

Agricultural Land Commission

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July 30, 2009

Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard ALC File: X-38883

City of Powell River 6910 Duncan Street Powell River, BC V8A1V4

Dear Sir/Madam:

Application to Subdivide land in the Agricultural Land Reserve Re:

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 237/2009 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.

Please send two (2) paper prints of the final survey plans to this office. When the Commission confirms that all conditions have been met, it will authorize the Registrar of Land Titles to accept registration of the plan.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Erik Karlsen, Chair

Enclosure: Minutes/Sketch Plan

cc: PRSC Land Developments Ltd. 201A - 7373 Duncan Street Powell River, BC V8A2K5

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APPENDIX A

Subdivision Plan

PLAN OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT A, DISTRICT LOT 450, PLAN BCP23887, GROUP 1, NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT. DATE OF PROPOSAL FEBRUARY 2, 2009 Rem A PLAN BCP23887 DISTRICT LOT 450 PROPOSED LOJ D

ALC Application X – 38883

ER: LOPMENTS LTD.

ROW EXISTING MAPPING

Subdivision Approved in terms of ALC Resolution Number 237/2009

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on May 26, 2009 in Duncan, B.C.

PRESENT:

Lorne Seitz

Chair, Island Panel Commissioner

Jennifer Dyson Niels Holbek

Commissioner

Roger Cheetham

Staff

ABSENT:

For Consideration

Application:

X- 38883

Applicant:

PRSC Land Developments Ltd.

Agent:

City of Powell River

Proposal:

To subdivide a 76.0 ha parcel into 2 lots to facilitate the development

of a City Park.

Legal:

1. PID: 026-685-591

Lot A, District Lot 450, New Westminster District Group 1, Plan

BCP23887

Location:

City of Powell River

Site Inspection

A site inspection was conducted on 27th March 2009. Those in attendance were:

Lorne Seitz

Chair, Island Panel

David Craven

Commissioner

Jennifer Dyson

Commissioner

Roger Cheetham

Staff

Regina Sadilkova

Applicant

The Commission walked through a portion of the park that is located within the ALR and noted that it comprises second growth trees and is deeply incised by Willingdon Creek. The Commission also noted that the boundary of the reserve is not well related to the topography, use or apparent soil conditions in this area.

Commissioner Eligible to Vote

Commissioner N. Holbek was not present at the site inspection. It was confirmed that a summary of the site inspection was provided thus establishing the Commissioner's eligibility to vote on the application.

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.

The Act provides processes for landowners, local governments and First Nations to apply to the Commission to remove land from or to include land into the ALR or to subdivide or use land in the ALR for non-farm purposes.

Discussion

The Commission noted that the subdivision was required to enable the acquisition of the property by the City for park purposes. In the light of the site inspection the Commission was of the view that the property had limited agricultural potential. Moreover the Commission noted that the subdivision would provide benefits for the local community by enabling the City to secure the property for park purposes. The Commission concluded that the subdivision would have little impact on agriculture

IT WAS

MOVED BY:

Commissioner J. Dyson

SECONDED BY:

Commissioner L. Seitz

THAT the application be approved.

AND THAT the approval is subject to the following conditions:

- the preparation of a subdivision plan to delineate the area to be excluded per the drawing submitted with the application
- the provision of a link on the City's website to the local farmers' market and the provision
 of a sign in the City at an arterial intersection directing the public to the local farmers'
 market complete with hours and a place for special event information.
- the subdivision must be completed within three (3) years from the date of this decision.

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 # 237/2009