REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2014 2:00 PM

(Board Chambers)

AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

2-3 Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held May 23, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

4-5 Minister of Community Sports and Cultural Development, re: Medical Marihuana Production in British Columbia

ALC APPLICATIONS

6-34 ALR Application No. PL2014-051 – Kyler / J.E. Anderson – 2560 Grafton Ave & 2555 Tinern Road Parker Road, Electoral Area 'F'.

REPORTS

AAP Implementation Update (Verbal).

NEW BUSINESS

Food Security Workshop (Verbal).

ADJOURNMENT

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014 AT 2:00 PM IN THE RDN BOARD CHAMBERS

Present:

Director D. Johnstone Chairperson
Director H. Houle Electoral Area B
Director J. Fell Electoral Area F

K. Wilson
 M. Ryn
 C. Watson
 Representative (South)
 Representative (North)
 R. Thompson
 Representative (North)

C. Springford Regional Agricultural Organization
J. McLeod Regional Agricultural Organization

Also in Attendance:

W. HaddowP. ThompsonRegional Agrologist, Ministry of AgricultureA/ Gen. Manager of Strategic and Community

Development

J. Holm Manager of Current Planning

T. Armet Manager of Building, Bylaw & Emergency Services

G. Keller Senior Planner

A. Buick Planner

N. Hewitt Recording Secretary

Regrets:

K. Reid Regional Aquaculture Organization

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Johnstone called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED R. Thompson, that the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held March 28, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

ALC APPLICATIONS

ALR Application No. PL2014-027 - Maz-Can - Fern Road - 2729 Parker Road, Electoral Area 'E'.

MOVED J. Fell, SECONDED H. Houle, that Application No. PL2014-027 for subdivision in the ALR be forwarded to the Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation to approve the application.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Farm Classification Letter to BCAA (Verbal).

Paul Thompson provided a verbal update regarding the Farm Classification Letter to the BCAA.

Dogs Harassing Livestock Update (Verbal).

Tom Armet provided a verbal update regarding the Dogs Harassing Livestock.

Mayta Ryn presented to the Committee and provided her submission regarding her opinion on Dogs Harassing Livestock and model BC SPCA bylaws.

AAP Implementation Update (Verbal).

Greg Keller provided a verbal update regarding the AAP Implementation.

NEW BUSINESS

Agricultural Fair – 2017

Chairperson Johnstone asked Joanne McLeod if she could look to see if the Nanaimo Region can apply to hosting the Agricultural Fair for 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 2:55 pm

MOVED R. Thompson, SECONDED H. Houle, that this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

From: "Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX" < CSCD.minister@gov.bc.ca>>

Date: June 26, 2014 at 3:24:36 PM PDT

To: Mayor&Council < Mayor&Council@nanaimo.ca < mailto: Mayor&Council@nanaimo.ca >> >

Subject: Medical Marihuana Production in British Columbia

We are writing in our capacities as Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister of Agriculture, regarding issues relating to medical marihuana production in British Columbia.

Many local governments have expressed concern regarding the potential establishment of medical marihuana production facilities in our communities, under the new federal regulations. Some local governments and stakeholders have written expressing an array of concerns, the most common messages concerning the exclusion of these facilities from qualifying for provincial farm class and if they would be considered an allowable farm use.

These concerns have been taken seriously and we understand that the establishment of these facilities within your communities will have a potential impact on services and costs. We brought your concerns to the attention of Honourable Christy Clark, Premier, and our Cabinet colleagues in the context of a larger discussion about medical marihuana production in the province.

After careful consideration, we are pleased to inform you that the Province of British Columbia has made a decision to implement a regulatory change that excludes medical marihuana, and any other federally regulated narcotic, from being eligible for farm classification for property assessment and tax purposes. This decision to treat medical marihuana as a restricted narcotic substance and a pharmaceutical is also consistent with the Province of Alberta. This change will apply to facilities located on both Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and non ALR lands.

In addition, please be advised that the Province will continue to view medical marihuana production facilities as an allowable farm use on ALR lands. The Ministry of Agriculture's policy position is that local governments should not prohibit medical marihuana production in the ALR. Any local government that has passed or is considering bylaws that address the issue of medical marihuana production within its boundaries may wish to seek legal counsel, as enacting such a bylaw may give rise to a constitutional challenge as frustrating a lawful initiative of the federal government. This is consistent with the position of the Agricultural Land Commission's updated Information Bulletin from January 2014 (http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/publications/ALC Info Bulletin Marihuana Amended Jan 2014.pdf<http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/publications/ALC Info Bulletin Marijuana Amended Jan 2014.pdf<).

Any applicant for a license must comply with all federal requirements including security and building standards, as well as local bylaws regulating site-specific requirements.

Consistent with British Columbia government policy, the Minister of Agriculture does not intend to approve any bylaw that would prohibit the production of medical marihuana in the ALR.

The Ministry of Agriculture will, however, offer guidance to local governments on the degree in which one of their farm bylaws could regulate medical marihuana production in the ALR through a Minister's Bylaw Standard specific to the production of medical marihuana on ALR land and will involve local governments in the development of those standards.

Minister's Bylaw Standards establish standards for the guidance of local government in the preparation

of various bylaws affecting agriculture. Examples of current Minister's Bylaw Standards include:

- o Building setbacks from lot lines
- o Maximum lot coverage
- o Maximum building heights

More information about Minister's Bylaw Standards is available on the Ministry of Agriculture's website at: www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/guide to bylaw development/Guide to ByLaw Dev index.htmhttps://www.al.gov.bc.ca/resmgmt/sf/guide to bylaw development/Guide to ByLaw Dev index.htm>.

Overall, we believe this decision reflects a balanced approach, which considers the interests of the federally licensed facility operators, the interests of the agricultural sector and the purpose of the Agricultural Land Reserve, and the concerns of local governments and communities. Also, please see Information Bulletin and Backgrounderhttp://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2014/06/bc-preserves-local-governments-tax-revenues-from-medical-marijuana-growers.html for more information.

Sincerely,

Coralee Oakes
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Norm Letnick Minister of Agriculture



MEMORANDUM

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) DATE: July 4, 2014

FROM: Angela Buick FILE: PL2014-051

Planner

SUBJECT: Request for Comments on an Application for Subdivision in the ALR

Lot 51, District Lot 8, Cameron District, Plan 1981 Except the Westerly 4.96 Chains

2560 Grafton Ave. and 2555 Tintern Road - Electoral Area 'F'

APPLICATION BACKGROUND:

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has received an application to facilitate a two-lot subdivision.

