



CITY OF WEST KELOWNA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2760 CAMERON ROAD, WEST KELOWNA, BC

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1. CALL THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with COVID-19 protocols, a viewing area that will accommodate three members of the public is available on a first come, first serve basis. This meeting is being webcast live and will be archived on the City's website.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held June 2, 2021 in the City of West Kelowna Council Chambers

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8.1. Z 20-08, OCP and Zoning Amendment, 2211 Campbell Road

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11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The next Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.



CITY OF WEST KELOWNA
MINUTES OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2760 CAMERON ROAD, WEST KELOWNA, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jan Bath, Chair
Geoffrey Oliver
Anton Schori
Nikko Shankman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Philip Gyug
Serina Penner, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Chris Oliver, Senior Planner
Sara Skabowski, Planning Student
Hailey Rilkoff, Planner II
Natasha Patricelli, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m.

In accordance with the most recent Provincial Health Officer Order regarding gatherings and events, the public was not permitted to attend the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting in-person. As an open meeting, it was webcast live and archived on the City's website.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held May 5, 2021 in the City of West Kelowna Council Chambers

It was moved and seconded

THAT the minutes of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting held May 5, 2021 in the City of West Kelowna Council Chambers be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PRESENTATIONS

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8. REFERRALS

8.1 DVP 20-08, 2789 Highway 97 South, Goats Peak Winery

Highlights of the presentation include:

Subject Property

- Large vacant agricultural property with 4.3 acres vineyard planted in Spring 2020;
- Located in the Goats Peak/Gellatly neighbourhood;
- Land Use Designation: Agricultural;
- Zoning: A1 - Agricultural;
- Located within Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);
- Surrounding land uses include:
 - North: Agricultural;
 - South: Goats Peak CDP Rural Residential;
 - West: Timber Processing and Service Commercial and future Rural Residential Medium Parcel (RU3);
- Over 17 acres (7 ha);

- 4.5 acres vineyard anticipated to be planted in 2021;

Previous Application

- Original application received May 2020 for Non-Farm Use application and DVP for height variance - designed as lighthouse;
- AAC supported the file at the June 4, 2020 meeting;
- Council postponed issuance of DVP 20-08 and supported Non-Farm Use for winery at the October 13, 2020 meeting;
- Non-Farm Use application A 20-01 currently still under review by ALC;
- Council recommended further public consultation and more detailed design of the lighthouse;

DVP Revised Proposal

- Revised proposal variance to increase height from 15m to 35.05m for a tasting facility;

Applicant Rationale

- Designed to maximize vineyard planting;
- Building design is a modern take on Tuscan towers with look-out pods;
- 4.3 acres vineyard planted in 2020 with 4.5 acres coming in 2021;
- Visual Impact Assessment showed renderings of viewpoints;

Policy & Bylaw Review

- OCP Review - protects and enhances agriculture while supporting economically sound community;
- Agricultural Plan - encourages efforts to increase economic activity of the agricultural industry;
- Zoning Review - A1 Zone permits winery however maximum building height of 15m;
- All other setting regulations are met by this revised proposal;
- ALR Policy - lot coverage limit of 5% and proposed lot coverage is approximately 3.7%;

No new referral comments have been received at this time;

Key Considerations

- Height of 35m is double maximum permitted height in any zone;
- Could be the tallest building in West Kelowna;
- Detailed design drawings included as requested by Council;
- Meets all other development and siting regulations.

Questions on the presentation:

- This application is only for the height variance? Yes, that is correct;
- Spoken with or comments received from cherry farm to the South? No correspondence received from the adjacent property. Re-notification will be sent prior to the application going to Council;
- Production area decreased from 6,000 sq. ft. to 1,500 sq. ft. Is there a reduction in the size of production and winery? Building footprint reduced to maximize more vineyard planting and more room for grape production;
- City has established guidelines - when should we give variance? Staff and Council take into account different considerations when variance applications are before Council;
- Are there any hardships that this variance is allowing for? The maximum height through the Zoning Bylaw could be met by having a shorter building;
- Tallest building on agricultural land? If the application is approved this would be the tallest building in West Kelowna. Current height restriction for non-barn buildings in the A1 zone is 15m;

Highlights of the discussion include:

- Concern with potential height conflict and impact of helicopters flying at the adjacent cherry farm;
- Regulations are there and exist for a reason; Floor plan reduced due to scale however the same overall square footage could be met within height restrictions;
- Location at the top of the hill - do not need to go higher to achieve a view;

- Height of structure doesn't affect agriculture with the exception of the impact for helicopters;
- Design preferred over lighthouse;
- Appreciate unique building;
- Supportive of application from an agricultural standpoint;
- Agricultural impact is low;
- Original application supported by previous AAC;
- Statement building that will attract visitors to this and other vineyards;
- From an observation perspective, could still meet the highest vantage point within restrictions.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the AAC not support DVP 20-08, 2789 Highway 97 South, Goats Peak Winery.

DEFEATED; Members Schori and Bath opposed

It was moved and seconded

THAT the AAC recommend support for DVP 20-08, 2789 Highway 97 South, Goats Peak Winery.

CARRIED; Member Shankman opposed

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW REFERRAL

File No: **Z 20-08** ☐ Original Application Referral
Referral Type: **OCP and Zoning Amendment** ☒ Revised Application Referral
File Manager: **Carla Eaton**
Subject: **Z 20-08, 1087032 BC LTD, 2211 Campbell Rd**
Referral Issued: **June 28, 2021**
Comments Due By: **July 14, 2021**

This Development Application has been referred to the following for information:

- Building Department Review
- Fire
- Parks
- Planning Review
- Dev. Engineering
- Economic Dev. Office
- BC Hydro
- Interior Health Authority
- SD No. 23
- Shaw Cable
- Telus
- BC Transit
- Westbank First Nation
- Agricultural Land Commission
- Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (via eDAS)
- Min. of Environment
- Min. of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations
- Min. of Agriculture
- Neighbourhood Assoc.
- Fortis BC

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DRC Meeting Date: July 14, 2021

Support/ Technical Staff: Catherine Snow

Applicant attending: July 21, 2021 ☒ Yes ☐ No

Related Files: A 11-04; Z 13-09; Z 17-07
(Blackmun Bay)

