

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

# RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Thursday, February 12, 2015

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### REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

#### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Chair Benedict and Rural Directors Committee

FROM: Cheryl Anderson

**Manager of Administrative Services** 

DATE: February 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair - Request for Grant in

Aid - Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural)

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from the Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair.

The Organization is seeking \$5,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with an annual Regional Science Fair.

Director Fisher has indicated that he is supportive of providing \$4,000 toward this application.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

(All/Directors/Majority)

"That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair be given \$4,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair."

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APPLICATION S  Pacific North	UBMITTED BY: thwest Regional Science Fair	Mailing Address: 12895 Cottonwood Road, Telkwa BC V0J 2X3
Email: Contact Person:		pricedau@telus.net Karen Price, Chair, 250-846- 5359
	N SUMMARY for which you require assistance: regional science fair and for regional student	ts to attend national science fair.
Amount Requested	l:	\$5,000
application is true application for assi	knowledge, all of the information that is provide and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that istance is NOT being made on behalf of an indicate is a subject to business undertaking.	this Vas
(signature of auti	norized signatory) (title)	Signature of Electoral Area Director
APPLICATION	N PROFILE n voluntary and non-profit?:	Yes



Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

We organize and host an annual Regional Science Fair, support student and teacher scientific inquiry and select students to attend the Canada-Wide Science Fair. Science fairs are one of the few academic competitions available to challenge students. Most young people love asking questions. Science fair gives them an opportunity to learn how to answer these questions for themselves, from concept to presentation. No other organization provides opportunities for regional science fairs or for regional students to attend the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

The Pacific Northwest Region extends from Houston to Haida Gwaii and from Stewart to Kitimat. Over the past 15 years, most participants have come from the Bulkley Valley. Participants from the Bulkley Valley have won many awards at the national competition, attesting to the quality of the regional fair.

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

The organization is entirely volunteer-based. Funds are available to cover expenses only.

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

Our 8-member organizing committee is joined by over 30 volunteer judges (all local professional scientists, technologists and educators) and another 10 - 20 volunteers for the two days of the science fair. Other volunteers mentor students throughout the year and assist teachers with school science fairs. We have been organizing and hosting science fairs for over 15 years.

#### PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

special event

Other Assistance Requested:

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details or your request here. Attach additional information if required:

We organize and host the Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair for over 100 students assisted by about 50 volunteers, as well as providing resources throughout the year to support student projects. At the Regional Science Fair, students present their projects to the



professional scientists, technologists and educators who donate their time to inspire students to take the next step in their scientific thought. We provide lunch and an afternoon of exciting science activities for participants. We provide prizes and awards based on merit and effect and select students (up to 4 depending on funding) to represent our region at the annual Canada-Wide Science Fair which will be held in Fredericton, NB in 2015. These hardworking young scientist will join 500 other students from across the country for a lifechanging week of competition, science education, cultural activities and fun. Many of our students come home with awards and university entrance scholarships. All return excited about opportunities in science, engineering and medicine in Canada. We are requesting assistance with funding our annual Regional Science Fair and with supporting registration in the Canada-Wide Science Fair for qualified regional students.

### Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:

The project directly benefits the young people of our community. It fosters scientific inquiry among young people, helps young scientists demonstrate their research and provides young scientists with professional feedback. Students learn that science and innovation research is fun and rewarding. Most young people love asking questions. Science fair gives them an opportunity to learn how to answer these questions for themselves. Sometimes students learn that unexpected results can be more interesting than the "right" answer. Many scientists and innovators get their start at regional science fairs. In this way, the project benefits us all, as it provides the platform and excitement that encourage young scientists to continue their quest to answer questions and solve problems. Even students who don't go on to be scientists benefit from the creative, organizational and communication skills they learn while completing their projects. Some students who find classroom learnin g challenging shine when given the opportunity to work in depth on their own ideas.

# FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

files Submitted:	54cc28727fdec-Budget.xlsx
Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?:	Yes
If not, please comment.:	
Name of Grant or Funding Agency1: Amount Applied for 1: Status of Grant Application1:	Bulkley Valley Credit Union \$1,000 Approved
Name of Grant or Funding Agency2: Amount Applied for2: Status of Grant Application2:	Science Fair Foundation of BC \$2,000 Approved
Name of Grant or Funding Agency3: Amount Applied for3: Status of Grant Application3:	BV Kinsmen \$1,000 Pending



Name of Grant or Funding Agency4: Amount Applied for4: Status of Grant Application4: Smithers Lions Club \$500 Pending

Have you received assistance before from us.