The subject property (see Attachment 1 and 2), is approximately 4.36 ha in area, is contained entirely within the ALR and is zoned Agriculture 1 (A-1) Pursuant to "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999". The parcel is bound by ALR lands (zoned A-1) to the north, east and west, and non-ALR land (zoned Forestry/Resource 1) to the south. Access is gained from Grafton Road to the north and Tintern Road to the south. The property currently contains one dwelling unit, a cabin, a manufactured home under construction and a pool and deck. The site plan shows that the pool and deck are to be removed.

The applicant is proposing to subdivide the subject property into two lots in accordance with the plan of proposed subdivision submitted by Ken Kyler of J.E. Anderson dated May 15, 2014: Proposed Lot A (.55 ha in size) containing the existing the existing house and cabin and Proposed REM Lot 51 (3.81 ha in size) containing one double-wide manufactured home under construction (see Attachment 11). As the A-1 zoning permits two dwelling units only, a third dwelling unit are not permitted.

Pursuant to "Regional District of Nanaimo Area 'F' Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw No.1285, 2002", the A-1 zone requires a 4.0 ha minimum parcel size for subdivision. As both of these lots would not meet the minimum parcel size requirement; the application, as proposed, is not consistent with the current zoning. Pursuant to the "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999", the subject property is within the Resource Lands land use designation. This designation supports a 4.0 ha minimum parcel size for lands located within the ALR. Therefore, a rezoning application is not supported.

Within the A-1 zone, the minimum road frontage requirement for subdivision is 100 metres. The proposed plan indicates approximately 10 metres of road frontage for REM 51. If approved, the applicant would be required to apply for a variance to the zoning bylaw for Board approval to reduce the required road frontage. As the parcel contains a watercourse, the applicant would also be required to apply for a Fish Habitat Development Permit pursuant to the "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999" for Board approval.

AAC Members were given an opportunity to attend the site visit held June 25, 2014 (See Attachment 12 of the Local Government Report for applicant's submission).

BOARD POLICY AND PROCESS:

As you are aware, recent amendments to Board Policy B1.8 – Review of Provincial Agricultural Land Reserve Applications provides opportunity for the AAC to review and provide comments on ALR applications for exclusion, subdivision and non-farm use on lands within the ALR. As per Board Policy B1.8, the applicable standing Board resolution is included for the ALC's information as part of the attached Local Government Report. A copy of this report, including comments from the Area Director, is included for your review and comment. Following this review, a copy of the Local Government Report, including comments from the Area Director and the AAC, will be forwarded to the ALC for consideration.

Report Writer

Local Government Report

Under the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation

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Information supplied by:		Mapsheet.	92F.030.3.1	
Regional Distr	rict of Nanaimo	Legal Address:	Lot 51, District Lot 8, Cameron District, Plan 1981 Except the Westerly 4.96 Chains	
Local Go	overnment	Civic Address:	2560 Grafton Ave. and 2555 Tintern Road	
In respect of the application of:				
Ken Kyler of J.E. Anderson & As	sociates on behalf of Steve Vogel			
Name of	f Applicant			
PLANS and BYLAWS (Attach relevan	t sections of bylaws)			
Community Plan and Rural Land Use "Regional District of Nanaimo Electo Land Use Designation: 'Resource Lan	ral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw	No. 1152, 1999		
Zoning Bylaw name and designation: "Regional District of Nanaimo Area 'F' Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw No. 1285, 2002" - Zoning: A-1 (Agriculture 1)				
Minimum Lot Size: 4.0 ha				
Uses permitted & A-1 Permitted Uses: Dwelling Unit and Farm use Maximum Density: A-1 Maximum Density: 2 Dwelling Units provided that one of the dwelling units is a Manufactured Home.				
Are amendments to Plans or Bylaws	required for the proposal to proceed?			
Plan Yes No	Bylaw Yes	⊠ No		
Is authorization under Sec. 25 (3) or	30 (4) of the Agricultural Land Commission	Act required?		
Yes (If yes, please attach resol	ution or documentation)	⊠ No		
COMMENTS and RECOMMENDATION Board or Council:	ONS (Include copies of resolutions) Standing Board resolution as per Policy E Strategy, the Regional District of Nanai Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) an	mo fully suppor	rts the mandate of the	
Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) for agricultural use. The Regional Districe encourages the ALC to only consider subdivision where in the opinion of the ALC the proposal will not negatively impact the agricultural use of the land or adjacen ALR lands.				

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RDN. File No.

Fee Receipt No.

Electoral Area Director:

Director Julian Fell: In 1912, the Area known today as Coombs and western Errington, was subdivided by the Salvation Army in a uniform grid pattern of 10 acre lots with the intention of setting up a farming community. This resulted in a unique land division appearance, when viewed in aerial photos, somewhat resembling the Prairies and distinct from any other part of the Regional District. The widespread occurrence of tillite-based hard pan and seasonal precipitation extremes largely precluded profitable farming and a majority of the land is still forested.

In the Coombs area the land is widely intersected by meandering branches of French Creek which run in ravine-like channels or through wide flood plains dependent on local topography. The grid lots were laid out without any attention to the path of these streams. Many lots are crossed by these stream channels and the topography makes bridging a major works undertaking. Add today's riparian regulations and bridging is essentially impractical.

This application repeats prior ones arising from the same cause. The two parts of the property lying north and south of the watercourse are more isolated than if they were on opposite sides of a road. Other properties lying up and down stream of this application subject have already been separated for the same reason.

Of importance to this application is the impact on agricultural potential. Under this application the lands remain in the ALR. The division along the stream bed removes no farmable land from farm use. There is no measurable Agricultural impact. Given this, I see no reason to disallow this subdivision.

Advisory Planning Commission:	n/a			
Agriculture Advisory Committee:				
Planning Staff:	Angela Buick, Planner	Phone: (250) 390-6510	Email: abuick@rdn.bc.ca	

Background

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The subject property (see Attachment 1 and 2), is approximately 4.36 ha in area, is contained entirely within the ALR and is zoned Agriculture 1 (A-1) pursuant to "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999". The parcel is bound by ALR lands (zoned A-1) to the north, east and west, and non-ALR land (zoned Forestry/Resource 1) to the south. Access is gained from Grafton Road to the north and Tintern Road to the south. The property currently contains one dwelling unit, a cabin, a manufactured home under construction and a pool and deck. The site plan shows that the pool and deck are to be removed.

