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October 29, 2008

Reply to the attention of Brandy Ridout
ALC File: **H-38368**

Salmon Arm Elks Recreation Society
Box 1146
Salmon Arm, BC V1E4P3

Dear sir:

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

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution #650/2008 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 light blue horizontal line.

Erik Karlsen, Chair

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

cc: City of Salmon Arm (ALC-316)
BC Assessment

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A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on October 8, 2008 at the Keremeos Municipal Hall located at 702-4th Street, Keremeos, BC.

PRESENT:

Roger Mayer	Chair, Okanagan Panel
Sid Sidhu	Commissioner
Gerald Zimmermann	Commissioner
Brandy Ridout	Staff

For Consideration

Application: # H-38368
 Applicant: Salmon Arm Elks Recreation Society
 Proposal: To construct a 3,700 square foot (343.7 m2) assembly hall on the western portion of the 4.0 ha parcel. The building would contain an auditorium, kitchen and meeting room.
 Legal: PID: 010-544-364
 Lot 3, Section 30, Township 20, Range 9, W6M, Kamloops Division Yale District, Plan 4469
 Location: 3690 - 30th Street, NE, Salmon Arm

Site Inspection

A site inspection was conducted on October 7, 2008. Those in attendance were:

- Roger Mayer Chair, Okanagan Panel
- Sid Sidhu Commissioner
- Gerald Zimmermann Commissioner
- Brandy Ridout Staff
- Ron Redcliff Salmon Arm Elks Recreation Society
- Bill Hamner Salmon Arm Elks Recreation Society

Mr. Hamner confirmed that the staff report dated September 24, 2008 was received and no errors were identified. It was discussed that the subject property has been used for baseball fields since the 1960's and that the Salmon Arm Elks Recreation Society acquired the property in 1978 and has worked with various community groups since that time to construct the park improvements.

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

While the land is capable and suitable from an agricultural perspective, its recreational use pre-dates the ALR. As such, the Commission did not believe the construction of the proposed building would have a negative impact on agriculture.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Zimmermann

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mayer

THAT the application to construct a 3,700 square foot (343.7 m²) assembly hall on the western portion of the 4.0 ha parcel 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 #650/2008



 Subject Property

**Provincial Agricultural Land Commission
Application #H-38368
Resolution #650/2008**

 Approved 3,700 square foot
assembly hall