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March 30, 2010

Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard
ALC File #38650 (ID # 45579)

Ryan Vantreight
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Dear Sir:

Re: Request for Reconsideration

This is further to your letter of November 17, 2009 (received by e-mail January 27, 2010) in which you asked the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission to reconsider Resolution #13/2009.

The Commission has reconsidered the matter and has attached the Minutes of Resolution # 2298/2010 outlining its latest decision. As agent, it is your responsibility to notify your client(s) accordingly.

Other approvals may be necessary. Prior to proceeding, the Commission suggests you contact your Local Government.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Karlsen', is written over a horizontal line.

Erik Karlsen, Chair

cc: District of Central Saanich Attn: Hope Burns

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 February 19, 2010.

PRESENT:	Erik Karlsen	Chair
	Niels Holbek	Commissioner
	Jennifer Dyson	Commissioner
	Gordon Bednard	Staff

For Consideration

A letter from Ryan Vantreight was received requesting that the Commission reconsider its decision recorded as Resolution #13/2009. It indicated that as the local government and area residents were not supportive of the location for the proposed farmworker's housing, the applicant proposed an alternate site on another property owned and operated as farm by the applicant.

Application:	#38650
Applicant:	Ian Vantreight
Agent:	Ryan Vantreight
Original proposal:	To place temporary farm worker accommodation for between 30 and 90 seasonal workers on the subject property to harvest daffodil and vegetable crops throughout the year.
Original decision:	THAT the application for temporary housing to accommodate a maximum of 90 seasonal farmworkers be approved; AND THAT approval is subject to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• THAT the location of the accommodations be in the area identified in the submitted proposal.• THAT the total area used for the complex be a maximum of 4900 square meters (approximately 0.5 ha) and that the footprint of the proposed buildings be a maximum of 2000 square meters .• THAT the accommodations be utilized as farmworker accommodations only. Other farms in the area needing farmworkers on a seasonal basis, could utilize the accommodations when necessary.• THAT a progress report be submitted to the Commission and a review takes place within five years after full operation to ensure that all conditions have been met.• THAT Commission approval is based on the current scale of the Vantreight farm operation. The Commission reserves the right to review its approval in the event that the farm operation is substantially reduced in size or ceases to operate. Approval of the project would lapse if the property ceases to be used for agricultural purposes.
Current proposal:	A new location for the farmworkers accommodation (50 workers –in dorm-style accommodation) on another property owned and operated as farm by the applicant.

Legal: Lot 2, Plan 7415, Section 2, Range 2 East, South Saanich land
District
Location: 8370 East Saanich Road, Central Saanich BC

Site Inspection

No site inspection was conducted on the new location

Discussion

The Commission considered that the proposal was substantially the same as the original, and that only the location had changed to accommodate local concerns.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Erik Karlsen
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Niels Holbek

THAT for the purposes of Section 33(2) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*, only the local government may be affected by the reconsideration and noted that staff had advised the local government of the proposed change, and received comments in return which were reviewed by the Commission. .

AND THAT the request as per the information received January 27, 2010 be approved.

AND THAT the approval is subject to the following conditions:

- THAT the location and site coverage of the accommodations be consistent with the area identified in the submitted proposal. ...3
- THAT the accommodations be utilized as farmworker accommodations only. Other farms in the area needing farmworkers on a seasonal basis, could utilize the accommodations when necessary.
- THAT a progress report be submitted to the Commission and a review takes place within five years after full operation to ensure that all conditions have been met.
- THAT Commission approval is based on the current scale of the Vantreight farm operation. The Commission reserves the right to review its approval in the event that the farm operation is substantially reduced in size or ceases to operate. Approval of the project would lapse if the property ceases to be used for agricultural purposes.

AND THAT the applicant be advised that the time limit for submitting a request for reconsideration is one (1) year from the date of the original decision letter.

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 # 2298/2010

**I certify that this is a true
record of the proceedings.**


(Chair / Commissioner)

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Approved farm development proposal (as proposed)

Vantreight Farms
Blink Bonnie Market