The applicant is proposing to subdivide the subject property into two lots in accordance with the plan of proposed subdivision submitted by Ken Kyler of J.E. Anderson dated May 15, 2014: Proposed Lot A (.55 ha in size) containing the existing house and cabin and Proposed REM Lot 51 (3.81 ha in size) containing one double-wide manufactured home under construction (see Attachment 11). As the A-1 zoning permits two dwelling units only, a third dwelling unit is not permitted.

Pursuant to "Regional District of Nanaimo Area 'F' Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw No.1285, 2002", the A-1 zone requires a 4.0 ha minimum parcel size for subdivision. As both of these lots would not meet the minimum parcel size requirement; the application, as proposed, is not consistent with the current zoning. Pursuant to the "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999", the subject property is within the Resource Lands land use designation. This designation supports a 4.0 ha minimum parcel size for lands located within the ALR. Therefore, a re-zoning application is not supported.

Within the A-1 zone, the minimum road frontage requirement for subdivision is 100 metres. The proposed plan indicates approximately 10 metres of road frontage for REM 51. If approved, the applicant would be required to apply for a variance to the zoning bylaw for Board approval to reduce the required road frontage. As the parcel contains a watercourse, the applicant would also be required to apply for a Fish Habitat Development Permit pursuant to the "Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999" for Board approval.

Land Use

Pursuant to the "Regional District of Nanaimo Area 'F' Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw No.1285, 2002" the parcel is zoned A-1 (Agricultural 1) (see Attachment 3 and 4). Minimum parcel size outlined in the A-1 zoning is 4.0 ha.

The A-1 zone permits Dwelling Unit and Farm Use as uses and allows 2 dwelling units on the lot, provided that one dwelling unit is a Manufactured home.

Official Community Plan Designation

The subject property is designated as 'Resource Lands - within the ALR' pursuant to the Regional District of Nanaimo "Regional District of Nanaimo Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999" (see Attachment 7).

Development Permit Areas

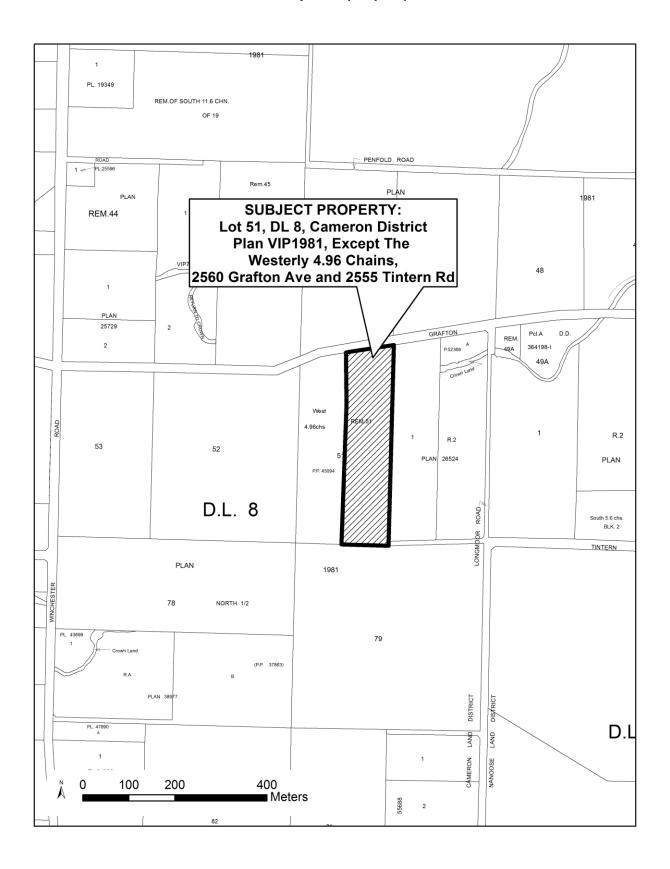
Pursuant to "Regional District of Nanaimo Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999" the parcel is currently designated within the Fish Habitat and Watercourse Protection Development Permit Areas. A development permit will be required prior to any subdivision or alteration of the land within the Development Permit Area.

Regional Growth Strategy

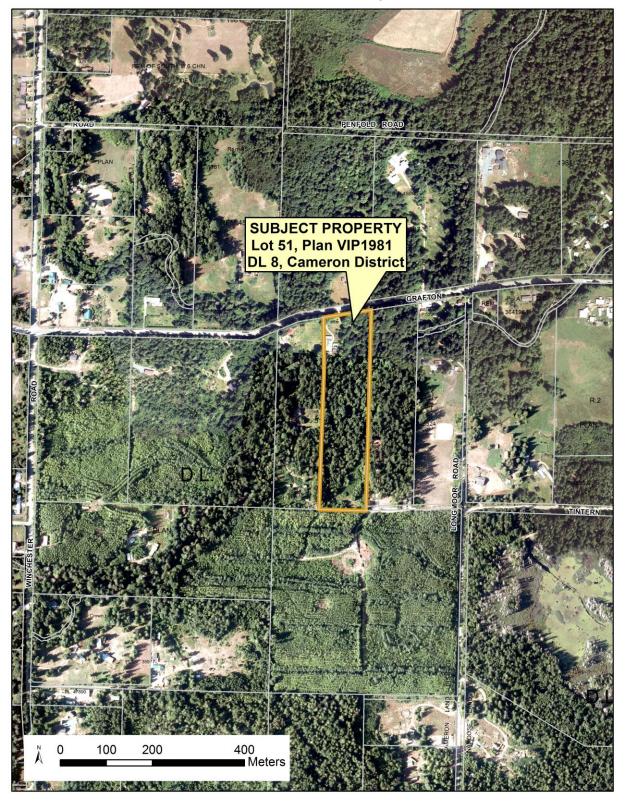
The subject property is designated 'Resource Lands and Open Spaces' pursuant to the "Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615, 2011" (RGS). Further to this, the Regional Growth Strategy encourages enhance economic resiliency and food security by protecting and preserving the agricultural land base through the ALR (Attachments 8 to 10).

