

City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7910-0151-00

Planning Report Date: December 13, 2010

PROPOSAL:

• **Subdivision within ALR** under Section 946 of the <u>Local Government Act</u>

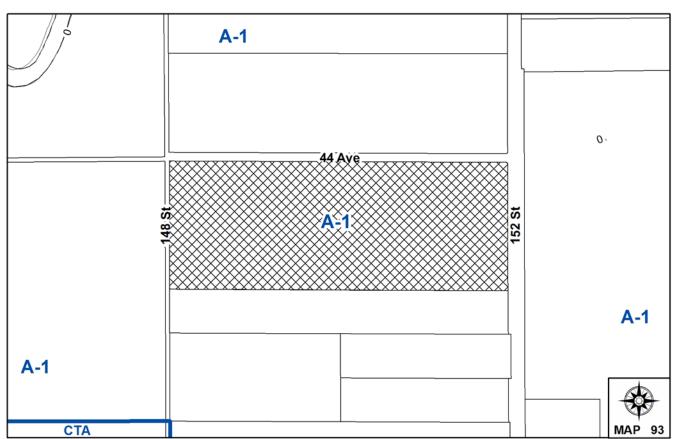
in order to allow subdivision of 4.16 acres from a 57-acre parcel located in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

LOCATION: 4373 - 152 Street

OWNER: Coolbreeze Ranch Ltd.

ZONING: A-1

OCP DESIGNATION: Agricultural LAP DESIGNATION: Agricultural



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

• Denial.

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

- The proposed subdivision in the ALR is contrary to the intent of OCP Policies regarding land in the ALR to protect farmland from subdivision.
- The proposed subdivision into a 4.16 acre parcel does not meet the minimum 10 acre requirement for the A-1 Zone.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- Does not comply with the policies of the OCP.
- The intent of the owner is to retire from farming and remain on the parcel while farming operations continue on the site. This can be accommodated under the current A-1 Zone without subdivision. A second single family dwelling is allowed on the site under the General Agriculture Zone (A-1).
- Application is <u>not</u> supported by the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that this application be denied.

REFERRALS

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no objection to the project

subject to the completion of Engineering servicing requirements as

outlined in Appendix III.

Agricultural Advisory

Committee:

The Agricultural Advisory Committee considered the proposal at the November 2, 2010 meeting; the November meeting minutes are anticipated to be adopted at the December 2, 2010 AAC meeting. Discussion of the merits of the project resulted in a motion to deny recommendation to proceed to the Agricultural Land Commission.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Existing Land Use: Farm and single family residence on lot zoned A-1.

Adjacent Area:

Direction	Existing Use	OCP Designation	Existing Zone
North, South and West:	Active farmland.	Agricultural	A-1
East (Across 152 Street):	Active farmland.	Agricultural	A-1

DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Background

- The application involves a 22.9 hectare (56.72 acre) parcel of land located at 4373 152 Street. The property is actively farmed (produce) and contains a single detached residential dwelling as well as several farm related buildings. The subject site is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).
- The applicant is proposing to subdivide the property into two parcels. These parcels are proposed to measure approximately 21.27 hectares (52.56 acres) and 1.68 hectares (4.16 acres) in area (Appendix II).

• All surrounding properties are also zoned "General Agricultural Zone (A-1)", designated "Agricultural" in the Official Community Plan (OCP), and all are located within the Agricultural Land Reserve.

• According to Canada's Land capacity for Agriculture classifications, the subject site is categorized as "Class 4", which notes that the land comprises "limitations that require special management practices or severely restrict the range of crops, or both". However, the capability may be improved to "Class 3", which means that the land would have "limitations that require moderately intensive management practices or moderately restrict the range of crops, or both".

Agricultural Advisory Committee

• The Agricultural Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal on November 4 and December 2, 2010 and did not support the application.

