

Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
March 4, 2014 – 6:30 pm
REVISED Agenda

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of MPC Minutes from February 4, 2014** Pkg 1
- 3. In Camera**
- 4. Unfinished Business**
- 5. Development Permit Applications**
 - a. Development Permit Application No. 2014-04 Pkg 2
Lee and Tracy Evenson
Lot 4, Descriptive Plan 941 0918; S 16-4-29 W4M
- 6. Development Reports**
 - a. February 2014 Pkg 3
- 7. Correspondence**

Action Required:

 - a. McLaughlin Wind Farm – Permit Timeline Suspension Request
Development Permit No. 2012-03 Pkg 4
 - b. Saltwater Shrimp Aquaculture
Email from Oldman River Regional Services Commission, dated February 13, 2014..... Pkg 5
 - c. AQUAculture
Email from Oldman River Regional Services Commission, dated February 25, 2014..... Pkg 6
Fish Culture Licence, dated for reference, 2014-03-04
 - d. Intensive Horticultural Operation
Email from Oldman River Regional Services Commission, dated February 25, 2014..... Pkg 7
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Next Regular Meeting – April 1, 2014; 6:30 pm**
- 10. Adjournment**

**Meeting Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission
February 4, 2014 – 6:30 pm
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 Administration Building**

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Reeve Brian Hammond, Councillors Terry Yagos, Fred Schoening and Garry Marchuk, and Members Dennis Olson and Bev Garbutt

Absent: Councillor Grant McNab

Staff: Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Kay, Director of Development and Community Services Roland Milligan, Planning Advisor Gavin Scott and Executive Assistant Tara Cryderman

COMMENCEMENT

Chairman Terry Yagos called the meeting to order, the time being 6:35 pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Reeve Brian Hammond 14/001

Moved that the February 4, 2014 Municipal Planning Commission Agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Dennis Olson 14/002

Moved that the Municipal Planning Commission Minutes of November 5, 2013 be approved as presented.

Carried

3. IN CAMERA

Councillor Fred Schoening 14/003

Moved that MPC and staff move In-Camera, the time being 6:37 pm.

Carried

Councillor Garry Marchuk 14/004

Moved that MPC and staff move out of In-Camera, the time being 6:51 pm.

Carried

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

5. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

- a) Development Permit Application No. 2014-02
Lot 17, Block 14, Plan 0613288; Hamlet of Lundbreck
Kyle Davidson and Lindsey Cockerill

Councillor Garry Marchuk

14/005

Moved that Development Permit Application No. 2014-02 be approved subject to the following Condition(s):

Condition(s):

1. That this development meets the minimum provisions as required in Land Use Bylaw 1140-08.
2. That the manufactured home be finished from the floor level to the ground within 90-days of placement. All finish material shall either be factory fabricated or of equivalent quality, so that the design and construction complements the dwelling.
3. That the manufactured home be placed on an engineer approved foundation (e.g. grade beam), or a basement which satisfies the requirements of the Alberta Safety Codes.

Carried

6. DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Reeve Brian Hammond

14/006

Moved that the Director of Development and Community Services Reports for November 2013, December 2013 and January 2014 be received as information.

Carried

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 4; 6:30 pm

MINUTES
Municipal Planning Commission (MPC)
Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9
February 4, 2014

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Fred Schoening

14/007

Moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson Terry Yagos
Municipal Planning Commission

Director of Development and Community
Services Roland Milligan
Municipal Planning Commission

Development Permit Application No. 2014-04

Lee Evenson

Lot 4, Plan 9410918; S 19-4-29 W4M

Moved In Residential Building and Accessory Building - Garage



MD OF PINCHER CREEK

February 27th, 2014

TO: Municipal Planning Commission
FROM: Roland Milligan, Director of Development and Community Services
SUBJECT: Development Permit Application No. 2014-04

1. Applicant

Applicant(s): Lee and Tracy Evenson
Location: Lot 4, Descriptive Plan 941 0918; S 19-4-29 W4M
Division: 1
Size of Parcel: 93.05 ha (229.93 Acres)
Zoning: Agriculture
Development: Moved-In Residential Building

2. Background/Comment

- On February 7th, 2014 MD received the complete application for the request for approval for a Moved-In Residential Building. (Enclosure No. 1).
- The application is in front of the MPC because:
 1. Within the Agriculture Land Use District, Moved-In Residential Building is a discretionary use.

