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Reply to the attention of Tony Pellett  
ALC File: 46408

City of Coquitlam  
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Attention: Dana Soong—Manager, Utility Programs

**Re: Proposal to Relocate Cedar Drive into the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)**

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # **2628/2011** outlining the Commission's decision as it relates to the above noted planning review. The Commission considered the rationale related to the *Partington Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan* and the resultant need to relocate Cedar Drive sufficiently to provide adequate capacity in Partington Creek during rain storms. The Commission believes that the City of Coquitlam is aware of the precedent cases which have led to requirements that water flows resulting from urban development must not be directed to farmland. The Commission also believes that the need to relocate Cedar Drive into the ALR exists even if no urban runoff enters Partington Creek.

In submitting an application under Part 4 of the ALR Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation, please ensure that landowners are given sufficient time to consider whether to raise issues directly with the Commission in accordance with the "Advisory for Landowners" which forms part of the application form available on the Commission's web site.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'KA Pellett'.

Tony Pellett, Regional Planner

Enclosure: Minutes

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A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on 11 April 2011 by electronic communication.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Sylvia Pranger	Chair, South Coast Panel
	Michael Bose	Commissioner
	John Tomlinson	Commissioner
	Tony Pellett	Staff

**For Consideration**

Planning File 46408  
City of Coquitlam  
Partington Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan—Cedar Drive Realignment

**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 reviewed the background information contained in the staff report prepared by Tony Pellett, Regional Planner.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY:** Commissioner Tomlinson

**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Bose

THAT the City of Coquitlam be advised that when the Commission receives an application for relocation of Cedar Drive into the ALR, it will expect

1. that the loss of farmland will be as small as possible, recognizing that relocation is intended primarily to resolve a flooding issue which adversely affects the ALR and only incidentally to increase traffic capacity,
2. that the project design will be directed to resolving the existing flooding issue, with any future runoff from urban development being accommodated without direct or indirect impact to the ALR, and
3. that throughout the project, from the design phase to completion, the City will work closely with the Commission, the farm community and any other ALR landowners.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 2628/2011**