PROPERTY DETAILS

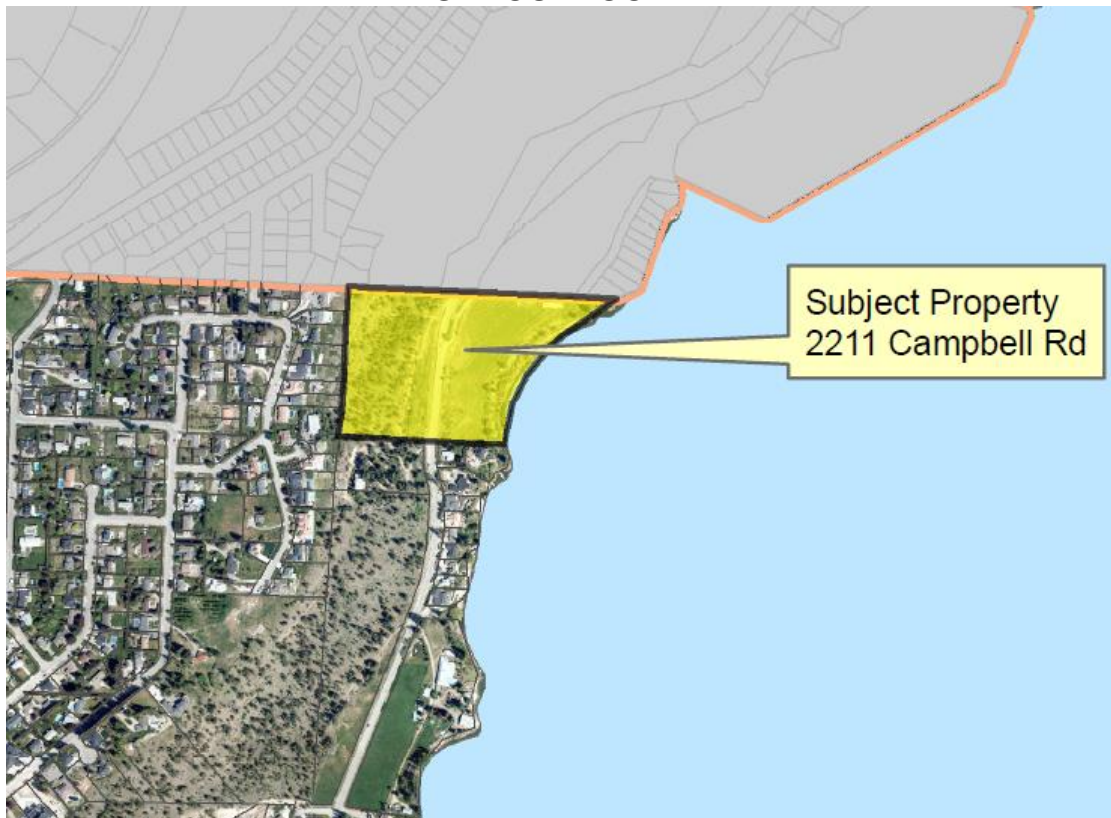
Address	2211 Campbell Rd		
PID	011-516-402		
Folio	36412782.000		
Lot Size (m²)	7.009 Ha (17.52 acres)		
Owner	1087032 BC LTD	Agent	CTQ Consultants Ltd./ E. Griffone
Current Zoning	A1 (Agricultural)	Proposed Zoning	R3 (Low Density Multiple Residential); A1 (Agricultural); W1

			(Recreational Water Use); & W3 (Commercial Water Use)
Current OCP	Agricultural	Proposed OCP	Low Density Multiple Family & Agricultural
Current Use	Vacant	Proposed Use	Residential townhouse development with waterfront marina and agricultural uses
Development Permit Areas		Hillside, Terrestrial, Aquatic, and possible future Form and Character for Multiple Family	
Hazards		Rock fall areas	
Agricultural Land Reserve		Partial area above Campbell Road	

ADJACENT ZONING & LAND USES

North	^	Westbank First Nation
East	>	Okanagan Lake, Waterfront
West	<	R1 - Single Detached Residential (Lakeview Heights)
South	v	RU2 – Rural Residential Small Parcel & R1 – Single Detached Residential

NEIGHBOURHOOD MAP



PROPERTY MAP



DESCRIPTION / OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND:

In February 2013, an appeal to the Agricultural Land Commission resulted in the exclusion from the ALR of a 1.7 hectare (4.30 acre) portion of the subject property along the western side of Campbell Road (File: A 11-04).

In March 2017, an application was made to amend the OCP designation of the property from Agricultural to Tourist Commercial and rezone the upper portion of the property and foreshore to a Comprehensive Development and Commercial Water use zone to facilitate a large (approximately 500 unit) mixed residential, hotel and marina development (Blackmun Bay). On November 12, 2019, following a Public Hearing with significant public opposition to the proposed development, Council denied the bylaw amendments and the file was closed.

In September 2020, a new OCP and Zoning Amendment application was made to allow for a proposed multiple family townhouse and apartment development, with marina. The OCP amendment from Agricultural to Core Centre Multiple Family land use designation was proposed to accommodate a Comprehensive Development Zone (CD 8). The amendment from the Agricultural (A1) zone to the CD8 zone was proposed to allow for a mixed townhouse and apartment development with up to 175 combined units. The proposal also included an amendment of the foreshore area from the Recreational Water Use (W1) zone to the Commercial Water Use Zone (W3) to allow for a 242 slip marina that has already received conditional approval from the Province subject to the successful rezoning application. Based on feedback from a public

consultation and City technical reviews, the application has since been revised and this new referral is being provided for your updated comment.

***** REVISED*** PROPOSAL:**

The revised application is proposing Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendments to allow for a proposed multiple family townhouse development with 45 to 60 units in duplex format, and a public waterfront marina. The OCP amendment from Agricultural to Low Density Multiple Family land use designation is necessary to support the proposed R3 Low Density Multiple Family Zone above Campbell Road. A site specific text amendment to the Agricultural (A1) zoned area below Campbell Road will allow for the proposed parking with roof top greenhouses in support of marina and agricultural related uses, subject to a separate Agricultural Land Commission approval for any non-farm uses. The proposal also includes an amendment of the foreshore area from the Recreational Water Use (W1) zone to the Commercial Water Use Zone (W3) to allow for a 242 slip marina that has already received conditional approval from the Province subject to the successful rezoning application. The proposed W3 Zone would include site specific text amendments to restrict the use of the area to 242 slips, identify a maximum dock length, and restrict boat launch, retail, or convenience operations from the zone.

REFERRAL INFORMATION:

The following information is attached for your review:

- Applicant Proposal Summary
- Proposed New Zoning Amendment Drawing
- Development Concept Drawings
- Agricultural and Marina Site Layout
- Conceptual Building Footprints for Townhouse Development
- Cross Section of Parking Structure/Greenhouse
- Agrologist Opinion Letter (Apr 21, 2021)

As there is an extensive history of technical reports prepared for the site, the applicant has submitted a number of update letters and revised reporting, and has committed to submit further technical reporting following a first reading consideration of Council for the proposed development concept. The following technical documents have been provided in support of the application. These are available for viewing internally through shared files (<H:\Shared Files\DRC>), **OR** for external agencies these reports may be requested by contacting the file manager directly by email (Carla.eaton@westkelownacity.ca).