Angela Buick, Planner	
Report Writer	

Attachment 1 Subject Property Map

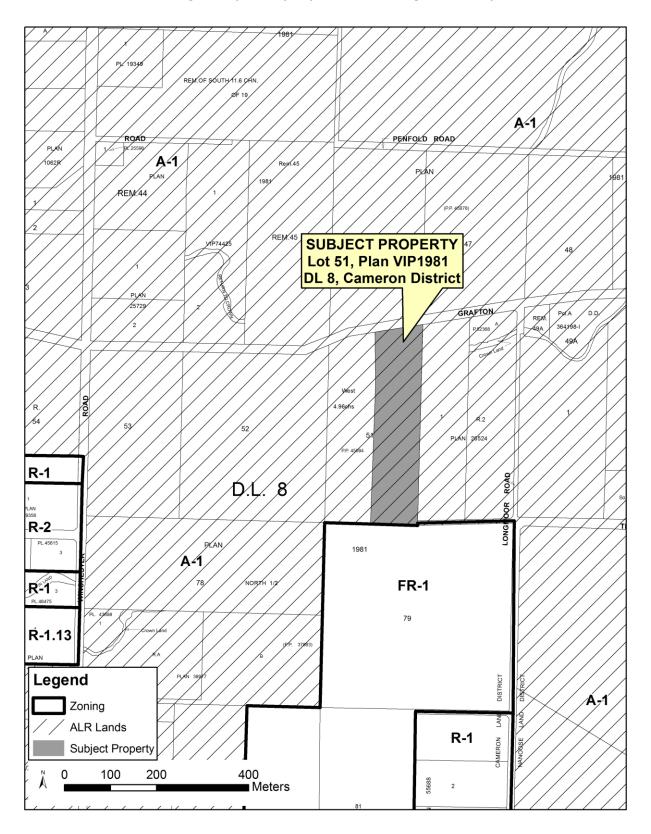


Attachment 2 2012 Aerial Photo - Map



Attachment 3

Zoning of Subject Property and Surrounding Lands - Map



Attachment 4 A-1 Zoning



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A-1 - AGRICULTURE 1

SECTION 4.1

4.1.1 Permitted Principal Uses

- a) Dwelling Unit
- b) Farm Use

4.1.2 Permitted Accessory Uses

- a) Accessory Buildings and Structures
- b) Farm Business
- c) Home Based Business

Notwithstanding the Permitted Principal Uses listed above, any use designated or permitted pursuant to Section 2 of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation* or farm use permitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, unless specifically prohibited or regulated by this Bylaw, is permitted within this zone. ¹

4.1.3 Regulations Table

Category	Requirements
a) Maximum Density	2 Dwelling Units per lot, provided that one Dwelling Unit is a Manufactured Home
b) Minimum Lot Size	4 ha
c) Minimum Lot Frontage	100 metres
d) Maximum Lot Coverage	10 %
e) Maximum Building and Structure Height	10 metres
Minimum Setback from Front and Exterior Side Lot Lines All Other Lot Lines	4.5 metres 2 metres
g) Minimum Setback of all buildings or structures housing livestock or manure from all lot lines and/or watercourses	30 metres
h) General Land Use Regulations	Refer to Section 3 – General Regulations

4.1.4 Regulations

- a) Despite any regulation in this Bylaw, land established as "Agricultural Land Reserve" pursuant to the Agricultural Land Reserve Act is subject to the Agricultural Land Reserve Act and Regulations, and applicable orders of the Land Reserve Commission.
- b) Any parcel existing prior to the date of adoption of this Bylaw, which fails to meet the minimum parcel size requirements contained in this Bylaw, shall not be reason thereof be deemed to be nonconforming, and may be used for any permitted use in the zone in which it is located except that where the zone

Electoral Area 'F' Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw No. 1285, 2002



Zones

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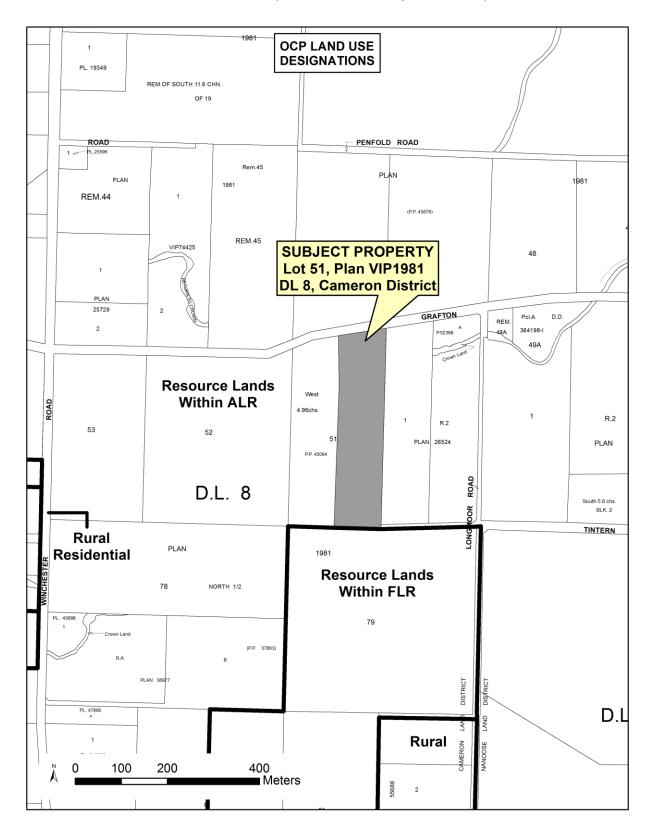
allows residential use, only one dwelling unit shall be allowed on any such undersized parcel. Permitted uses shall be subject to all other conditions required of that zone.