Discussion

- The application was circulated to the adjacent landowners for comment as required.
- At the time of preparing this report no comments were received.
- The home is a previously lived in bungalow constructed in the mid 1970s.
- The proposed location on the parcel meets all setback requirements of the land use district.
- This will be the first residence on the undeveloped parcel.

Recommendation:

That Development Permit Application No. 2014-04 be approved subject to the following Condition(s):

Condition(s):

1. That this development meets the minimum provisions as required in Land Use Bylaw 1140-08.

Enclosures

Supporting Documents:

Enclosure No. 1 Development Permit Application No. 2014-04

Respectfully Submitted,

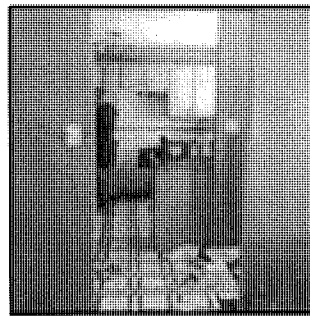
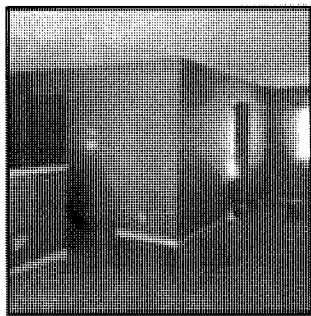


Roland Milligan

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay, CAO

February 27th, 2014

PHOTOS OF HOUSE TO BE MOVED IN





Municipal District of Pincher Creek
 P.O. Box 279
 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0
 Phone: 403.627.3130 • Fax: 403.627.5070

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

All grey areas will be completed by the Planning Authority

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 2014-04
 Date Application Received 2014-02-07 PERMIT FEE 100.00 50.00
 Date Application Accepted 2014-02-07 RECEIPT NO. 15670
 Tax Roll # 1431.040

IMPORTANT: This information may also be shared with appropriate government / other agencies and may also be kept on file by those agencies. This information may also be used by and for any or all municipal programs and services. The application and related file contents will become available to the public and are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: LEE EVENSON
 Address: Box 1056 PINCHER CREEK, AB
 Telephone: 403-627-2671 Email: Levenson@hotmail.ca
 Owner of Land (if different from above): _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____
 Interest of Applicant (if not the owner): _____

SECTION 2: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

I/We hereby make application for a Development Permit under the provisions of Land Use Bylaw No. in accordance with the plans and supporting information submitted herewith and which forms part of this application.

A brief description of the proposed development is as follows:
Moved-in Dwelling + Accessory Bldg. Garage
fl10 1970s 1180sqft House

Legal Description: Lot(s) 4
 Block _____
 Plan 9410918
 Quarter Section S19-4-29 w4m
 Estimated Commencement Date: Feb. 15/14
 Estimated Completion Date: JUNE 30/14

SECTION 3: SITE REQUIREMENTS

Land Use District: AGRICULTURE - Δ Division: 1

Permitted Use Discretionary Use

Is the proposed development site within 100 metres of a swamp, gully, ravine, coulee, natural drainage course or floodplain?

Yes No

Is the proposed development below a licenced dam?

Yes No

Is the proposed development site situated on a slope?

Yes No

If yes, approximately how many degrees of slope? _____ degrees

Has the applicant or a previous registered owner undertaken a slope stability study or geotechnical evaluation of the proposed development site?

Yes No Don't know Not required

Could the proposed development be impacted by a geographic feature or a waterbody?