****NEW OR UPDATED REPORTS:****

- Functional Servicing Report (Apr 22, 2021)
- Transportation Review (Apr 23, 2021)
- Engagement Summary Report (Jun 2021)

PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED REPORTS:

- Functional Servicing Report (Apr 22, 2021)

- Geotechnical Recommendations – Safe Site to Use, prepared by Calibre Geotechnical Engineering Ltd., dated August 28, 2020
- Geotechnical Assessment Update/Addendum, prepared by CTQ Consultants Ltd., dated September 8, 2020
- Functional Servicing Report, prepared by CTQ Consultants Ltd., dated September 4, 2020
- Transportation Review, prepared by CTQ Consultants Ltd., dated September 3, 2020
- Environmental Assessment Update/Addendum, prepared by CTQ Consultants Ltd., dated September 8, 2020
- Environmental Assessment Status for a New Submission, prepared by Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., dated September 3, 2020
- Casa Loma Water Intake Impact, prepared by CTQ Consultants Ltd., dated September 3, 2020
- Archaeological Overview Assessment Update Letter, prepared by Ursus Heritage Consulting, dated September 1, 2020
- Conceptual Architectural and Visual Impact Drawings for Sol-Aqua Terraces, prepared by MQN Architects, dated September 4, 2020

HISTORICAL REPORTING SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION:

- Archaeological Overview Assessment, prepared by Ursus Heritage Consulting Ltd., dated August 17, 2017
- Species at Risk Inventory, prepared by Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., dated April 2019
- Environmental Assessment of a Proposed Marina, prepared by Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., dated March 2014
- Addendum to the Environmental Assessment, prepared by Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., dated November 15, 2017
- Phase 1 – Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd., dated November 22, 2017
- Phase 2 – Geotechnical Investigation Report, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd., dated September 11, 2019
- Ph. 2 Geotechnical Executive Summary, prepared by Golder Associates Ltd., dated September 11, 2019
- Overview Geohazard Assessment Report, prepared by Tetra Tech EBA, dated September 15, 2016
- Casa Loma Water Quality Letter, prepared by Ecoscape Environmental Consultants Ltd., dated June 5, 2019
- Proposed Marina Impact on Water Quality, prepared by Tetra Tech Canada Inc., dated October 2, 2019
- Functional Servicing Report Revision 02, prepared by IBI Group, dated April 12, 2019

- Transportation Impact Assessment, prepared by Bunt & Associates, dated August 27, 2019

Referenced Historical City Reports:

- Offsite Sanitary Sewer Capacity (Rev 1), prepared by Urban Systems, dated October 4, 2019
- Water Servicing Review FINAL Memorandum, prepared by AECOM, dated July 11, 2019

COMMENTS:

Should you require any further information, or are unable to provide comments prior to the aforementioned comments due date, please contact the undersigned.

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Planner III

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June 15, 2021

ATTENTION:

Ms Carla Eaton, Senior Planner
City of West Kelowna

City File# Z 20-08
Application Type: OCP and Zoning Amendment (CD Zone and Water Zone)
Application Date: September 09, 2020
Property Address: 2211 CAMPBELL RD
PID: 011-516-402

RE: Revised Submission for Rezoning of Property: 2211 Campbell Road - Landstar Development

Please note that this application is a revision to the submission of September 2020, noted above.

It now includes the following:

1. OCP Amendment and Rezoning to R3 to permit Low Density Townhome Development (45-60 units) on portion above Campbell Road
2. A-1 Text Amendment to permit site specific use for parking/parking structure (with Greenhouses on top) on ALR portion below Campbell Road
3. W-3 with Text Amendment for a Marina at edge of subject land/Okanagan Lake, to permit a 241 boat-slip marina/moorage with limitations prescribed in the Text Amendment. The Marina has received conditional approval by both necessary Federal and Provincial authorities.

The request for changes is depicted on the "Overall Zoning Map" attached herewith.

In keeping with our understanding of necessary submittal requirements, we also attach the following:

1. Updated Functional Servicing Report that reflects the development scenario of no greater than 60 MFR units.
2. Updated Traffic Impact Assessment Letter that reflects the development of no greater than 60 MFR units.
3. An updated Footprints plan that depicts location of the Townhouse development on the west side of Campbell Road, including emergency access road through adjacent property, and the remaining lands on the upper side of the development footprint to be protected by Restrictive Covenant. The footprint also defines the approximate location of the main entry road/lane off Campbell Road.

4. Schematic Drawings that illustrate the Concept of the proposed townhouse development, including the scenario of 44 townhomes in duplex strata format. This scenario was developed with relatively large units.
5. Conceptual representation of the parking proposal and supporting documentation for the A-1 Text Amendment, including:
 - a. Plan view concept drawing of where the parking could be located
 - b. Cross-section of the parking structure with Greenhouses located on top level
 - c. Agrologist Opinion Letter (includes Map from BC Grape Atlas in support of the Farm Restoration)
6. Text Amendment for W-3 Zone in Draft Form
7. Letter of Support by Owner of Adjacent Property to the South (Mr and Mrs Don McEachern) for a Mutual Road Access Agreement.
8. Titles (Updated) for the Subject Property and adjacent Property.
9. Our report on Public Engagement Results for the Revised Application.

In keeping with our discussions between CTQ and Ms Carla Eaton, we acknowledge the following:

- A series of supporting technical studies have already been filed with the City, and will continue to serve as part of this revised application;
- That the City of West Kelowna may request additional or updated information related to the above noted technical studies, subsequent to First Reading of Council;
- That the City of West Kelowna may request additional information or clarification on the attached submission;
- That Signs must be posted at the site in a format prescribed by the municipality;
- That the City of West Kelowna reserves the right to determine when a Non-farm Use Application for parking on the ALR lands to the Agricultural Land Commission may be submitted.

CTQ thanks you and your colleagues very much for your cooperation and support to date. We are excited about moving forward with this application and trust that staff will do its utmost to move the application forward to consideration of First Reading by Council in the coming weeks. If CTQ can do anything to assist your review, please do not hesitate to ask. We are hoping that we can beat the summer slow down period.

Sincerely,

Ed Grifone, MCIP, RPP, M.A.