4.1.5 Additional A-1 Zones

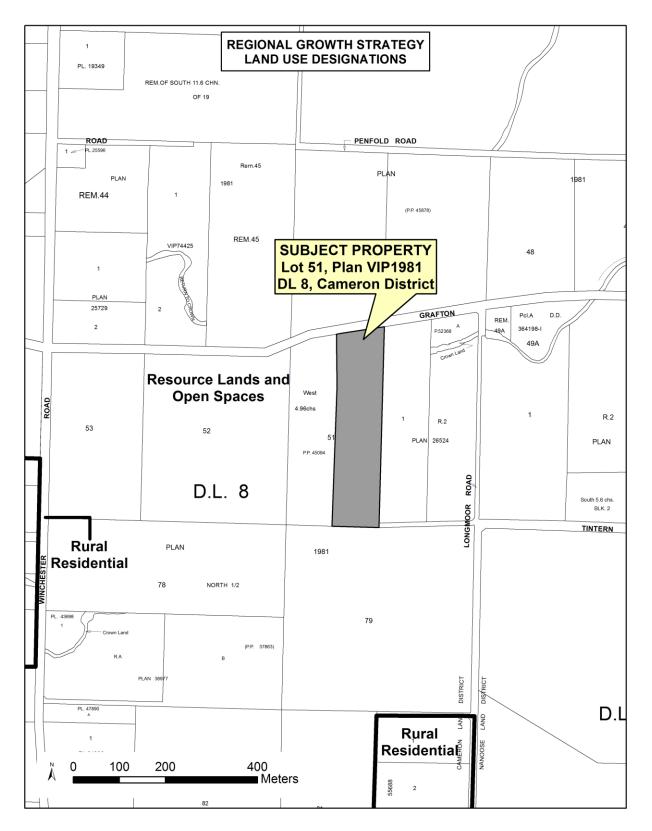
Principal and accessory uses as set out in Section 4.23 (A-1.1 to A-1.19 inclusive) are permitted in addition to those uses permitted in the A-1 zone. 1

¹ Bylaw No. 1285.01, adopted April 13, 2004

Attachment 5
Official Community Plan Land Use Designations - Map



Attachment 6
Regional Growth Strategy Land Use Designations - Map



Attachment 7

Official Community Plan 'Resource lands – Within the ALR' Land Use Designation

Electoral Area 'F' Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1152, 1999

General Policies

- Despite the size of current lots in these areas, newly created lots within this designation shall have a minimum permitted parcel size of 2.0 hectares.
- Permitted uses shall be rural uses, home based businesses, and accessory uses.
- Residential development shall be permitted at a maximum density of 1 dwelling unit per 1.0 hectare to a maximum of 2 dwelling units per parcel.
- Additional existing dwelling units may be recognized on certain parcels subject to the conditions outlined in the zoning bylaw and the criteria outlined in this OCP.



Resource Lands

This designation applies to lands that are valued for agriculture, forestry, natural resource extraction or environmental conservation opportunities. This Plan designates as Resource Lands, lands located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, Forest Land Reserve, as well as Crown lands other than lands designated as Park Land. Lands designated Resource Lands are illustrated on Map No. 2.

It is recognized that there is a wide range of home based business activities occurring on ALR lands in Electoral Area 'F'. The Regional District of Nanaimo shall negotiate with the Agricultural Land Commission to obtain a General Order for Electoral Area 'F' to allow for an expanded definition of home based businesses beyond what is normally permitted by the ALC.

Objectives

- Support the long-term viability of the natural resource land base and protect it from activities and land
 uses that may diminish its resource value and potential.
- Ensure that resource operations comply with recognized standards and codes of practice and that unreasonable impacts on the natural environment are avoided.

General Policies

- For properties within the ALR or FLR, the regulations and policies of the ALC and FLC apply. These
 properties may also be subject to other local government bylaws.
- A 4.0-hectare minimum permitted parcel size for future subdivision shall apply to all lands designated Resource and currently situated in the ALR.
- A 50.0-hectare minimum permitted lot size for future subdivision shall apply to all lands designated Resource and currently situated in the FLR or Crown lands.
- Future residential development on Resource Lands shall be limited to one dwelling unit per parcel.
 Two dwelling units per parcel may be permitted where approval has been received from the ALC or FLC, if necessary, and subject to the zoning on the property.
- Permitted uses shall be associated with those uses supported by the ALC and FLC, such as agriculture, forestry, primary processing and outdoor recreation uses, including campgrounds.
- Where land is removed from the ALR or FLR, the Resource Lands designation shall remain and the permitted uses shall be limited to rural/resource activities as defined in the OCP and zoning.

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Attachment 8

Regional Growth Strategy 'Resource Lands and Open Space' Land Used Designation



The Resource Lands and Open Space land use designation includes:

- Land that is primarily intended for resource uses such as agriculture, forestry, aggregate and other resource development; and
- Land that has been designated for long-term open space uses.

This designation includes:

- Land in the Agriculture Land Reserve;
- Crown land;
- Land designated for resource management or resource use purposes, including forestry, in official community plans;
- Recognized ecologically sensitive conservation areas;
- Provincial parks;
- Regional parks;
- Large community parks;
- Cemeteries;
- Existing public facilities outside of areas planned for mixed-use centre development;

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- Destination Resorts; and
- Golf courses.

Resource activities on land in this designation should be encouraged to operate in ways that do not harm the functioning of natural ecosystems. Land use control, and resource management of lands in this designation is shared between landowners, local, provincial and sometimes federal government. Much of the forest land is privately owned. Forest companies, farmers, shellfish aquaculture (and associated research facilities) and aggregate resource development companies are recognized to have the right to operate on land within this designation in compliance with local, provincial and federal government regulations.

No new parcels that are smaller than the size supported by the official community plan in effect at the date of the adoption of this *Regional Growth Strategy* may be created on land in this designation.

Attachment 9

Regional Growth Strategy Goal 7 - Enhance Economic Resiliency - Agriculture

Agriculture

- 7.14 Recognize the importance of agriculture to the region's economy. To this end, the RDN and member municipalities agree to:
 - Support the management of the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) by the provincial government;
 - Encourage the provincial government to protect the agricultural land base through the ALR;
 - Support the agricultural use of ALR lands within designated Urban Areas or Rural Village Areas except in instances where urban land uses have already been established at the time of the adoption of this RGS;
 - Recognize that all ALR lands will be subject to the regulations of the Agricultural Land Commission;

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- Support the preparation of a study of agriculture in the region for the purpose of identifying the issues and needs (both immediate and future) of the agricultural sector;
- Encourage and support value-added agricultural industries; and
- Enhance opportunities for agricultural activity on lands not in the ALR.

Attachment 10 Regional Growth Strategy Goal 8 – Food Security (Page 1 of 4)

 Goal 8 - Food Security - Protect and enhance the capacity of the region to produce and process food.

Most of the food we eat comes from other parts of the world. A study conducted by the Region of Waterloo Public Health in Ontario (M. Xuereb, 2005) found that 'Imports of 58 commonly eaten foods travel an average of 4,497 km to Waterloo Region'. Although there are currently no regionally specific studies estimating the distance food travels to reach our plates, it is safe to estimate that many of the foods we regularly consume travel on average at least 2,400 km to reach us (a widely quoted figure for North America, based on research conducted in Iowa by R. Pirog, et al 2001).

