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13th January 2010

Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard
ALC File: 50460

School District # 64
Attention to: David Henshall
112 Rainbow Road
Saltspring Island, BC
V8K 2K3

Dear Sir:

Re: Application for non-farm use in the Agricultural Land Reserve

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 1886/2009 outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted application.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

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Erik Karlsen, Chair

Enclosure: Minutes

cc Islands Trust Salt Spring Island

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MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on 18th December 2009 at Duncan, BC

PRESENT:	Lorne Seitz	Chair, Island Panel
	Niels Holbek	Commissioner
	Jennifer Dyson	Commissioner
	Roger Cheetham	Staff

For Consideration

Application: 50460
 Applicant: School District # 64
 Agent: N/A
 Proposal: Non-farm land use – portable classroom
 Legal: PID 002-015-234, Lot C, Section 2, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District Plan 3995
 Location: 240 Rainbow Road

Site Inspection No site inspection was conducted

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

The Commission noted that the classroom was located between the high school and recreation centre both of which it had previously approved. In view of its location and small size the Commission did not consider that the subject property has much agricultural potential and was accordingly not opposed to the proposal. However bearing in mind its small size and the possibility that in the longer term a more suitable site might be found for the school it considered that there would be value in requiring the consolidation of the site with an adjoining property owned by the applicant.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner N. Holbek
SECONDED BY: Commissioner J. Dyson

THAT the application be approved subject to the consolidation of the property with an adjoining property.

This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government. This includes zoning, subdivision, or other land use bylaws, and decisions of any authorities that have jurisdiction under an enactment.

CARRIED
Resolution # 1886/2009