Senior Consultant, Planning and Development

Copy: Mr Robert Moskovitz, Landstar Development Corporation

ATTACHMENTS



Reference Map

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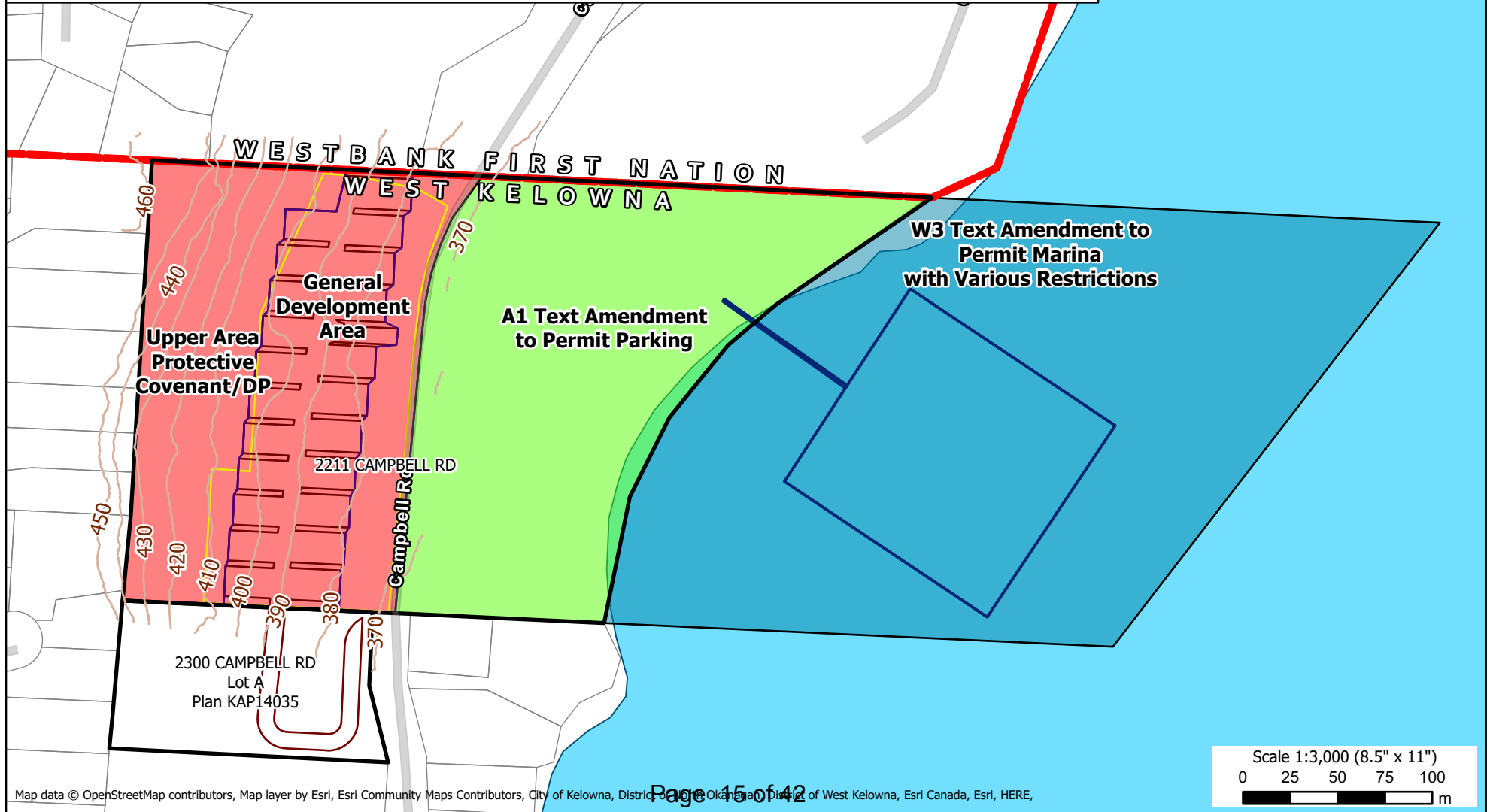
Sol Aqua Townhomes Proposed New Zoning 2211 Campbell Road



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Drawn By: DG
Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N

Legend

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Contours | General Development Footprint |
| New Zoning | Moorage Construction Area |
| A1 to R3 | 2021 Development Footprint |
| A1 with Text Amendment | 2019 Development Footprint |
| W3 with Text Amendment | Parcels |
| Jurisdictional Boundary | Okanagan Lake |
| Project Parcel Boundaries | |



West Kelowna SolAqua Townhouses

Schematic Design | March 19, 2021

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Introduction

Project Overview - Site Plan and Statistics

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SolAqua - Approximate Statistics

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Units

40 - 50 TOTAL UNITS

UPHILL UNITS:	259 SM (2,784 SF) TOTAL UNIT AREA
	177 SM (1,906 SF) ABOVE GRADE (GFA)
	130 SM (1,394 SF) FOOTPRINT
DOWNHILL UNITS:	233 SM (2,509 SF) TOTAL UNIT AREA
	111 SM (1,193 SF) ABOVE GRADE (GFA)
	152 SM (1,636 SF) FOOTPRINT
GARAGE / UNIT:	41 SM (440 SF)

Approximate Development Areas (44 Unit Example)

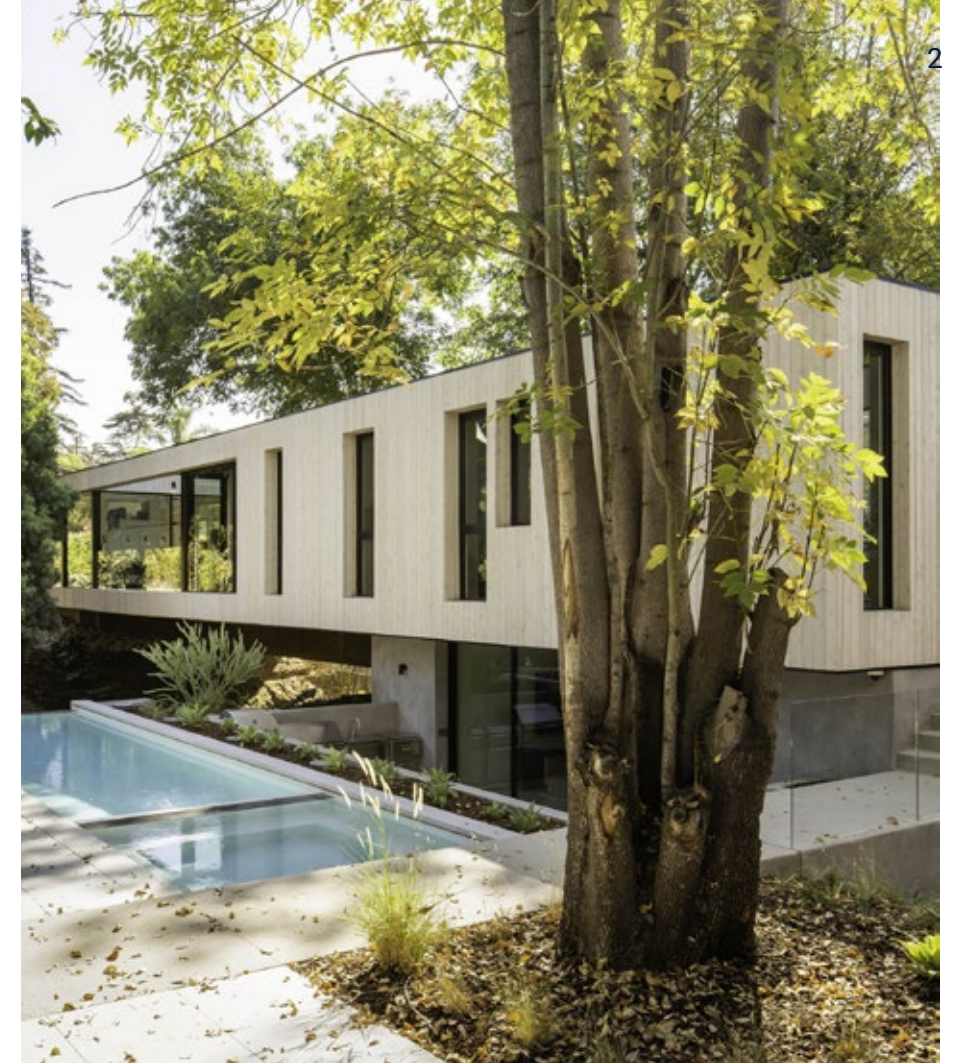
ABOVE GRADE (GFA):	6,336 SM (68,200 SF)
BELOW GRADE:	4,488 SM (48,308 SF)
GARAGES:	1,804 SM (19,360 SF)
TOTAL BUILT FORM:	12,628 SM (135,927SF)
TOTAL BUILDING FOOTPRINT:	6,204 SM (66,779 SF)
FOOTPRINT INCLUDING PAVING:	13,384 SM (144,064 SF)



