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December 14, 2012

ALC File: #52851

Daryl and Cheryl Ireland
RR#2, Site 19, Comp 21
2933 - 216 Road
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4E8

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Application to Subdivide Land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

Please find attached the Minutes of Resolution #432/2012 as it relates to the above noted application.

The Commission draws your attention to Section 33(1) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* which provides an applicant with the opportunity to submit a request for reconsideration based on specific criteria.

- 33(1) On the written request of a person affected or on the commission's own initiative, the commission may reconsider a decision of the commission under this Act and may confirm, reverse or vary it if the commission determines that:
- (a) evidence not available at the time of the original decision has become available,
 - (b) all or part of the original decision was based on evidence that was in error or was false.

A revised proposal does not constitute new evidence and as such is not a basis for reconsideration. The time limit for submitting a request for reconsideration is one (1) year from the date of this letter.

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

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Underhill', is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Underhill, Executive Director

Enclosure: Minutes of Resolution #432/2012

cc: Peace River Regional District (File: 129/2012)

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MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

A meeting was held by the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission on November 20, 2012 at the offices of the Commission located at #133 – 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. as it relates to Application #52851.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bullock	Chair
Jennifer Dyson	Vice-Chair
Gordon Gillette	Vice-Chair
Sylvia Pranger	Vice-Chair
Bert Miles	Commissioner
Jim Johnson	Commissioner
Jerry Thibeault	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

PROPOSAL

To subdivide the 64.7 ha property into one 25.7 ha lot and one 39 ha lot. The purpose of the subdivision is to provide a home site for the applicants' daughter and son-in-law.
(Submitted pursuant to section 21(2) of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*)

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 agricultural capability of the land is similar to adjacent lands which are fully developed for agriculture. While a portion of the subject property is not cleared and used for agriculture at present, there appears to be no soil-based impediment to its future agricultural use. The Commission believes subdivision will limit the future potential of the land to be effectively farm for the widest possible range of crops.

The mandate of the Commission is to preserve agricultural land and to encourage farming within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The applicant has not provided any agricultural rationale for the proposed subdivision.

Conclusion:

The proposal for subdivision is inconsistent with the objective of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to preserve and encourage agriculture.

IT WAS

MOVED BY: Commissioner Miles
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Gillette

THAT the request be refused.

CARRIED

Resolution #432/2012