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July 3, 2008

Reply to the attention of Jennifer Carson
ALC File: F-38084

Wyndel Box & Lumber Company Ltd
Box 40
Wyndel, BC V0B2N0

Dear Mr. Wigen:

Re: Application to Exclude land from the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 323/2008 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:


Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc: Regional District of Central Kootenay (A0812A-01181-000)

Enclosure: Minutes

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MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on June 3, 2008 in Cranbrook, B.C.

PRESENT: Monika Marshall Chair, Kootenay Panel
 Carmen Purdy Commissioner
 D. Grant Griffin Commissioner
 Jennifer Carson Staff

For Consideration

Application: # F- 38084
Applicant: Wynndel Box & Lumber Company Ltd.
Proposal: To exclude portions of the 1.5 ha and 6.2 ha subject properties from the ALR. The proposed area for exclusion is 3.9 ha and is situated south of Duck Lake Road.

Legal: 1. PID: 014-154-960
 Lot A, District Lots 191, 9552 and 13566, Kootenay District, Plan 6207
 2. PID: 015-721-477
 That part of Lot 67, District Lot 13566, Kootenay District, Plan 1859, lying South of the South Boundary of Plan 2799

Location: Wynndel

Site Inspection

A site inspection was conducted on June 3, 2008. Those in attendance were:

- Monika Marshall Chair, Kootenay Panel
- Carmen Purdy Commissioner
- D. Grant Griffin Commissioner
- Jennifer Carson Staff
- Michael Wigen Applicant

The Commission met with Mr. Wigen at the subject property to discuss the application. He explained his family's history in the area with regards to the sawmill and agriculture. Mr. Wigen also explained that they have plans for the expansion of the log yard into the non-ALR portion of the eastern property north of the road. The portion of the property proposed for exclusion is south of the road and would be used for a mobile home park for sawmill employees. Mr. Wigen explained that this would assist the company in attracting and retaining employees as he indicated that there was nowhere else in the area that could accommodate a mobile home park that would allow his employees to walk to work. Mr. Wigen also explained that he has other properties in the area that are being farmed, and mentioned that this proposed area for exclusion is an area where his farm manager will not farm due to limited agricultural capability.

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

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.