Precedents

- Clean and contemporary volumes.
- Simple material palette.
- Large, strategically placed windows to maximize the view and minimize heat gain in hot summers.

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Precedents

- Slope adaptive design.
- Warm interiors.
- Feature entrances.
- High-quality garage door finish:
 - Polycarbonate.

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Materiality

Options

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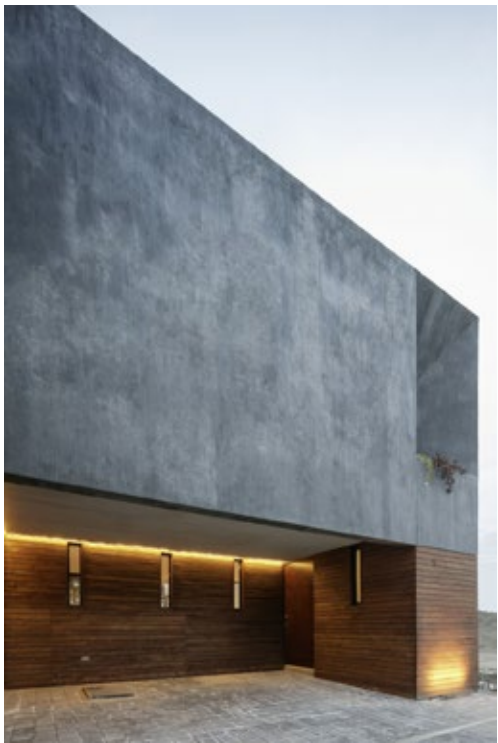
Fibre Cement / Standing Seam
Horizontal / Vertical



Glass Fibre Reinforced Concrete Panels



Exposed Concrete / EIFS



Rendering

Campbell Road Travelling South

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Rendering

Campbell Road Travelling North

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Rendering

Aerial View Northwest

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Rendering

Aerial View West

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Rendering

Entering the Site

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Rendering

Internal Road View 1

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Rendering

Internal Road View 2

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Rendering

Internal Road View 3

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Rendering

Uphill Units

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Rendering

Downhill Units

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Renderings

Development Comparison

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Blackmun Bay (550 Units)



Sol Aqua Townhouses (44 Units)



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Development Comparison

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Blackmun Bay (550 Units)

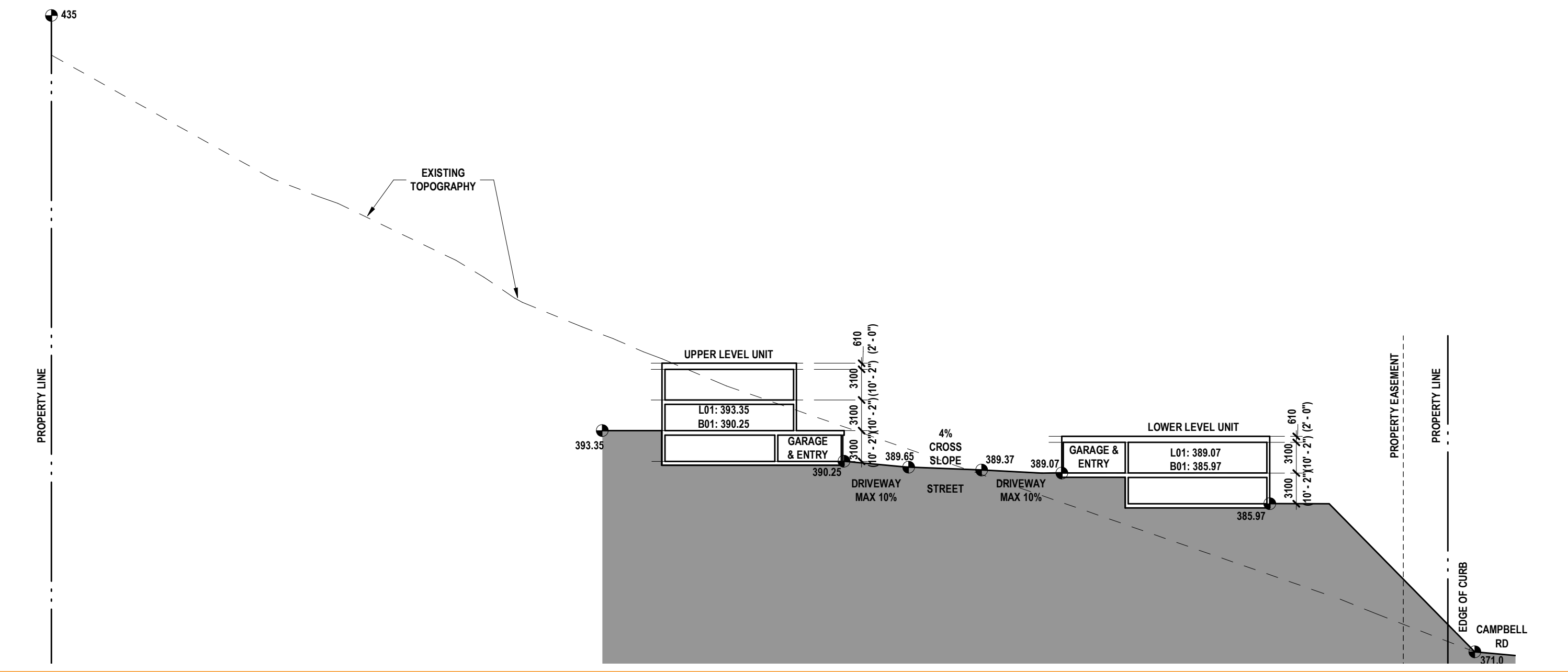


Sol Aqua Townhouses (44 Units)