Yes No Don't think so

<u>PRINCIPAL BUILDING</u>	Proposed	By Law Requirements	Conforms
(1) Area of Site <u>229.8 ac.</u>	<u>93 ha</u>		
(2) Area of Building <u>(1180 ft²)</u>	<u>109.6 m²</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>
(3) %Site Coverage by Building	<u>N/A</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(4) Front Yard Setback Direction Facing: <u>WEST</u>	<u>230m</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>YES</u>
(5) Rear Yard Setback Direction Facing: <u>EAST (HWY 6)</u>	<u>980m</u>	<u>80m</u>	<u>YES</u>
(6) Side Yard Setback: Direction Facing: <u>SOUTH</u>	<u>45m</u>	<u>7.5m</u>	<u>YES</u>
(7) Side Yard Setback: Direction Facing: <u>NORTH</u>	<u>750m</u>	<u>50m</u>	<u>YES</u>
(8) Height of Building	<u>N/A</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(9) Number of Off Street Parking Spaces	<u>N/A</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Other Supporting Material Attached (e.g. site plan, architectural drawing)

ACCESSORY BUILDING	Proposed	By Law Requirements	Conforms
(1) Area of Site			
(2) Area of Building			
(3) %Site Coverage by Building			
(4) Front Yard Setback Direction Facing:			
(5) Rear Yard Setback Direction Facing:			
(6) Side Yard Setback: Direction Facing:			
(7) Side Yard Setback: Direction Facing:			
(8) Height of Building			
(9) Number of Off Street Parking Spaces			

Other Supporting Material Attached (e.g. site plan, architectural drawing)

SECTION 4: DEMOLITION

Type of building being demolished : _____

Area of size: _____

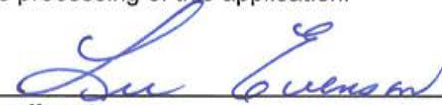
Type of demolition planned: _____

SECTION 5: SIGNATURES (both signatures required)

The information given on this form is full and complete and is, to the best of my knowledge, a true statement of the facts in relation to this application for a Development Permit.

I also consent to an authorized person designated by the municipality to enter upon the subject land and buildings for the purpose of an inspection during the processing of this application.

