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ALC File: # 52606

Rose Fuhr  
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Dear Ms. Fuhr:

**Re: Application to Conduct a Non-Farm Use on Land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)**

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution # 78/2012 as it relates to the above noted application.

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.

Further correspondence with respect to this application should be directed to Gordon Bednard.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure: Minutes of Resolution #78/2012

cc: Peace River Regional District Attn; Owen Bloor file # 186/2011

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## **MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION**

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on September 20, 2012 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. as it relates to Application #52606.

### **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Bullock	Chair
Gordon Gillette	Vice-Chair
Jim Johnson	Commissioner
Lucille Dempsey	Commissioner
Denise Dowswell	Commissioner
Jim Collins	Commissioner

### **COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:**

Gordon Bednard	Land Use Planner
Martin Collins	Regional Planner
Colin Fry	Executive Director

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### **PROPOSAL**

Change the use of a former honey processing facility to other commercial use, as per e-mail received by Commission on August 8, 2012.

(Submitted pursuant to section 20(3) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

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### **LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT FOR COMMISSION CONSIDERATION**

Section 6 (Purposes of the commission) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* states:

- 6 The following are the purposes of the commission:
- (a) to preserve agricultural land;
  - (b) to encourage farming on agricultural land in collaboration with other communities of interest; and
  - (c) 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.

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### **COMMISSION CONSIDERATION**

After considering the file information the Commission concluded as follows:

The Commission noted that the existing commercial buildings had been used for an agriculturally related purpose (processing and sales of honey). Now that the honey processing business is no longer in operation (the owner/operator having passed away) the present owner wishes to have some latitude to allow other commercial operations to use the existing buildings. No new buildings or parking would be added to the site.

With the above in mind, the Commission did not consider that other commercial enterprises would negatively affect any surrounding agricultural land uses.

**IT WAS**

**MOVED BY: Commissioner Gillette**

**SECONDED BY: Commissioner Dempsey**

THAT the request for non-farm use as proposed in the correspondence received August 8, 2012 be approved.

AND THAT the approval is subject to the following condition:

- approval for non-farm use is granted for the sole benefit of the applicant and is non-transferable.

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 #78/2012**