

## City of Surrey PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT File: 7912-0157-00

Planning Report Date: July 23, 2012

#### **PROPOSAL:**

• **ALR Exclusion** under Section 30 of the ALC Act for a transportation corridor.

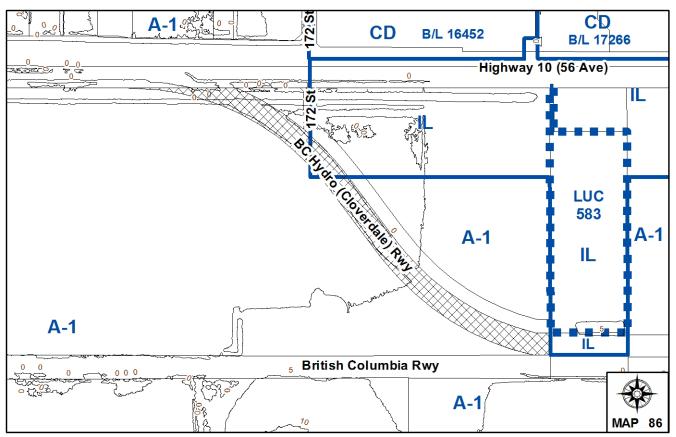
LOCATION: 17180 and 17234 Highway No. 10

(56 Ave)

**OWNER:** BC Transportation Financing

Authority

ZONING: A-1 and IL
OCP DESIGNATION: Agricultural
LAP DESIGNATION: Agricultural



#### **RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY**

• Refer application to the Agricultural Land Commission.

#### **DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS**

None.

#### **RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION**

- The land to be excluded is currently used as a transportation corridor by the BC Hydro (Cloverdale) Railway.
- The exclusion is required in order for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and BC Hydro to complete the land exchange which will give ownership of the railway corridor to BC Hydro.
- Transportation uses must either receive permission to locate within the ALR, or be excluded from the ALR. BC Hydro requires that these lands be transferred from MOTI free of any encumbrances, including any Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) restrictions.
- The requirement under City Policy No. O-51 to provide compensation for land to be excluded from the ALR does not apply in this circumstance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council authorize referral of the application to the Agricultural Land Commission.

#### **REFERRALS**

Engineering: The Engineering Department has no comments related to this ALR

exclusion application. Comments were originally provided under

Application Nos. 7902-0075-00 and 7906-0368-00.

Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee (AFSAC): The AFSAC supports the application being forwarded to ALC.

#### **SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

Existing Land Use: Existing BC Hydro (Cloverdale) Railway corridor

#### Adjacent Area:

| Direction                  | Existing Use              | OCP/TCP                 | <b>Existing Zone</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|                            |                           | Designation             |                      |
| North:                     | Undeveloped Industrial    | Agricultural and        | A-1 and IL           |
|                            | land and Highway No. 10   | Industrial in the OCP,  |                      |
|                            | corridor.                 | Industrial in the       |                      |
|                            |                           | Cloverdale TCP          |                      |
| East (Across               | Fallow agricultural land. | Agricultural and        | A-1 and IL           |
| unconstructed 172 Street): |                           | Industrial in the OCP   |                      |
|                            |                           |                         |                      |
| South:                     | Berry farm and residence. | Agricultural in the OCP | A-1                  |
|                            |                           |                         |                      |
| West:                      | Berry farm.               | Agricultural in the OCP | A-1                  |
|                            |                           |                         |                      |

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Background**

- BC Hydro previously owned 5.42 hectares (13.39 ac) of land adjacent to Highway No. 10, just west of the Cloverdale Town Centre, that had been used as an active railway corridor and an electrical transmission corridor for many years.
- However, in order to facilitate the widening of Highway No. 10 in the mid-2000's, the original right-of-way for the BC Hydro (Cloverdale) Railway had to be relocated and, as a result, was relocated to a new alignment to the south of its previous location (see Appendix II).

• The portion of the re-aligned railway corridor was subdivided from the adjacent agricultural lands into two fee simple lots under Application No. 7906 -0308-00 (see Appendix II).