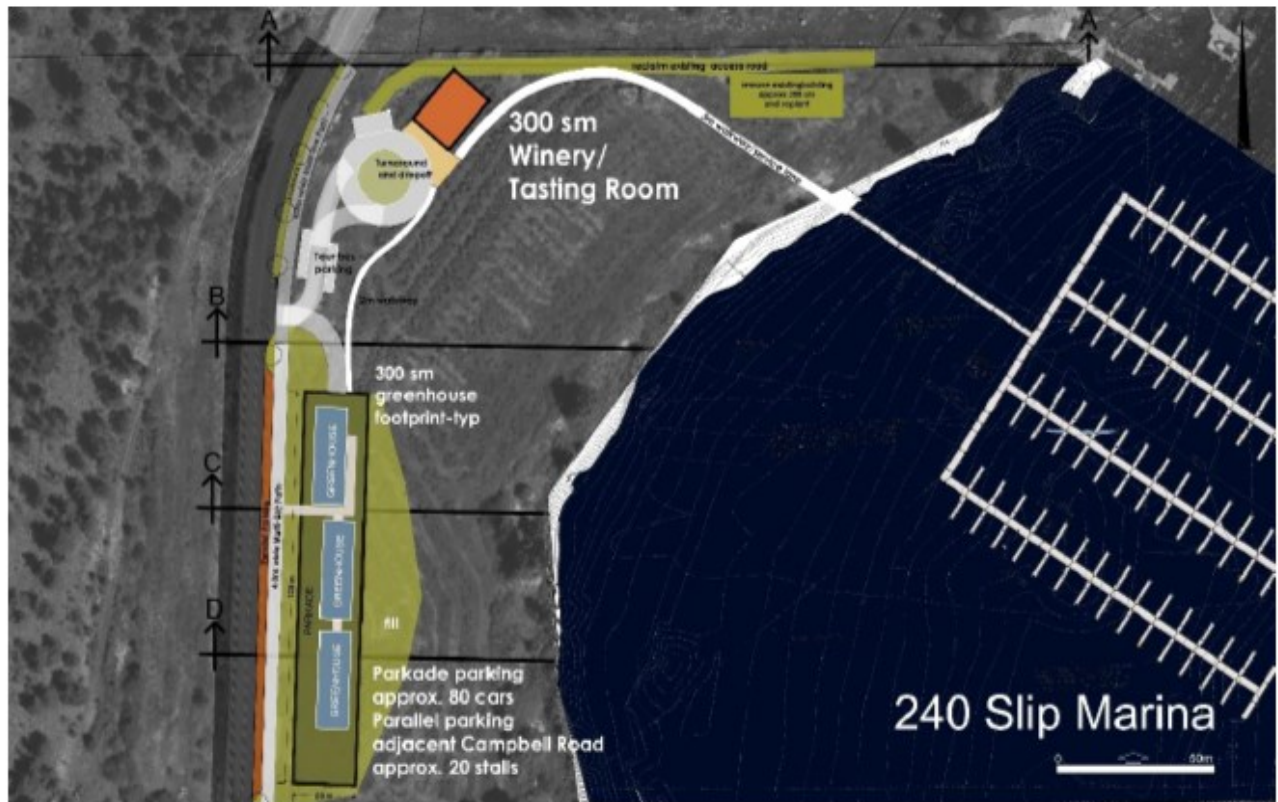
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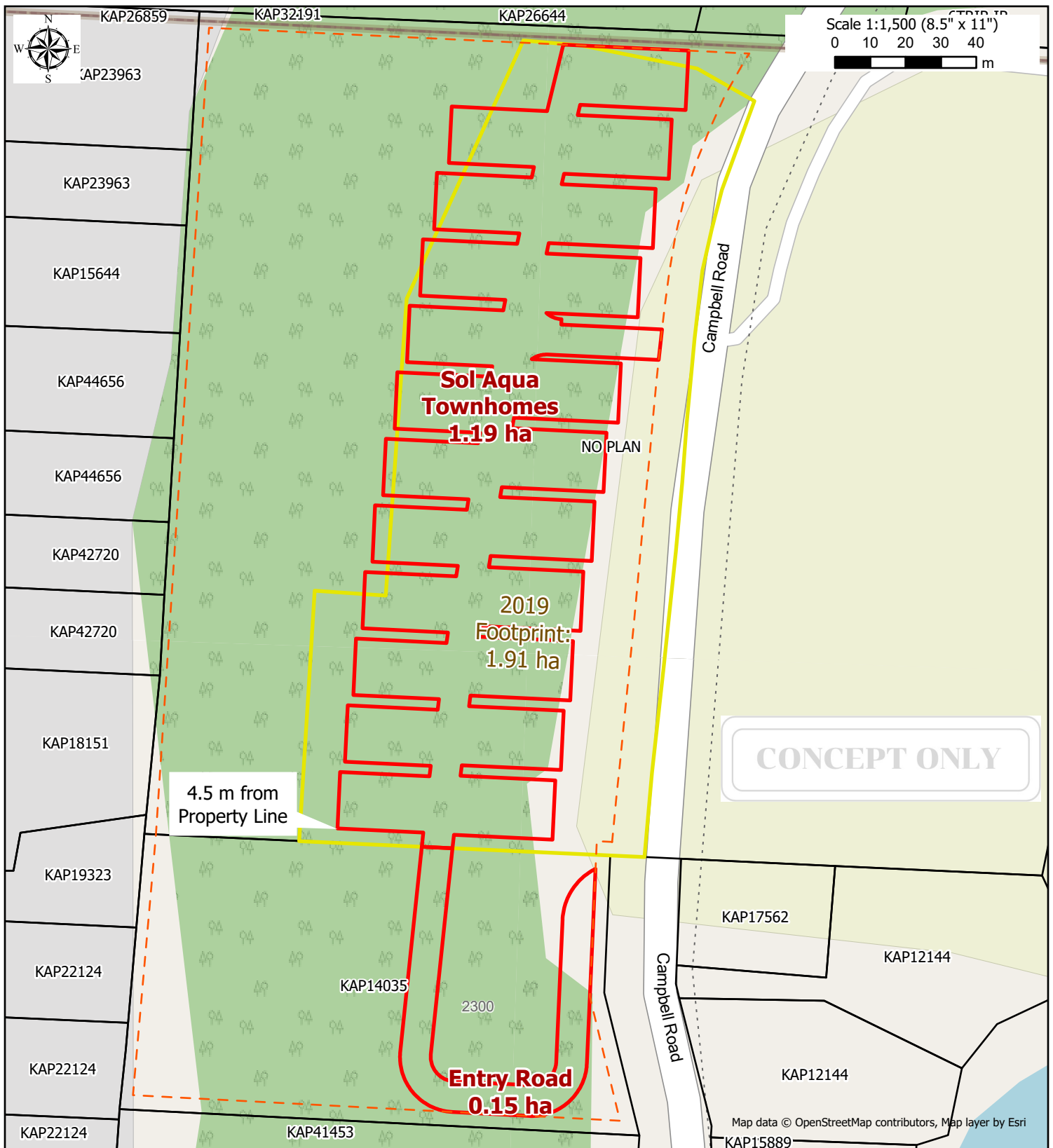
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Figure 1: Site Layout





Reference Map
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Sol Aqua Townhomes Building Footprints 2211 Campbell Road