PROJECT EVALUATION

- Under Section 946 of the <u>Local Government Act</u>, a special exception from minimum parcel area restrictions in a zoning by-law is possible for a subdivision to provide a residence for the owner or a relative of the owner subject to a number of conditions.
- The current owner proposes to create a 1.68 hectare (4.16 acres) parcel for his retirement residence.
- The proposal is contrary to agriculturally related policies in the Official Community Plan, which states under Division A, Section 2.2, Subsection F-1.2 "limit subdivision of agricultural land and encourage the amalgamation of lots in agricultural areas".
- Within the Agricultural Land Commission Act, Section 6(a) states that part of the purpose of the commission is to "preserve agricultural land". This application does not comply with this purpose as each lot created would provide the opportunity to construct a residential unit and driveway for each property, thereby reducing the overall amount of agricultural land on this property.
- Subdivision of land in the ALR will create smaller parcels, thus limiting the ability for more intensive agriculture operations that are typically undertaken on large parcels.
- The intent of the owner is to retire from farming and remain on the parcel while farming operations continue on the proposed remainder 52.56 acre parcel. However, the owner can remain on the property without subdividing the parcel. The A-1 Zone permits an additional single family dwelling to be constructed where the lot is 4 hectares (10 acres) or more. The subject site is sufficiently large enough to allow a second dwelling to be constructed.
- The AAC does not support this application for subdivision in the ALR. The AAC determined there is no benefit to agriculture and the proposal is not consistent with current practice.
- The Planning & Development Department believes that the negative impacts of this application far outweigh its advantages and will set an undesirable precedent. Therefore, it is recommended that this project be denied.

 Should Council wish to allow the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to have an opportunity to review the proposed subdivision, Council may pass a motion to forward the proposal to the ALC for consideration without any specific recommendation.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners, Action Summary and Project Data Sheets and Survey Plan

Appendix II. Proposed Subdivision Layout, Site Plan, Building Elevations Landscape Plans and

Perspective

Appendix III. Engineering Summary

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Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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<u>Information for City Clerk</u>

Legal Description and Owners of all lots that form part of the application:

1. (a) Agent: Name: Rolf Ingold, Coolbreeze Ranch Ltd.

Address: P.O. Box 45544 Sunnyside R.P.O.

Surrey, BC V₃A ₉N₃

Tel: 604-574-5756

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Address: 4373 – 152 Street

(b) Civic Address: 4373 – 152 Street

Owner: Coolbreeze Ranch Ltd., Inc. No. 132427

PID: 008-717-966

Lot 1 Except: Parcel "A" (Bylaw Plan 61720); Section 34 Township 1 New

Westminster District Plan 25224

3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office

SUBDIVISION DATA SHEET

Proposed Zoning: A-1

Requires Project Data	Proposed		
GROSS SITE AREA	•		
Acres	56.76 ac		
Hectares	22.97 ha		
NUMBER OF LOTS			
Existing	1		
Proposed	2		
SIZE OF LOTS			
Range of lot widths (metres)	181.96 m/112.77 m		
Range of lot areas (square metres)			
DENSITY			
Lots/Hectare & Lots/Acre (Gross)			
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SITE COVERAGE (in % of gross site area)			
Maximum Coverage of Principal &			
Accessory Building			
Estimated Road, Lane & Driveway Coverage			
Total Site Coverage			
PARKLAND			
Area (square metres)			
% of Gross Site			
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	Required		
PARKLAND	•		
5% money in lieu	YES/NO		
TREE SURVEY/ASSESSMENT	YES/NO		
MODEL BUILDING SCHEME	YES/NO		
HERITAGE SITE Retention	YES/NO		
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BOUNDARY HEALTH Approval	YES/NO		
DEV. VARIANCE PERMIT required			
Road Length/Standards	YES/NO		
Works and Services	YES/NO		
Building Retention	YES/NO		
Others	YES/NO		



Manager, Area Planning & Development TO:

- South Surrey Division

Planning and Development Department

FROM: **Development Project Engineer, Engineering Department**

November 24, 2010 DATE: PROJECT FILE: 7810-0151-00

RE: **Engineering Requirements**

Location: 4373 152 St.

