATIVE ROUTE
ALC Context Map**

Map Scale: 1:3,500



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Minutes of a meeting held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on the 29th day of April 2008 in the Commission's offices at Burnaby B.C.

PRESENT:	Sylvia Pranger	Chair, South Coast Panel
	Mike Bose	Commissioner
	John Tomlinson	Commissioner
	Tony Pellett	Staff
	Colin Fry	Staff

For Consideration

Application: # Q- 38070
Applicant: City of Pitt Meadows
Proposal: To create a loop trail system around the east side of the Pitt Meadows urban area, as part of a larger loop system. The current proposal involves approximately 0.13 ha of land within the ALR.
Location: west of Golden Ears Bridge arterial connections

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

Assessment of Impact on Agriculture

The Commission assessed the impact of the specific proposal against the long term goal of preserving agricultural land. After reviewing the information provided by the applicant, the Commission believes that the proposal will not adversely impact existing or potential agricultural use of the subject properties and the surrounding lands.

The Commission also assessed the impact of the rest of the proposed trail system not yet under application. After reviewing the information provided by the applicant, the Commission believes that the proposed trail link through the ALR west of Mitchell Park would adversely impact potential agricultural use of the subject property and existing agricultural use of the adjoining land to the north. The Commission also took note of a trail proposed to adjoin the ALR boundary and suggested it would need attention to litter abatement (but not to trespass prevention, given the presence of an irrigation ditch alongside the proposed trail).

Conclusion

That the proposal under application will not adversely impact agriculture.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Pranger

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Bose

THAT the application be allowed.

AND THAT the approval is granted on the understanding that the City of Pitt Meadows will be guided by Commission comments on the rest of the trail system, notably the advice that the link from Mitchell Park to Baynes Road be accomplished through the non-ALR area.

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 # 187/2008