Yes

Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance 2013 \$5,000 Used to support 2013 regional science fair

Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:

Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either:
a senior government or a local service agency?:

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions?:

OR, is your organization: Part of a provincial or national fund raising Yes campaign?:



# MEMORANDUM

To:

Rural Directors

From:

Maria Sandberg, Planner

Date:

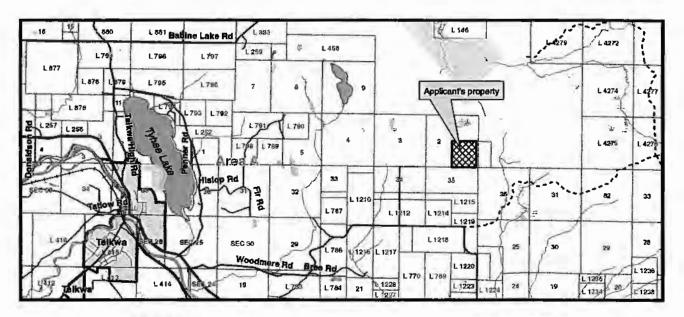
February 5, 2015

Re:

MoTI File No. 2014-06070 (Canyon Creek Resources Ltd.)

This referral is regarding an application made by a property owner to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) to close a road right-of-way on their private property.

The subject property is located 9 kilometres east of the Village of Telkwa, and is 61.3 ha in size. The designated 20 metre wide road right—of-way runs along the southern and western boundary of the subject property, for a total area of 3.17 ha. The property owner wishes to consolidate the application area with the remainder of the property, to incorporate into his woodlot.



The application area does not appear to be developed. It is the responsibility of the Ministry to ensure that there is access to lands beyond. MoTI feels that an existing driveway to adjacent agricultural lands could be developed into a road, if needed, and therefore the road right—of-way will not be required.

The application has been advertised for four weeks in the Smithers and Houston local newspapers. It is not part of the application process to notify the neighbouring property owners. The Planning Department recommends that the Ministry solicit input from adjacent property owners to identify any potential concerns with the proposal.

The application area is zoned Agricultural (Ag1) in Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993. The Ag1 zone requires a minimum parcel size of 16 ha at subdivision. On its own the application area does not meet the minimum parcel area requirement. Therefore, the

land must be consolidated with the applicant's adjacent parcel, and not be created as a separate parcel.

#### Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land referral regarding MoTI Referral 2014-06070.

Reviewed by:

Jason Newellyn Director of Planning Written by

Maria Sandberg Planner

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# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON MOTI REFERRAL 2014-06070

Electorai Area:

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Applicant:

Canyon Creek Resources Ltd.

Existing Land Use:

Vacant

Zoning:

Agricultural (Ag1) in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993

Plan Designation

Agriculture (AG) in the Burns Lake Rural & Francois Lake

(North Shore) OCP

**Proposed Use Comply** 

With Zoning:

NA

If not, why?

Agricultural Land Reserve:

In the ALR

Access Highway:

Boundary Rd or Woodmere Rd

Archaeological Site:

Not according to our mapping

**Building Inspection:** 

In the building inspection area

Fire Protection:

Outside of Rural Fire Protection area

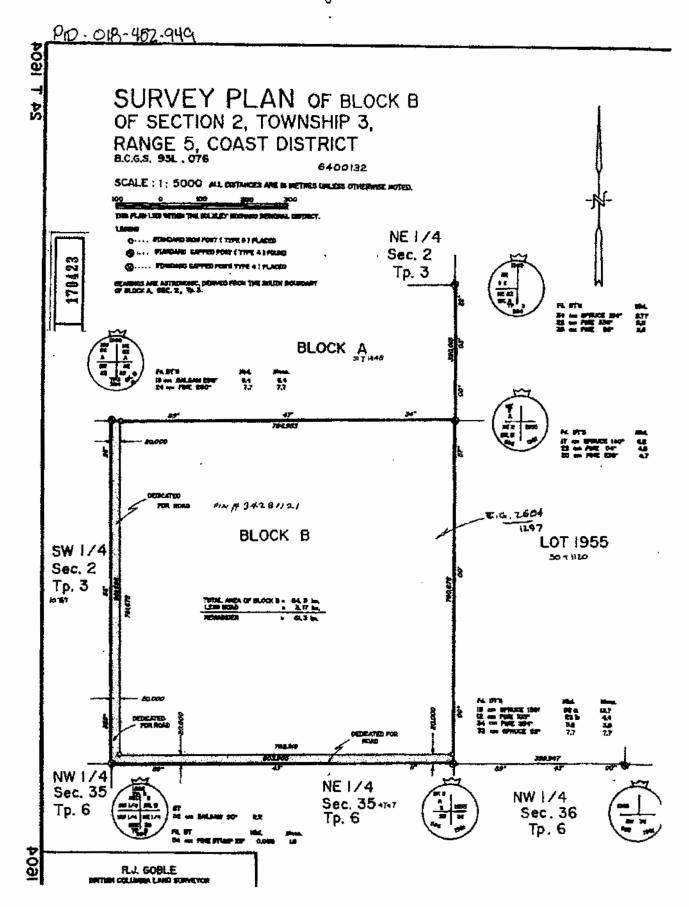
Other comments:

The application area does not meet the 16 ha minimum parcel area requirement of the Ag1 zone, therefore a consolidation

with the applicant's parcel is required.