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Attachment 10 Regional Growth Strategy Goal 8 – Food Security (Page 2 of 4)

Despite ongoing debate about the environmental benefits of 'buying local' food versus making dietary changes (C. Weber and H. Scott Matthews, 2008), it is clear that our dependence on imported foods means that our access to food is vulnerable to the effects of weather and political events that may occur thousands of kilometers away. As well, world energy prices play a large role in the cost of food production and distribution. Greater food security means that more food is grown locally and therefore is not as susceptible to events occurring outside the region.

Local food production generates numerous economic, environmental and social benefits. Agriculture employs almost 3,000 people and generates a flow of income into the region. Local sources of food help reduce the region's carbon footprint by reducing transportation-related GHG emissions. In addition, the nutritional content of locally produced food is often greater than imported food — providing a healthier choice of food for residents.

The '5 A's' of food security:

- Available sufficient supply
- Accessible efficient distribution
- Adequate nutritionally adequate and safe
- Acceptable produced under acceptable conditions (e.g. culturally and ecologically sustainable)
- Agency tools are in place to improve food security

(J. Oswald, 2009)

Ensuring the long-term viability of farming and agricultural activity in the region requires a coordinated effort on the part of local, provincial and federal authorities. In addition to the provisions of Policy 5.4, the RDN and member municipalities can undertake a number of actions to support and enhance the viability of food production in the region as set out in the following policies (See Map 5 – Agricultural Lands).

Protecting the agricultural land base is a key requirement for enhancing food security. The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) established by the Province in 1973 has largely been effective in reducing the loss of agricultural lands. Since 1974 the percentage of land protected under the ALR in the RDN has decreased approximately 12%, from 10.10% of the total land base to approximately 8.85% (www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alr/stats).

The majority of ALR lands in the RDN are located in rural Electoral Areas, with smaller portions located within the boundaries of municipalities. This RGS recognizes and supports the jurisdiction of the ALC over all ALR lands and strongly supports the retention and use of all ALR lands for agriculture. The RDN will continue to endorse the Agricultural Land Commission's efforts in preserving agricultural lands. Other actions that would enhance food security in the region include:

- Supporting improved access to sustainable water supplies for irrigation;
- Encouraging best water management practices in agriculture;
- Providing drainage infrastructure for flood-prone lands that do not include environmentally sensitive areas;

Attachment 10 Regional Growth Strategy Goal 8 – Food Security (Page 3 of 4)

REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY Shaping Our Future

 Improving infrastructure to provide agricultural services and processing; and improving access to markets.

Policies

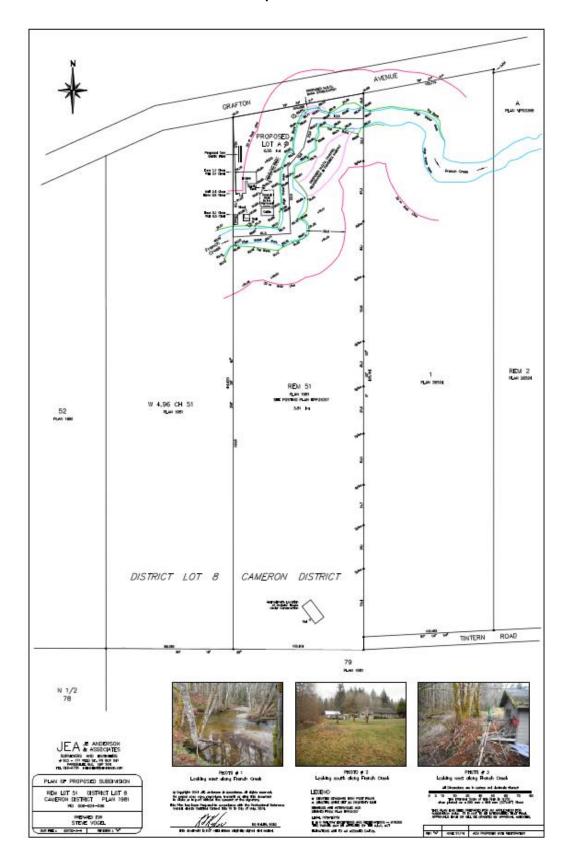
The RDN and member municipalities agree to:

- 8.1 Encourage and support the Agricultural Land Commission in retaining lands within the ALR for agricultural purposes.
- 8.2 Discourage the subdivision of agricultural lands.
- 8.3 Include provisions in their official community plans and zoning bylaws to allow for complementary land uses and activities that support the on-going viability of farming operations.
- 8.4 Establish agriculture as the priority use on land in the ALR.
- 8.5 Minimize the potential impact non-farm land uses may have on farming operations and include policies in their official community plans and zoning bylaws that reduce the opportunity for land use conflicts to occur.
- 8.6 Encourage and support agricultural activity on lands that are not within the ALR. This may include small-scale home-based agricultural businesses.
- 8.7 Recognize the importance of value-added agricultural uses and complementary land use activities for the economic viability of farms. To support complementary farm uses, official community plans should consider:
 - The provision of appropriately located agricultural support services and infrastructure;
 - Reducing impediments to agricultural processing and related land uses;
 - Allowing compatible complementary land use activities (e.g., agri-tourism);
 - Allowing farmers' markets and other outlets that sell local produce to locate in all parts of the community.
- 8.8 Encourage urban agriculture initiatives and support activities and programs that increase awareness of local food production within the region.
- 8.9 Support the appropriate use of water resources for irrigation of agricultural lands.
- 8.10 Support the provision of drainage infrastructure to flood-prone lands that do not lie within environmentally sensitive areas.
- 8.11 Work in collaboration with federal and provincial agencies, adjacent regional districts, and agricultural organizations to improve access to markets for agricultural products.

Attachment 10 Regional Growth Strategy Goal 8 – Food Security (Page 4 of 4)

- 8.12 Support partnerships and collaborate with non-profit groups to enhance the economic viability of farms.
- 8.13 Support farms that produce organic agricultural products and use sustainable farming practices.
- 8.14 Support the production, processing, distribution and sale of locally grown produce (including shellfish).

