

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Thursday, February 6, 2014

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO MEMORANDUM

To:

Chairperson Petersen and Rural Directors Committee (February 6, 2014)

From:

Carolynn Lane

Sustainability Assistant

Date:

February 4, 2014

Subject:

Request for increase in NWIPC Funding for 2014

On February 4, 2014, staff received a letter from the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC), requesting consideration for an increase in funding for the 2014 year.

The attached letter from Andrea Eastham, Program Manager for the NWIPC, outlines the need for additional funding amounting to \$6,000, with a total request of \$43,000 for the 2014 season.

At this time, staff are seeking direction on the request for additional funding.

RECOMMENDATION

(All/Directors/Majority)

- 1. That the RDBN Rural Directors Committee receive the memorandum titled, "Request for Increase in NWIPC Funding for 2014" and dated February 4, 2014.
- 2. Further, that the Rural Directors Committee provide direction as requested regarding funding levels for the NWIPC for the 2014 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolynn Lane

Sustainability Assistant

Northwest Invasive Plant Council



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February 4, 2014

Regional District of Bulkley – Nechako Board of Directors PO Box 820 Burns Lake, BC VOJ 1E0

Dear Board Members:

RE: Thank You and Request for Increased Support in 2014 for the NWIPC

Thank you for your continued financial support to the Northwest Invasive Plant Council (NWIPC). Treatment and inventory reports have been sent along with invoices, to Carolynn Lane, during the season to keep you informed of the work done.

The 2013 field season was successful, but challenging. On rural private property and Regional District owned land, infestations of leafy spurge, common tansy, field scabious, burdock, black knapweed, mountain bluet, spotted knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax, and/or common comfrey were treated thanks to the funding the Regional District provided. Canada thistle, hawkweeds, oxeye daisy, and bull thistle were controlled through the NWIPC's landowner rebate program. Uptake of this program was mainly in the RDBN area, however, the number of applications and rebates were down compared to other years.

We continue to struggle with allocation of your committed budget among the three Invasive Plant Management Areas (IPMA) in the RDBN, and among the many private landowners who have infestations, often not of their creation. Private rural properties with invasive plants continue to be bought and sold without the buyer's knowledge of the cost to control that they have assumed. And, we continue to exceed the Regional District's commitment and go overbudget. The following table provides those figures for the last three calendar years.

| YEAR | COMMITMENT | OVER BUDGET | COMMENT |
|------|------------|-------------|--|
| 2011 | \$25,131 | \$7,328 | RDBN board increased commitment for '12 |
| 2012 | \$32,174 | \$10,683 | Lacked budget cap per IPMA |
| 2013 | \$32,174 | \$4,726 | Did better at not going over budget; concern from contractors that not enough for even all of the critical species infestations. |

Costs in excess of the dollar commitment in 2011 resulted in your board increasing the level of funding for IP management. We are asking again for you to please consider increasing funding by \$6,000; that is, \$2,000/IPMA. Any increase will be focused on critical species like field scabious and common tansy that are outside the containment polygons we currently use for those species, and species that are extremely invasive, but present in small amounts in the northwest like leafy spurge and sulphur cinquefoil.

NWIPC also commits to increasing our marketing of the landowner rebate program as this program gives the maximum number of hectares treated per dollar. We suggest that the Regional District could also increase promotion of this valuable incentive program through your web site, and at your front counter, and any other ways open to you.

We welcome your ideas and any opportunities for increasing IP awareness with landowners, participation at community events, prevention strategies, and programs to encourage landowners to treat their IPs, and prevent the spread.

We ask that you thoughtfully consider increasing the Regional District's commitment for 2014 IP management by:

- increasing funding by \$6,000
- increased promotion of the landowner rebate program (50:50)
- providing opportunities to increase awareness and promote prevention

Please contact myself with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Andrea Eastham, P.Ag. NWIPC Program Manager

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cc: Erik Swanson, BCHydro, NWIPC Director, Vice-Chair Carolynn Lane, Regional District Bulkley-Nechako, NWIPC Director

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Rural Directors

From:

Maria Sandberg, Planner

Date:

January 30, 2014

Re:

Land Referral File No. 7405474, Direct sale of Crown land for Extensive

Agricultural purposes

COMMENTS:

This application is regarding the direct sale of Crown Land for extensive agriculture purposes. The application area is located at the corner of Stump Rd and Meadowdale North Rd, approximately 15 kilometres southeast of the District of Vanderhoof, and is 32.4 ha in size. The applicants own several parcels adjacent to the application area and wish to purchase the Crown land to graze cattle and to utilize for hay production.