SUBDIVISION (ALR)

Property and Right-of-Way Requirements

dedicate as road By-law road, Parcel 'C', Plan 61720 with Bylaw filed 6577;

Works and Services

- install metered water connections or provide alternative proven water source to service the lots:
- provide alternate sewage disposal system subject to the approval of the Approving Officer.

The developer is required to address the concerns outlined in the Policy for Development Within The Nicomekl and Serpentine River Floodplains prior to subdivision.

A Mini-Servicing Agreement is required prior to Subdivision.

Bob Ambardar, P.Eng.

Development Project Engineer

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LAND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING REVIEW

File:	7810-0151-00							
Location:	4373 152 St.							
	Applicant: Rolf Ingold Address: P.O. BOX 45544 SUNNYSIDE Phone: (604) 574-5756 Fax: Email: Owner: Coolbreeze Ranch Ltd.							
	OCP Amendment		NCP Ar	nendment	ALR Exclusion			
	Rezone Existing Land U Proposed Land			nendment	Subdivision Existing Lots: 1 Proposed Lots: 2	sting Lots: 1		
	□ DP □ DVP							
Land Development Engineering Contacts: Bob Ambardar, P.Eng., Development Project Engineer 604-598-5893, BAmbardar@surrey.ca								
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LAND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING REVIEW

File 7810-0151-00, Map #093

Background

The applicant is proposing a Subdivision of land to create a 1.68 ha (4.16 ac) lot for a dwelling and a 21.29 ha (52.60 ac) remainder agricultural parcel. The subject property is zoned A-1 and is in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

This Review represents the key issues that the Engineering Department is aware of at this time. The issues listed may not be fully comprehensive and exhaustive and the applicant is required, as part of the planning and design process (including Public Hearing) to identify and resolve all items relating to the proposed land development.

Property and Right-of-Way Requirements

The following road right-of-way dedication, as illustrated on the Road Right-of-Way Requirements sketch attached, is required on existing roads fronting the site:

dedicate as road By-law road, Parcel 'C', Plan 61720 with Bylaw filed 6577

The applicant should address all road dedication and rights-of-way issues prior to finalizing layout or commencing legal survey or detailed design.

Servicing Requirements

These Works are required as a condition of this Subdivision.

Transportation/Traffic Management

There are no road works required for this site.

Drainage/Environmental

The following City storm drainage facilities are located in the vicinity to the site:

- Open ditch on 152 Street and on 44th Avenue road allowance;
- 1050mm culverts and open ditch on 148th St. road allowance.

The site is located within the Serpentine River and Nicomekl River floodplain. This subdivision may be restricted subject to the *Policy for Development Within The Nicomekl and Serpentine River Floodplains*. The developer is required to conduct a detailed engineering assessment of the potential impacts and implement mitigation measures to ensure that there is no increase in flood elevation or other impacts as outlined in the *Policy*.

Water

The following City water facilities are located in the vicinity to the site:

100mm PE pipe on 152 Street

This existing water system has adequate capacity to meet the domestic requirements of the proposed development.

A metered service connection or alternative proven water source must be provided to each lot.

Sanitary Sewer

There are no municipal sanitary facilities located in the vicinity of the site.

As permitted under A-1 zoning, the applicant may use an **alternate sewage disposal system** subject to the approval of the Approving Officer.

Commercial Utilities

The development must be serviced with hydro, gas, telecommunication, and cablevision in accordance with utility company requirements and City standards.

Project Management

A Mini-Servicing Agreement must be executed before the proposed Rezone/Subdivision can be completed.

Financial

A processing fee of \$2,643.20 (HST included) is required for the Mini-Servicing Agreement.