- The two lots, 17180 and 17234 Highway No. 10, have a total area of 1.88 hectares (4.65 ac) and are presently owned by the BC Transportation Finance Authority (BCTFA).
- As part of the original agreement between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and BC Hydro with respect to the widening of Highway No. 10, title to the realigned railway corridor was to be transferred to BC Hydro.
- However, BC Hydro requires that these lands be transferred free of any encumbrances, including any Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) restrictions.
- All of 17180 Highway No. 10 (0.54 ha, or 1.33 ac) and a portion (1.22 ha, or 3.01 ac) of 17234 Highway No. 10 are located within the ALR, for a total of 1.77 ha (4.37 ac). A 1,061-square metre (11,421-sq.ft.) portion of the lot at 17234 Highway No. 10 is not currently within the ALR.
- As a result, the applicant is proposing that the portions of the two subject lots that are located within the ALR (1.77 hectares /4.37 ac) be excluded from the ALR.
- At the time of the initial discussions regarding the re-alignment of the railway corridor, the
  Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) required the BCTFA to provide an agricultural drainage
  assessment to determine the potential impacts of the re-alignment. The BCTFA engaged
  Engineering consultants Golder Associates Ltd., who were able to demonstrate that the new
  railway alignment would not negatively impact the drainage capabilities of the adjacent
  agricultural lands.
- Under the <u>Agricultural Land Reserve Act</u>, transportation uses must either receive permission from the ALC to locate within the ALR, or be excluded from the ALR. In this circumstance, the applicant is proposing an ALR exclusion.
- In accordance with City Policy No. O-51 (*Policy for Considering Applications for Exclusion of Land from the Agricultural Land Reserve*), most ALR exclusion proposals must demonstrate compensation (such as inclusion of land into the ALR with an area that is at least twice as large as the area of land to be excluded). An exception to the compensation requirement, however, is when the exclusion is to accommodate a public facility. The subject railway corridor is deemed a "public facility" (a facility operated by a level of government or Crown Corporation) and therefore the applicant does not propose any compensation.

#### **INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT**

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix I. Lot Owners, and Action Summary

Appendix II. Subdivision Plan BCP 48309, and lands proposed to be removed from ALR

Appendix III. Draft Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee Minutes

original signed by Judith Robertson

Jean Lamontagne General Manager Planning and Development

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#### Information for City Clerk

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

1. (a) Agent: Name: David Wood

Zenith Appraisal & Land Consulting Ltd.

Address: 16477 64 - Ave, Suite 310

Surrey, BC V<sub>3</sub>S 6V<sub>7</sub>

Tel: 604-576-1936

2. Properties involved in the Application

(a) Civic Addresses: 17180 and 17234 Highway No. 10 (56 Avenue)

(b) Civic Address: 17180 Highway No. 10 (56 Avenue)
Owner: BC Transportation Financing Authority

