



Agricultural Land Commission Staff Report

DATE: July 15, 2010
TO: Vice Chair and Commissioners - South Coast Panel
FROM: Terra Kaethler

RE: Application # 51551
PROPOSAL: Non-Farm Use - Establish a wedding business

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Background: Operate farm style wedding ceremonies and receptions from May to September
Received Date: February 8, 2010
Applicant: Richard Kramp, Roberta Drake
Agent: N/A
Local Government: City of Chilliwack

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

PID: 018-047-319
Legal Description: Lot 3 District Lot 392 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan LMP8135
Civic Address: 9977 Grigg Road
Area: 2.8 ha
ALR Area: 2.8 ha
Purchase Date: December 11, 1992
Owners: Richard Kramp
Roberta Drake

Total Land Area: 2.8 ha
Total ALR Area: 2.8 ha
Current Land Use: Hobby farm, two existing residences (large estate farm house and small -in-law house for guests), two outbuildings (chicken coupe and a barn); Blue Heron nesting grounds, cattle, free range chickens and 0.8 ha for grass/grazing

PROPOSAL DETAILS

Non Farm Use

| Area | Agricultural Capability | Agricultural Capability Source |
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| 1.6 | Prime | BCLI |

Surrounding Land Uses:

North Crop use. Large cedar tree farm
East Crop use. Cedar trees and assorted tree crops
South (owners pond and tree area divide this property). Existing horse boarding business, riding area and pasture
West Empty tree lot area. No crops or exisiting residence

Official Community Plan

Bylaw Name: City of Chilliwack OCP 1998
Designation: n/a
OCP Compliance: Yes

Zoning

Zoning Bylaw Name: Bylaw 2001 No. 2800
Zoning Designation: AL Zone (Agricultural Lowland)
Minimum Lot Size: 8.0 ha
Zoning Compliance: Yes

Committee Recommendations

| Type | Recommendation | Description |
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| Planning Staff | Approve | That the application be forwarded with support |
| Board/Council | Approve | That the application be forwarded with support |

STAFF COMMENTS

The use of the property for weddings and receptions would be seasonal (May-Sept).

The area proposed for the non-farm use is currently used for residential purposes. The only structures proposed are a wedding tent and a gazebo. No permanent structures are proposed.

Parking will be kept onsite, on the front lawn. Traffic is expected to increase, however, as they live at the end of a no-thru road, it is unlikely to significantly impact adjacent agricultural operations.

The applicants also propose to increase their agricultural use of the property by housing additional livestock. They also plan to showcase agriculture as a part of the events.

ATTACHMENTS

- 51551 LG report.pdf
- 51551 proposal.pdf
- 51551_ContextMap50k.pdf
- 51551_ContextMap20k.pdf

END OF REPORT

Signature

Date