Attachment 11 Plan of Proposed Subdivision





Attachment #12

APPLICATION BY LAND OWNER



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TYPE OF APPLICATION (Che	ck appropriate box)		MAY	Z U 2014
EXCLUSION under Sec. 30(1) of the Agricultural	Land Commission Act	SUBDIVISION in the A		
INCLUSION under Sec. 17(3) of the Agricultural	Land Commission Act	Non-farm USE in the A under Sec. 20(3) of the Agricu		mission Act
APPLICANT				E'A'F
Registered Owner: ULLRICH STEFAN VOGEL		Agent: KEN KYLER, BCLS		
Address: 1460 WINCHESTER ROAD		Address: POBOX 247		
QUALICUM BEACH		PARKSVILLE		
ВС	Postal Code V9K 1Y2	BC	Postal V9P 2	
Tel. (home) (250)738-0221 (world Fax () N/A	s)()	Tel. (250) 248-5755 Fax () N/A		
E-mail N/A		E-mail ken@jeanderson.com		
LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURIS REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANA	IMO	e name of Regional District or I	Municipality)	
LAND UNDER APPLICATION	(Show land on plan			
Title Numb	per	Size of Each Parcel (Ha.)	Date of P Month	Purchase Year
CA3014296 Remainder Lot \$1, Plants	an 1981	4.36	FEB	2013

OWNERSHIP OR INTERESTS IN OTHER LANDS WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY

(Show information on plan or sketch)

If you have interests in other lands within this community complete the following:

Title Number(s): FB49520 N 1/2 Lot 78, Plan 1981

Rem Lot 51 is bi-sected by a major fish bearing stream, French Creek. The portion lying north of the natural boundary of French Creek is approximately 0.45 ha and contains the existing residence, cabin and outbuildings. The portion lying south of French Creek is forested. Construction across French Creek to access the south portion is not practical. To access the south portion, the travel distance from the residence is approximately 5 km, east on Grafton, south on Ward, and west on Tintern.

The proposal is to subdivide the northerly 0.54 ha adjacent to Grafton Avenue along the centre-line of French Creek. It would then be practical to use the south portion for agricultural purposes as a separate parcel.

A similar subdivision was approved two properties to the east in 1991 to create Lot A, Plan VIP52368.

The owner intends to replace the existing septic field, which is close to the bank of French Creek, with a new septic field that will be 30 m away from French Creek.

The owner is willing to register a Covenant to restrict each of the parcels to one dwelling.

CURRENT USE OF LAND (Show information on plan or sketch)

List <u>all</u> existing uses on the parcel(s) and describe all buildings
PORTION NORTH OF FRENCH CREEK - RURAL RESIDENCE - HOUSE, CABIN, SHOPS
PORTION SOUTH OF FRENCH CREKK - UNDEVELOPED

USES ON ADJACENT LOTS (Show information on plan or sketch)

North

UNDEVELOPED / RURAL RESIDENCE

East

UNDEVELOPED / RURAL RESIDENCE

South

UNDEVELOPED / FORESTRY

West

UNDEVELOPED / RURAL RESIDENCE

DECLARATION

I/we consent to the use of the information provided in the application and all supporting documents to process the application in accordance with the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and regulation. Furthermore, I/we declare that the information provided in the application and all the supporting documents are, to the best of my/our knowledge, true and correct. I/we understand that the Agricultural Land Commission will take the steps necessary to confirm the accuracy of the information and documents provided.

Date

Date

///R7 Date Signature of Owner

Signature of Owner or Agent

Signature of Owner or Agent

Print Name

KENKYLEL BCLS

Print Name

Print Name

Please ensure the following documents are enclosed with your application:

- Application fee payable to the Local Government
- Certificate of Title or Title Search Print
- Agent authorization (if using agent)
- Map or sketch showing proposal & adjacent uses
- Proof of Notice of Application *(See instructions)
- Photographs (optional)





APPLICATION BY A LAND OWNER

under the Agricultural Land Commission Act to

- exclude land from the ALR
- include land in the ALR
- subdivide land in the ALR
- use land in the ALR for non-farm purposes

The Applicant's Information Package contains useful information for preparing your application. Before you begin, review this information, particularly the factors the Commission does and does not consider in making its decision and the sample of the plan or sketch required to accompany your application.

Your plan or sketch must identify individual parcels by legal description and must specify the dimensions of each parcel. If you do not have a plan of your property, your local government office may be able to provide one for you.

To avoid delays in processing your application, please ensure that all parts of the form are completed and that all additional documentation and fees are enclosed.

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Provincial Agricultural Land Commission Room 133, 4940 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 4K6 Telephone: (604) 660-7000 Fax: (604) 660-7033 www.alc.gov.bc.ca

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

TYPE OF APPLICATION

EXCLUSION: Check this box if you wish to exclude the land from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

INCLUSION: Check this box if you wish to include land in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

SUBDIVISION: Check this box if you wish to subdivide but keep the land within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

NON-FARM USE: Check this box if you wish to use land for non-farm purposes but keep the land within the Agricultural Land Reserve. (Note: If your proposal involves the placement of fill or removal of soil, please complete the Application for Non-farm Use to Place Fill or Remove Soil, instead of this form.)

APPLICANT

This is the registered owner of the land or an agent acting on behalf of the owner. If there is more than one registered owner, all owners' names must be shown. An agent must supply written authorization of <u>all</u> owners.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Specify the municipality or regional district in which the property is located.

LAND UNDER APPLICATION and INTERESTS IN OTHER LANDS

Refer to your registered title to complete this part. The size of parcel refers to the <u>entire</u> parcel, not just the area under application. If you do not know the size of your property, your local government office may be able to assist with this information. Copies of the Certificate of Title or Title Search Print must accompany your application.

PROPOSAL

Be clear and precise in describing the proposal and purpose of the application.

If proposing to subdivide, be sure that the number, area and dimensions of the parcels are noted, including the remainder of the parcel. A plan or sketch showing the proposal is required.

If proposing a non-farm use, provide details on the area, buildings, parking, and other physical alteration of the land that the non-farm use will require. Include a plan or sketch if appropriate.

Explain what steps you may be proposing to reduce potential impact on surrounding agricultural lands such as landscape screening, fencing, etc.

CURRENT USE OF LAND and ADJACENT USES

Describe the current use of the <u>whole</u> parcel and the types of activities on adjacent lots. Include any historical use of the property, particularly its use for farming activities. Show this information on a plan or sketch.