Legend

- 2021 Development Footprint
- 2019 Development Footprint
- 4.5 m Setback

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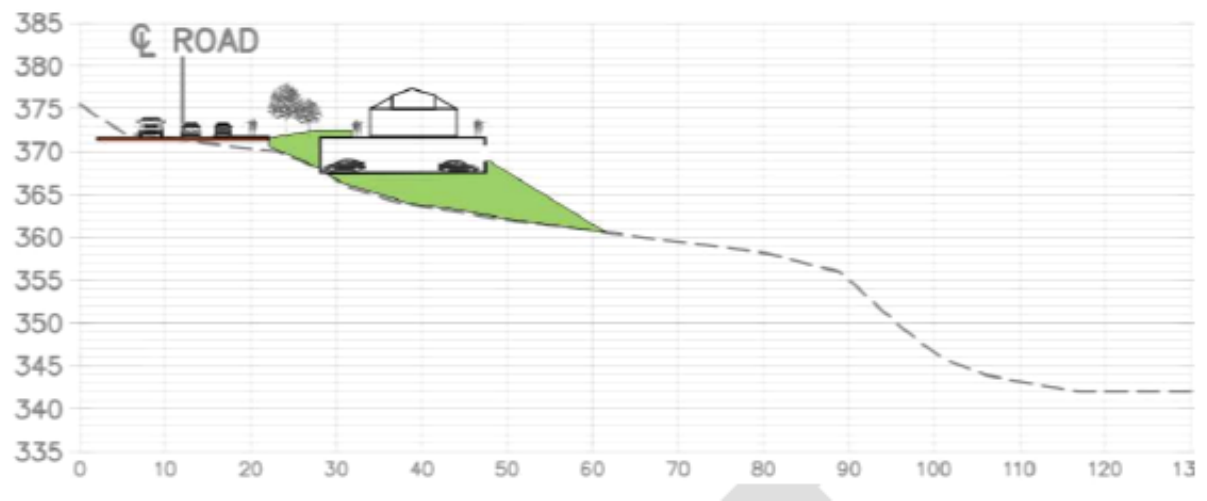


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Figure 3: Cross Section of Greenhouses and Parking



An Opinion on an Application for a Non Farm Use of Land within the Agricultural Land Reserve

1.0 Introduction

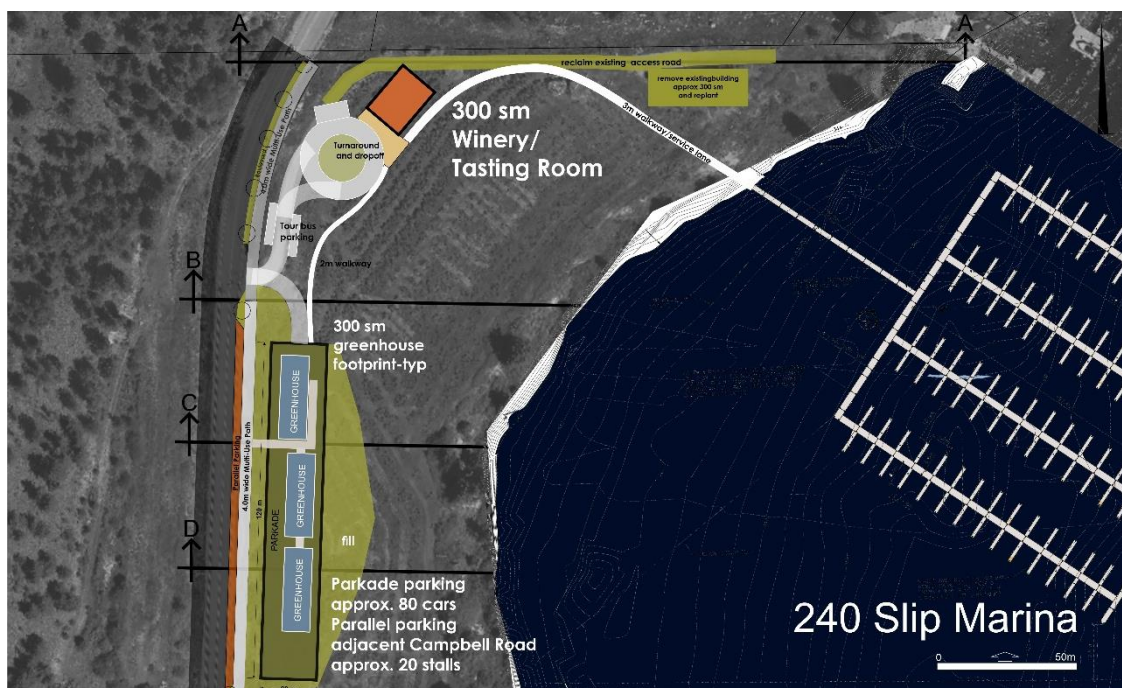
On April 19, 2013, by Resolution #97/2013, the Agricultural Land Commission allowed the previous owner to remove lands lying west of Campbell Road in West Kelowna from the Agricultural Land Reserve. The current owner, Blackmun Bay Development LP has developed plans to construct housing on the non ALR portion of the parcel.

As part of the development plan for the ALR portion of the parcel, the owner has initiated a farm plan with the following components:

- A long term lease of the arable land (currently in Peach and Apricot production) for redevelopment to a vineyard. It is anticipated that the lessee will be an existing vineyard operator who will be able to utilize the land for grape production. The lessee will be able to combine existing production with that on the subject parcel to expand overall production available for sale in the tasting facility. The lease will also include:
 - A winery and tasting facility.
 - Greenhouses which will be raised to allow for below parking and to reduce shading from the escarpment to the west.

The parking area is designed to fit under the farm use structures as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Site Layout



The principal purpose of the parking area is to accommodate traffic from both the marina and the wine tasting area.

The commission before me is to determine what impact, if any, will the provision of parking under the greenhouses have on farming on the site.

2.0 Qualifications

I am a licensed Agrologist and have been a full member of the B.C. Institute of Agrologists since 1971 (except 2001-2002). I am a graduate from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967, specializing in Agriculture Economics, and a Master of Science degree in 1972, specializing in Farm Management. My thesis for my Master's degree was entitled *Resource Allocation for the Median Peace River Farm in British Columbia*

I have been involved in the work of the Agricultural Land Commission since 1974 when the reserve boundaries were proclaimed. At that time, I was District Agriculturist for the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture in Prince George. In October 1978 I entered private practice and have provided professional opinions for clients who have sought amendments to the Agricultural Land Reserve boundaries, subdivision within the ALR, or who have needed assistance in compliance with requests or orders from the Commission.

During my years in both public and private practice, Courts and Review Boards have accepted me as an expert regarding farming practices in British Columbia. Consequently, I feel qualified to provide an assessment of a proposal under the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*. My qualifications and experience allow me to comment on the value of agricultural land and the practices of farming on that land.