That the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be encouraged to consult with adjacent property owners to identify

any potential concerns with the proposal.





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To:

**Rural Directors** 

From:

Maria Sandberg

Date:

February 10, 2015

Re:

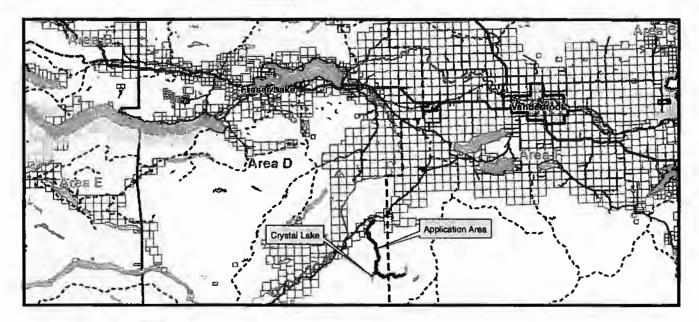
Land Referral File No. 7409756 (Crystal Lake Resort)

## COMMENTS:

This application is for a temporary 10 year permit to allow incremental improvements to an existing 22 kilometre road. The road connects the Crystal Lake Resort and Paddle Lake with Kenney Dam Rd. The total application area is 46.065 ha in size, and located approximately 35 kilometres southeast of the Village of Fraser Lake.

According to the applicant, the road was constructed in the 1960's and has been maintained by the Crystal Lake Resort. The road is currently in bad shape and the applicants plan to widen the road, construct ditches, and resurface with gravel.

The applicants hold a Crown lease for the commercial hunting/fishing resort on Crystal Lake and the road is the only vehicle access to the area.



The application area is not zoned and is not located in the ALR.

## Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 7409756.

Rural Directors -- All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:

Jason Newellyn Director of Planning Writtep,by

Maria Sandberg

Planner



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7409756

**Electoral Area:** 

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Applicant:

Crystal Lake Resort Ltd.

**Existing Land Use:** 

Road

Zoning:

None

Plan Designation

None

**Proposed Use Comply** 

With Zoning:

N/A

If not, why?

**Agricultural Land Reserve:** 

Not in the ALR

Access Highway:

Kenney Dam Rd

Archaeological Site:

Not according to our mapping

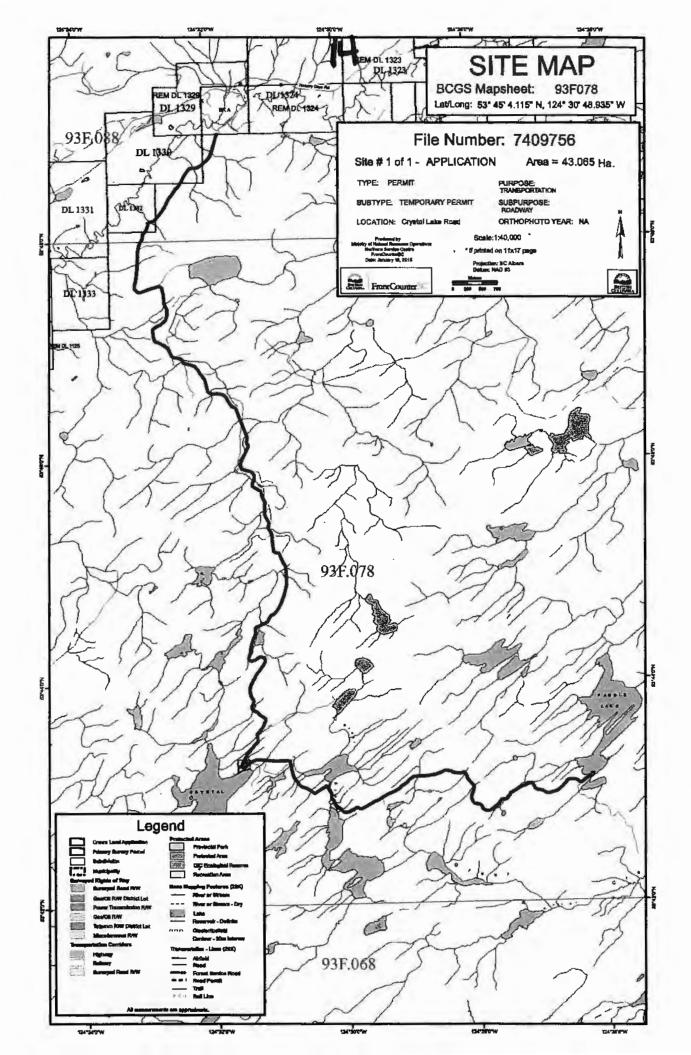
**Building Inspection:** 

Outside of the building inspection area

Fire Protection:

Outside of Rural Fire Protection area

Other comments:







# **MEMORANDUM**

To:

**Rural Directors** 

From:

Maria Sandberg, Planner

Date:

February 10, 2014

Re:

Land Referral File No. 7409759

This application is regarding the direct sale of Crown Land for extensive agricultural purposes. The application area is located approximately 25 kilometres northeast of the District of Vanderhoof, and is ±89.6 ha in size. The area sold will be reduced to the most suitable 65 ha, which is the maximum area allowed for this type of sale, according to the Extensive Agriculture Policy, unless otherwise justified to maintain a logical parcel shape/boundary.

The applicants operate a bison farm on their 320 acre farm on Sturgeon Point Rd and are applying for Crown land to clear and grow forage crops for winter feed.

# Application area Applicant's property Applicant's property Ind Rd Applicant's property Ind

### **Location Map**

The application area is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), and is zoned Rural Resource (RR1). The minimum parcel size at subdivision in the RR1 zone is 28 ha (69 acres). Agriculture is a permitted use in the RR1 zone and the proposed agricultural use of the application area complies with Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993.



## Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application 7409759.

Rural Directors - All/Directors/Majority

Reviewed by:

Jason Llewellyn
Director of Planning

Maria Sandberg

Planner

Written by:



# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7409759

Electoral Area:

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Applicant:

Tyrol Craig Forfar

Existing Land Use:

Vacant

Zoning:

Rural Resource (RR1) in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993

Plan Designation

Agricultural (Ag) in Vanderhoof Rural OCP

Proposed Use Comply

With Zoning:

Yes

If not, why?

Agricultural Land Reserve:

In the ALR

Access Highway:

Existing resource roads

Archaeological Site:

Not according to our mapping

**Building Inspection:** 

Not in the building inspection area

Fire Protection:

Outside of Rural Fire Protection Area

Other comments:

The Province is advised to consult with the Agricultural Land

Commission regarding the proposed subdivision, as the

application area is located in the ALR

The minimum parcel size at subdivision in the RR1 zone is 28

ha (69 acres).

#### Crown Land Tenure Application (100120446)

#### Proposed use and development of Crown Land Tenure

This is document is to provide a brief summary of the intended development and use of the Crown land tenure area once it is purchased directly from the Crown.

My wife and I are currently developing a Bison farming operation that we hope will grow to provide a quality and significant source of Bison meat and Bison breeding stock that will provide us with a lively hood. We currently have our starter herd of 9 females and 1 male at our farm so we are on our way to realizing this dream.

We currently own 320 acres where we have our farm. There are +-105 acres of the best of the land in cultivation which is being used for forage production and Bison pasture. We are using our own dozer and land clearing equipment, to develop as much of our land as possible for grazing because Bison pasture will be the most important limiting factor to our operation. So once we have fenced and utilized all our forage fields for grazing, which we plan will happen by 2017/2018, we will be in need of more land to grow forage crops for winter feed. Thus is the reason why we are applying to acquire this Crown Land.

if there is any revenue generated from the timber, that will be removed from the land, we will invest it into the development of our farm. There will still be work to do on our home parcel; but since we own our own dozer we will be able to work intermittently at clearing the crown grant land. We should be able to start clearing the land within 1.5 years after logging the land; obviously sooner is better for us as we will be needing this land for forage production as soon as possible.

On the attached site specific map of the application area you will find where we first intend to develop land in phase 1 of our cultivation plan. From our cursory ground survey we found it to be the most desirable soil type and aspect. There is a slight rise in the middle of the piece and it has course fragments in the soil but is still cultivatable. The northern half of the parcel is cultivatable also.

Currently there is no cultivated land, buildings, powerlines, fending, or any other improvement done on this parcel except for a dirt road along the south boundary.

There are no active creeks or lakes within the application area however there are creeks adjacent to the boundary and we will adhere to government regulations surrounding creeks and erosion prevention.

The mapped and proposed application area is greater than the allotted 65ha however I did this for allowance to fine tune the location of the final boundary.

Access to this proposed parcel is currently provided on an existing resource road running through the extreme south side of the area. The licensee holding the permit to the road and I have a good working relationship and I will work on getting a road use agreement if this application is approved.

Thanks for considering this application,

Tyro! Forfar.

Date (yy/mm/dd): 15/01/08