SIGNATURE(S)

<u>All</u> registered owners of the land must sign the application or provide written confirmation that they consent to the application. If an agent signs the application form, he/she must provide written authorization to act on behalf of the owner(s).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

If you are applying to <u>exclude</u> your land from the ALR, your application must be accompanied by proof of the advertising, serving and posting requirements of Section 16 of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION and ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS TO:

- the Municipality in which the land is located;
- if not within a Municipality, the Regional District or Islands Trust in which the land is located.

The following **must** be enclosed:

- Application fee (\$600) payable to the Local Government
- Certificate of Title or Title Search Print
- Agent authorization (if using agent)

- Map or sketch showing proposal & adjacent uses
- Proof of Notice of Application *(See instructions)
- Photographs (optional)

INCOMPLETE OR MISSING INFORMATION WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATION

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the Municipal or Regional District or Islands Trust office in which the property is located. You may also contact the Commission's office.



APPLICATION BY LAND OWNER

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EXCLUSION under Sec. 30(1) of the Agricultural	Land Commission Act	SUBDIVISION in the under Sec. 21(2) of the Agri		mmission Act
INCLUSION under Sec. 17(3) of the Agricultural	Land Commission Act	Non-farm USE in the under Sec. 20(3) of the Agri		mmission Act
APPLICANT				
Registered Owner: ULLRICH STEFAN VOGEL		Agent:		
Address:		KEN KYLER, BCLS Address:		
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Fax () N/A		Fax () N/A		
E-mail N/A		E-mail ken@jeanderson.com		
LOCAL GOVERNMENT JURIS REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANA		e name of Regional District or	· Municipality)
LAND UNDER APPLICATION	(Show land on plan	or sketch)		
Title Numb	per	Size of Each Parcel (Ha.)	Date of Month	Purchase Year
CA3014296 Remainder Lot 51, Pl	an 1981	4.36	FEB	2013

OWNERSHIP OR INTERESTS IN OTHER LANDS WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY

(Show information on plan or sketch)

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APPLICATION BY OWNER SUBDIVISION IN THE ALR



PROPOSAL

CA3014296

Remainder Lot 51, Plan 1981

Rem Lot 51 is bi-sected by a major fish bearing stream, French Creek, which has a significant floodplain along the south side of the creek. After consultations with the Ministry of Transportation, the owner supports the Ministry's plans to stabilize the north bank of French Creek where it is undermining Grafton Road, and to construct a Channel Restoration and Fisheries Habitat area in the floodplain south of the creek.

Due to the elevations and width of the floodplain, construction of an access across French Creek between the two portions of Remainder Lot 51 is not practical.

The portion north of French Creek contains a house and outbuildings, and is accessed from Grafton Avenue. The portion south of French Creek is mainly forested and has a modular home under construction near the south property line, which is accessed from Tintern Road. Accesses between the two portions are approximately 5 km apart, east on Grafton Avenue, south on Ward Road, and west on Tintern Road.

The proposal is to subdivide off the north portion along the centre-line of French Creek. It would then be practical to utilize the south portion for agricultural purposes as a separate parcel. A similar subdivision was approved two properties to the east in 1991 to create Lot A, Plan VIP52368.

The owner intends to replace the septic field for the existing house, which is near the bank of French Creek, with a new septic field that will be 30 m away from the creek.

The owner is prepared to remove the small cabin and to register a Covenant to restrict the northerly parcel to one dwelling.

If desired by the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Agricultural Land Commission, the owner is prepared to submit an application to remove the 0.55 ha portion north of French Creek from the Agricultural Land Reserve and to rezone to single family use.

The 3.81 ha portion south of French Creek would remain in the ALR as a viable parcel for agricultural purposes.



To Whom It May Concern:

RE: LOT 51, DISTRICT LOT 8, CAMERON DISTRICT, PLAN 1981,

EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 4.96 CHAINS 2560 GRAFTON AVENUE, COOMBS, BC

Title No: CA3014296 PID 006-624-596

JE Anderson & Associates File No. 60730



Dear Sirs

I, ULLRICH STEFAN VOGEL am the registered owner of the above described Lot 51.

I hereby authorize Mr. Ken Kyler, BCLS of JE Anderson & Associates to act as my agent for the purpose of making the required applications for subdivision and development permits that may be required as part of the application to subdivide the above described Lot 51.

Dated at Parksville, BC, May 15, 2014.

ULLRICH STEFAN VOGEL

Print Name

KEN KYLER, BCLS

Signature of Agent

Print Name

TITLE SEARCH PRINT

2014-05-27, 13:29:37

Requestor: kgkyler

Folio/File Reference:60730

CURRENT INFORMATION ONLY - NO CANCELLED INFORMATION SHOWN

Land Title District

Land Title Office

VICTORIA VICTORIA

Title Number

CA3014296

From Title Number

FA47523

Application Received

2013-02-28

Application Entered

2013-03-06

Registered Owner in Fee Simple

Registered Owner/Mailing Address:

ULLRICH STEFAN VOGEL, BUSINESSMAN

1460 WINCHESTER ROAD QUALICUM BEACH, BC

V9K 1Y2

Taxation Authority

NANAIMO/COWICHAN ASSESSMENT AREA

Description of Land

Parcel Identifier:

006-624-596

Legal Description:

LOT 51, DISTRICT LOT 8, CAMERON DISTRICT, PLAN 1981 EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 4.96 CHAINS

Legal Notations

THIS CERTIFICATE OF TITLE MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION ACT; SEE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE PLAN NO. 5, DEPOSITED JULY 26, 1974

Charges, Liens and Interests

Nature:

Remarks:

EXCEPTIONS AND RESERVATIONS

Registration Number:

M76300

Registered Owner:

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAILWAY COMPANY

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AFB 9.693.7434A, 216814G, SECTION 172 (3),

FOR ACTUAL DATE AND TIME OF REGISTRATION SEE ORIGINAL GRANT FROM E & N RAILWAY COMPANY

Title Number: CA3014296

Title Search Print

TITLE SEARCH PRINT

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Requestor: kgkyler

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Nature:

Registration Number:

Registration Date and Time:

Registered Owner:

MORTGAGE

FA47524

2006-04-24 09:46

COASTAL COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Duplicate Indefeasible Title

NONE OUTSTANDING

Transfers

NONE

Pending Applications

NONE

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