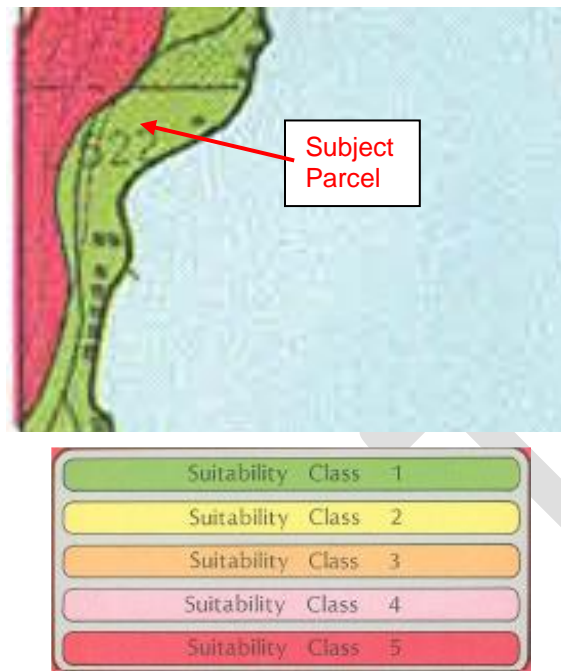
Consequently, I believe I am qualified to comment on the two main purposes of the Agricultural Land Commission. That is: to preserve the agricultural land reserve; and to encourage farming of land within the agricultural land reserve in collaboration with other communities of interest.

I have been a member of the Environmental Appeal Board and the Forest Appeals Commission. Following these appointments, I have received training in Administrative Law and the Rules of Natural Justice.

3.0 Farming Capability of the Subject Parcel

The Canada Land Inventory rates soils according to their capacity to grow standard grain crops. When commenting on the capacity for orchard or vineyard crops, other classification criteria should be used. In this case, the Grape Atlas provides a valuable resource.

Figure 2: Grape Atlas Classification of Subject Property



Class 1 areas are defined as:¹

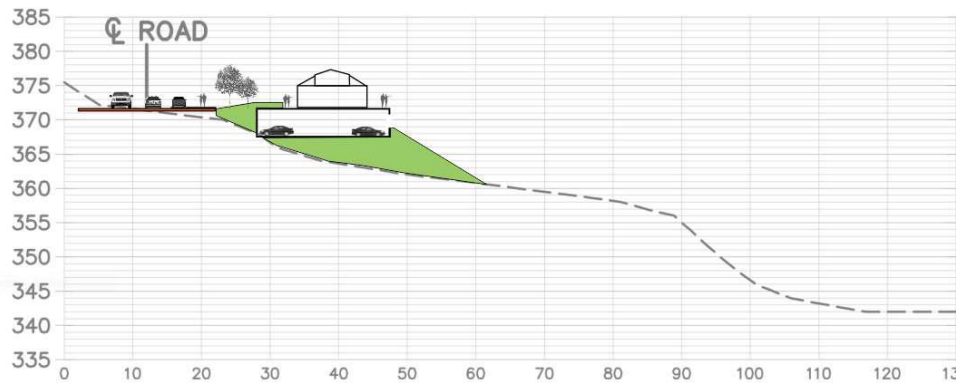
Land areas in this class are the most desirable and are the least restrictive for grape production. Class 1 areas have the highest number of heat units, a long frost free season, high solar radiation and desirable soil characteristics. Land in Class 1 is therefore capable of producing the widest range of grape varieties.

Unfortunately, there are only about 7 acres or 2.9 hectares in or capable of production. Therefore, a strategy must be implemented to maximize the production from those acres.

Farm production on the parcel will be increased through the construction of greenhouses. As Figure 3 illustrates, having the greenhouses lifted to accommodate parking reduces the shading from the western escarpment.

¹ The Grape Atlas, Chapter 4, Suitability Classification for Grape Production in the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, page 1

Figure 3: Cross Section of Greenhouses and Parking



4.0 Farming Strategy

Historically, the farm has produced peaches and some apricots. These trees are well past maturity and in need of replacement either with other soft fruits or grapes. Both crops have proven viability on this site. This replacement will revitalize the farm to make it a “show place” for farming in the area.

As Figure 1 illustrates, the owners propose both soil based and non soil based agriculture. The plan is to lease out the buildings and land to an existing vineyard. That lease would extend for a minimum of 15 years to enable the lessee to amortize the planting of the grapes. Using an existing vineyard operator will increase the wine production capacity therefore extending the utility of the tasting room and winery.

The lease agreement will have a “neat and tidy” provision to ensure that the farming area is well maintained and provides an asset to the housing development on the west side of Campbell Road.

A long term lease cannot be negotiated until the issue of parking has been resolved.

5.0 Regulations and Policies

There is no mention of Parking in either the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation* or Policy L-01. In other policies:

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| Policy L-02 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking is not included in “retail sales area”• The total area from which soil is removed or fill is places is 1,000 m² or less |
| Policy L-04 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent facilities must not be included in Agri-Tourism activities. Parking areas are included in Permanent facilities.• Parking areas must not be permanent• Parking must not interfere with agricultural productivity• Parking should be along field edges, adjacent to internal farm diveways and in farm yard areas or immediately adjacent to farm buildings and structures• Local government have the authority to regulate structures and building occupancy including parking. |
| Policy L-24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking should be permeable in nature, whenever possible, to reduce impervious cover and impacts of stormwater discharge on surround agricultural lands |

- Parking is included in calculations for lot coverage for farm-related commercial and farm-related industrial uses

6.0 Summary and Conclusion

As noted above, the proposal combines farm and non farm uses on the same footprint. Consequently, there will be no loss of farmland from the development of parking on the parcel. The policies of the ALC do not provide for such a combination. However, the policies do allow for local government to regulate structures such as these. I would assume that the City of West Kelowna can permit the structures through the building permit process.

In my opinion, a small vineyard such as this one faces great obstacles to being viable. By combining the farming activities with housing and non farm facilities increases the prospects for viability without losing any farm land.

The purpose of the Agricultural Land Commission is stated in Section 6 of the *Act*:

- 6 (1) The following are the purposes of the commission:
- (a) to preserve the agricultural land reserve;
 - (b) to encourage farming of land within the agricultural land reserve in collaboration with other communities of interest;
 - (c) to encourage local governments, first nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of land within the agricultural land reserve and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies.
- (2) The commission, to fulfill its purposes under subsection (1), must give priority to protecting and enhancing all of the following in exercising its powers and performing its duties under this Act:
- (a) the size, integrity and continuity of the land base of the agricultural land reserve;
 - (b) the use of the agricultural land reserve for farm use.

In my opinion, the City has the delegated authority under Policy L-04 to permit the construction of greenhouses with parking below. By approving this proposal, the land will be retained and improved for agriculture, the ALR will be maintained, and farm use enhanced.

If the City declines to use its delegated authority, the application can be forwarded to the ALC as a Non-Farm Use application.

I remain available to discuss my findings and conclusions.

Respectfully,

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