



**Agricultural Land Commission**  
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18<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard  
ALC File: 50728

Saanich Chamber of Commerce  
201-2453 Beacon Avenue  
Sidney, BC  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 1868/2009 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.

As noted in the attached Minutes, the Commission intends to contact the property owner in due course to discuss the future use of the property.

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

Enclosure: Minutes

cc: District of North Saanich

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

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

**For Consideration**

Application: 50728  
Applicant: Province of British Columbia and Ministry of Labour and Citizen's Services Accommodation and Real Estate Services  
Agent: Saanich Chamber of Commerce  
Proposal: Non-farm land use – Visitor Centre washrooms  
Legal: PID 000-238-465, Lot 3, Section 15, Range 2 East, North Saanich District, Plan 13825  
Location: 10382 Pat Bay Highway

**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 proposal related to a small area with no agricultural potential. It also noted that the bulk of the property to the west of the visitor centre has been developed as a works yard for BC Ferries. The Commission considered that there would be value in meeting with the owners of the property to clarify the present and intended future use of the property with a view to ensuring that appropriate buffering is provided to protect adjoining properties within the ALR, particularly that to the west.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner L. Seitz

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner J. Dyson

THAT the application be approved.

**CARRIED**  
**Resolution # 1868/2009**