PID: 026-744-678

Lot A of the North Half of the North West Quarter Section 6 Township 8 New

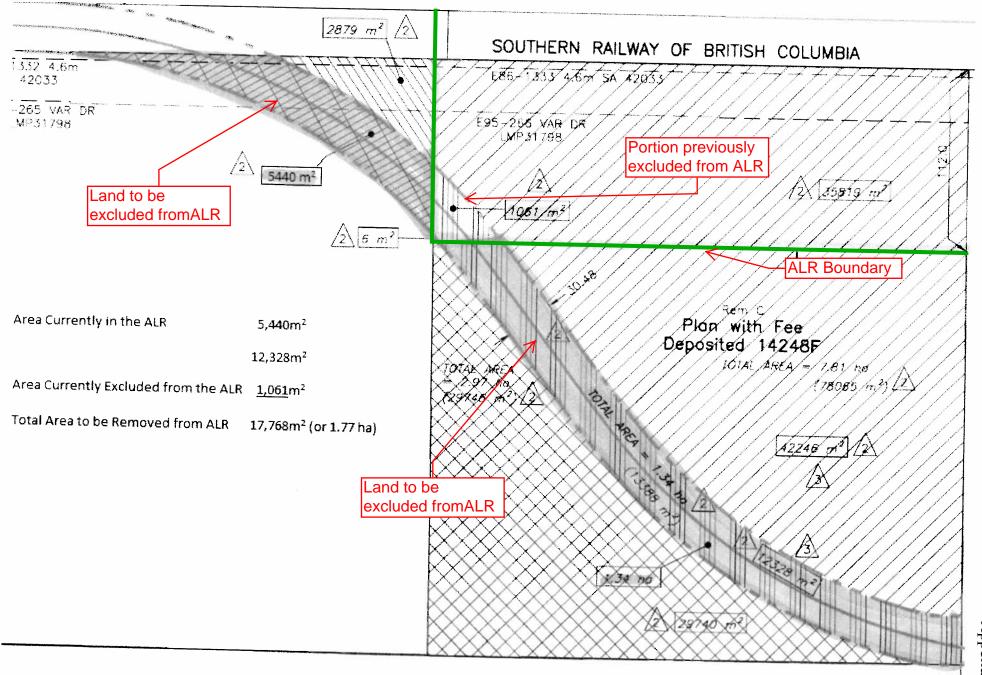
Westminster District Plan BCP24932

(c) Civic Address: 17234 Highway No. 10 (56 Avenue)
Owner: BC Transportation Financing Authority

PID: 026-744-562

Lot 1 District Lot 363 Group 2 New Westminster District Plan BCP24931

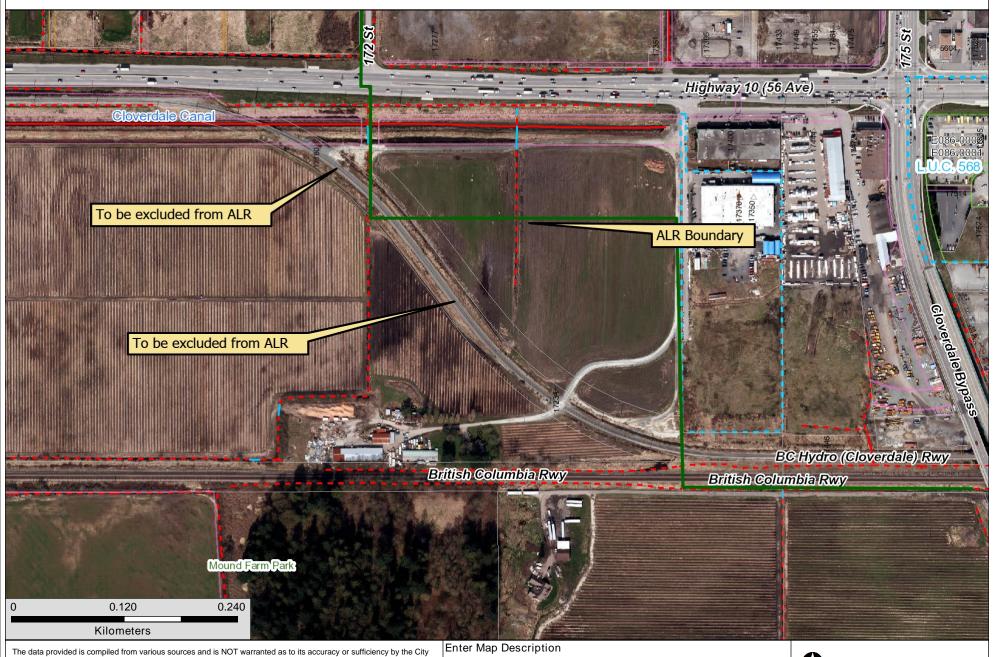
3. Summary of Actions for City Clerk's Office