The application area is within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), and is zoned Agriculture (Ag1). 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 7405474.

Reviewed by:

Jason Llewellyn

Director of Planning

Written by

Maria Sandberg

Planner





REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL 7405474

Electoral Area:

F

Applicant:

Robert and Vicki Ophus

Existing Land Use:

Vacant

Zoning:

Agricultural (Ag1) in Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993

Plan Designation

Agricultural (AG) in the Vanderhoof Rural OCP Bylaw No.

1517, 2009

Proposed Use Comply

With Zoning:

Yes

If not, why?

Agricultural Land Reserve:

In the ALR

Access Highway:

Stump Rd and Meadowdale North Rd

Archaeological Site:

Not according to our mapping

Building Inspection:

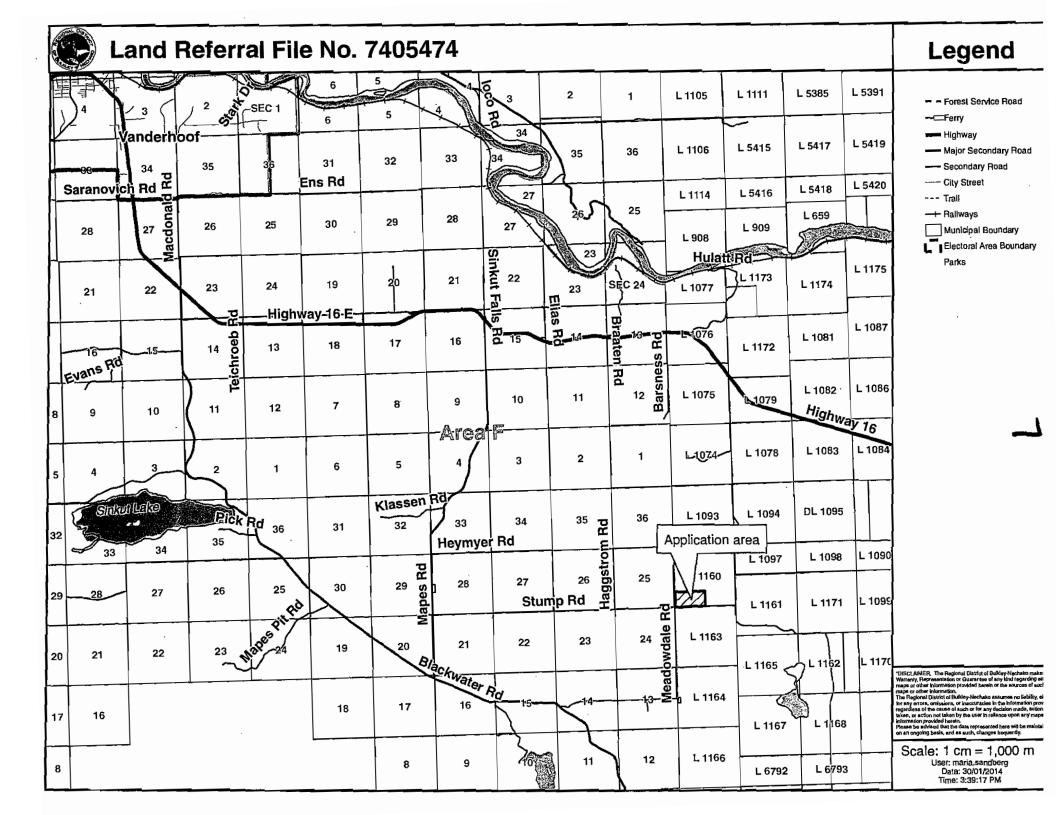
Not within the building inspection area

Fire Protection:

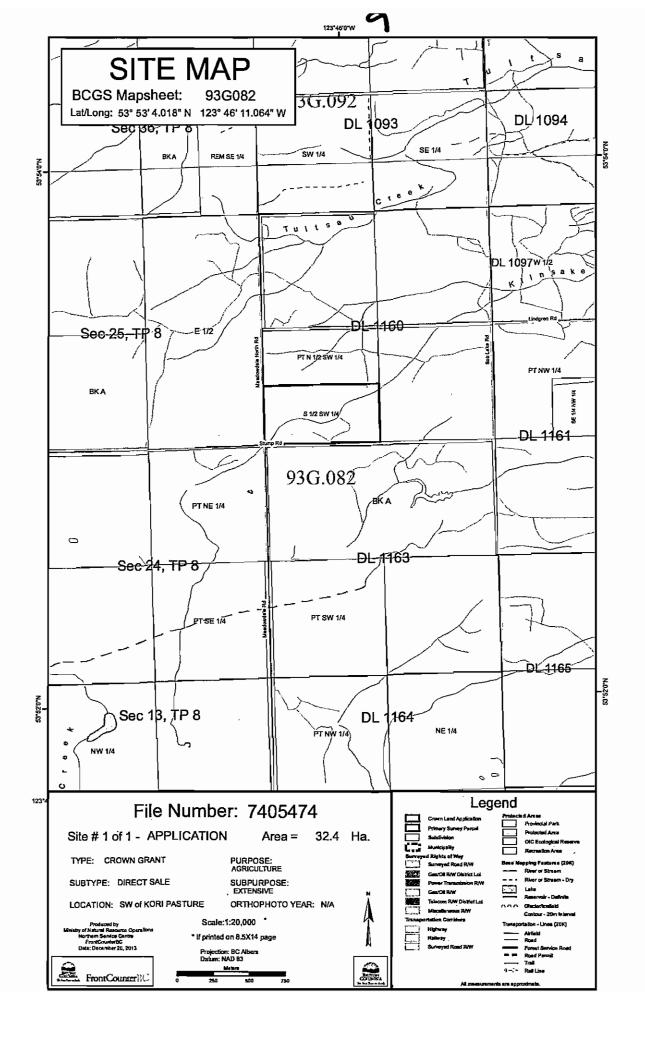
Outside Rural Fire Protection Area

Other comments:

None



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MEMORANDUM

To:

Rural Directors

From:

Maria Sandberg, Planner

Date:

January 31, 2014

Re:

Land Referral File No. 0264947

COMMENTS:

This application is for the purchase of Crown land which the applicants currently lease. The subject property (Block D, District Lot 1711, Range 4, Coast District) is located at 18572 Uncha Lake Rd, on the northern shore of Uncha Lake in a subdivision of 17 small waterfront lots. This subdivision was created to provide Crown recreational lease lots however, the majority of these lots are now privately owned.

The subject property is 0.21 ha in size and is zoned Rural Resource (RR1). The property is smaller than the 28 ha minimum parcel size required for subdivision in the RR1 zone and is therefore considered non-conforming. However, the property was subdivided before the zoning bylaw came into effect in 1993.

The property contains a dwelling which appears to be used by the property owner for recreational purposes. In situations such as this, where the parcel is relatively small, achieving appropriate on- site sewage disposal may be challenging, and a more expensive Type 2 or 3 system, or a pump and haul system, may be required. As there is an existing dwelling on the property, it is recommended that the Province ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the property.

Recommendation

That the attached comment sheet be provided to the Province as the Regional District's comments on Crown land application No. 0264947.

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Reviewed by:

Jason Liewellyn Director of Planning

Planner

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO COMMENT SHEET ON CROWN LAND REFERRAL No. 0264947

Electoral Area:

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Applicant:

Matthew and Jennifer Muller

Existing Land Use:

Recreational residential

Zoning:

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

Zoning Bylaw No. 700, 1993

Plan Designation

No designation

Proposed Use Comply

With Zoning:

If not, why?

Agricultural Land Reserve:

Not in the ALR

Access Highway:

Uncha Lake Rd

Archaeological Site:

Not according to our mapping

Building Inspection:

Not within the building inspection area

Fire Protection:

Outside Rural Fire Protection Area

Other comments:

That the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations be requested to identify the capacity of the lot to accommodate onsite sewage disposal, and that the purchaser be made aware of the limitations of the property.

That the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations be requested to ensure that any sewage disposal system on the property was installed, and is being operated, in accordance with provincial regulations, prior to the sale of the

property.

