



## **Dec. 4, 2018 – ALC Information Update: Bill 52 – 2018 Agricultural Land Commission Amendment Act**

This ALC information update is to inform local governments, land owners and the general public.

### **General Summary:**

Bill 52 has received Royal Assent **but will not have force and effect until new ALR Regulations are adopted**. The Provincial Government is currently working on these ALR Regulations. The ALC anticipates that they will be adopted next year.

### **Housing Questions:**

If your proposed primary house is more than 500m<sup>2</sup> (5,382 sq ft), the following grandfathering provisions may apply:

#### **Primary Residence:**

To have a primary residence (1<sup>st</sup> house) larger than 500 m<sup>2</sup> grandfathered, you must have:

1. Received your building permit before the new ALR Regulations are adopted (if building permits are required where you live); AND
2. Construction of the foundation or alteration is substantially begun by November 5, 2019.

#### **Additional Residence (ie. 2<sup>nd</sup> House):**

To have your additional residence grandfathered, you must have:

1. Received your building permit before the new ALR Regulations are adopted (if building permits are required where you live); AND
2. Construction of the Foundation or alteration is substantially begun before the new ALR Regulations are adopted.

Until new Regulations are adopted, the ALC is not able to confirm if a project will meet the grandfathering conditions. This update is intended only to provide information with respect to the timing of the amendments to the ALC Act.

Please refer to the exact language of Bill 52 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading) on the Legislative Assembly of BC's website: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/41st-parliament/3rd-session/bills/progress-of-bills>