BRITISH COLUMBIA RAILWAY



### Location of ALR Exclusion

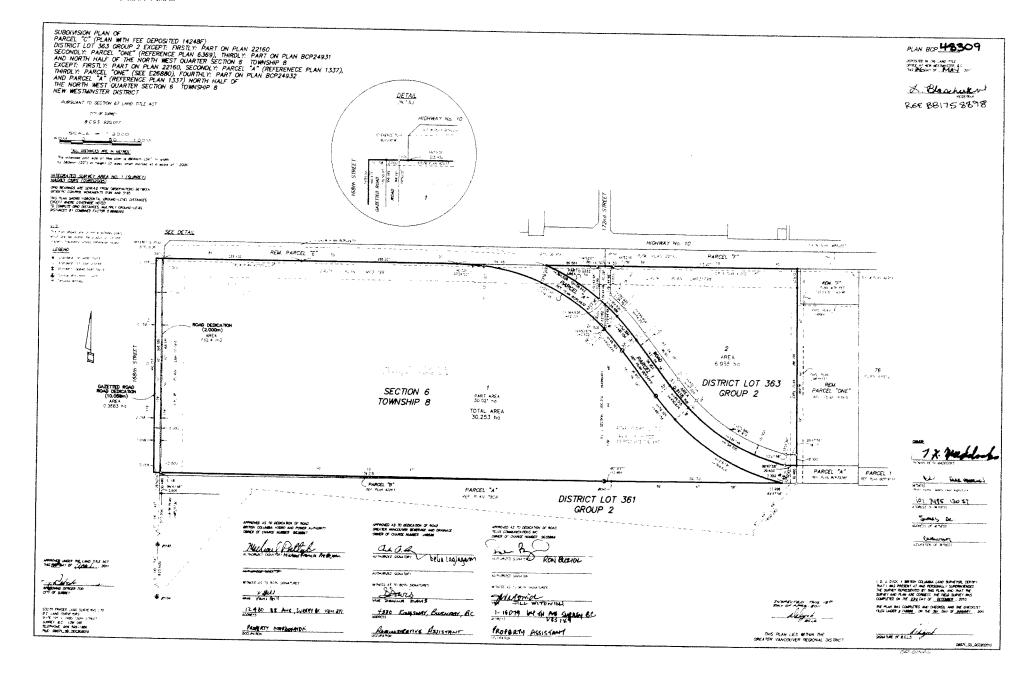


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# Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee Minutes

Appendix III

Executive Boardroom City Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012

14245 - 56 Avenue Surrey, B.C.

Time: 8:59 a.m. File: 0540-20

#### **Present:**

Chairperson - Councillor Hepner

M. Bose – Vice Chair

D. Arnold

P. Harrison

M. Hilmer

J. Sandhar

B. Sandhu

K. Thiara

S. VanKeulen

#### **Regrets:**

- T. Pellett, Agricultural Land Commission
- B. Stewart, Environmental Advisory Committee Representative

#### **Guest Observers:**

S. Sandher, Citiwest Consulting

#### **Staff Present:**

- R. Dubé, Engineering
- D. Hornung, Bylaws
- C. MacFarlane, Legal
- C. Stewart, Planning & Development
- M. Kischnick, Planning & Development
- L. Anderson, Legislative Services

#### **Agency Representative:**

K. Zimmerman, Ministry of Agriculture

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#### G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Proposed ALR Exclusion at 17236 – 56 Avenue and 5490 – 168 Street 249 & 255 171 Street

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Christopher Atkins, Planner, was in attendance to review his memo, dated July 9, 2012, as follows:

- The application is to exclude 1.77 hectares (4.37 acres) of land from the ALR for the existing 30.5-metre wide BC Hydro/Southern Railway corridor, which is already in use
- The construction of the new railway corridor was completed and operation commenced in 2008, however no formal application has yet been made to exclude the railway corridor from the ALR.
- The exclusion is required in order for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and BC Hydro to complete their land exchange. These lands will ultimately be owned by BC Hydro.
- The Agricultural Land Commission has previously considered and supported the consolidation of the adjacent properties and the dedication of road adjacent to the rail ROW.

The Committee reported that when they had reviewed the original application regarding the widening of Highway 10, all options were considered regarding the railway corridor and a number of required consolidations had been discussed at that time. It was confirmed that the required consolidations have been done.

It was Moved by P. Harrison

Seconded by B. Sandhu

That the Agriculture and Food Security Advisory

Committee receive the memo, dated July 9, 2012, regarding application 7912-0157-00, as information.

**Carried**