DATE: Feb 7/14



 Applicant

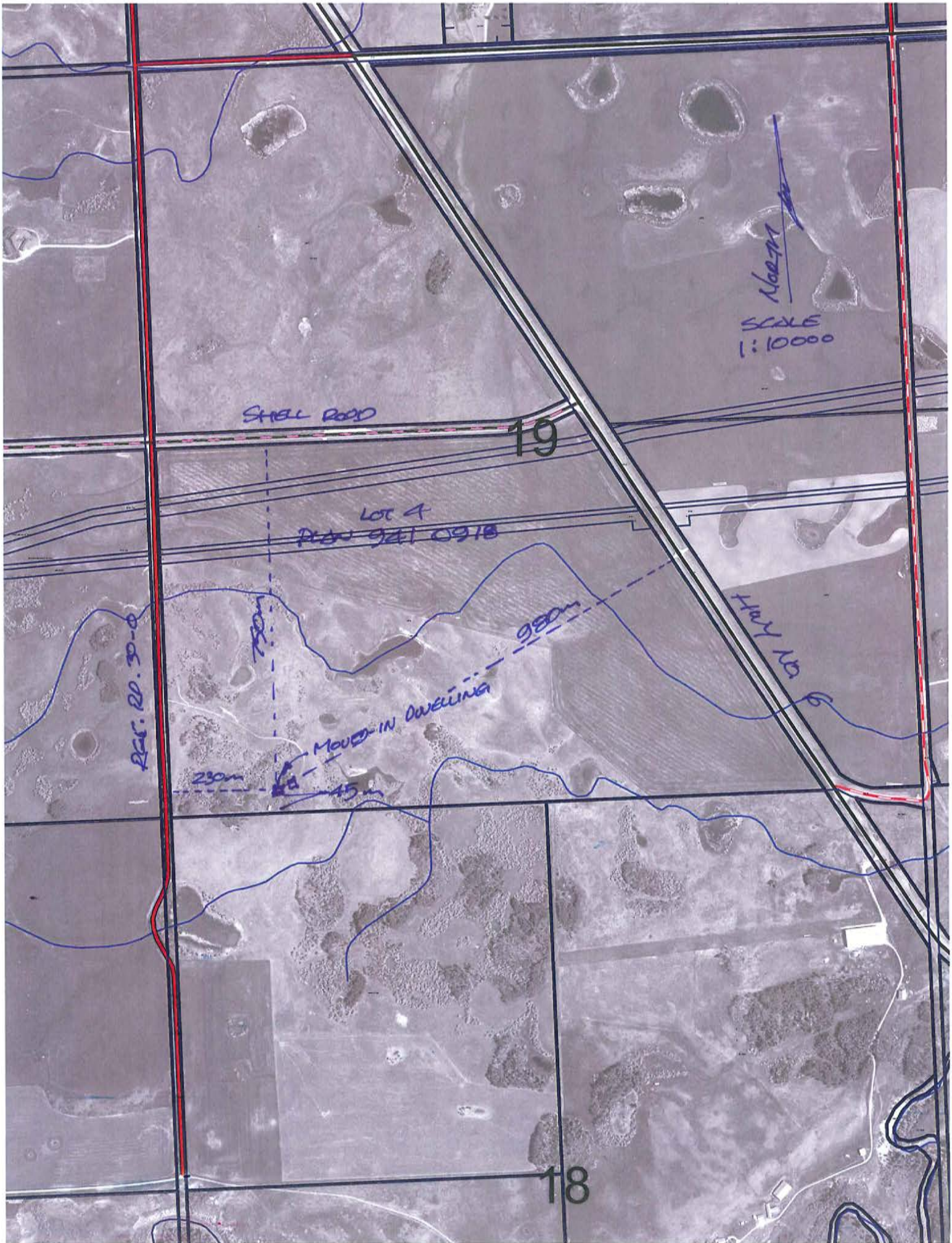
 Registered Owner

Information on this application form will become part of a file which may be considered at a public meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. In addition to completing this application form in its entirety, an application for a development permit shall be accompanied by the following information, where relevant:
 - (a) a lot plan at scale to the satisfaction of the Development Officer showing the size and shape of the lot, the front, rear and side yards, any provision for off-street loading and vehicle parking, access to the site, and the location of public utility lines, waterbodies and treed areas;
 - (b) a scaled floor plan and elevations where construction is proposed;
 - (c) at the discretion of the Development Officer, a Real Property Report as proof of location of existing development and a copy of the Duplicate Certificate of Title indicating ownership and encumbrances;
 - (d) if the applicant is not the registered owner, a written statement, signed by the registered owner consenting to the application and approving the applicant as the agent for the registered owner.
2. A non-refundable processing fee of an amount determined by Council shall accompany every application for a development permit.
3. Failure to complete the application form fully and supply the required information, plans and fee may cause delays in processing the application.
4. **THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WHERE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED HAS NOT BEEN SUPPLIED OR WHERE THE QUALITY OF SUCH INFORMATION IS INADEQUATE TO PROPERLY EVALUATE THE APPLICATION.**
5. All development permits shall contain the following informative:

"ANY DEVELOPMENT CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IS DONE SOLELY AT THE RISK OF THE APPLICANT AND/OR LANDOWNER."
6. In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, a decision on a completed application must be made within 40 days. After the 40-day period the applicant may deem the application refused and file an appeal within 14 days of the expiry of the decision date.
7. Every approach to a residence is entitled to an approach number sign supplied by the municipality. If your location does not already have a sign, please contact the MD Administration Office to make arrangements as soon as your approach has been constructed.



North
SCALE
1:10000

SHELL ROAD

19

LOT 4
PLAN 921 0918

RES. RD. 30-0

750m

980m

Highway No. 6

MOVED-IN DWELLING

230m

15m

18

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPORT – February 2014**

Development / Community Services Activity include:

- February 4 Meeting with MD Planner and Council
- February 4 Municipal Planning Commission
- February 11 Policy and Plans
- February 17-21 Vacation
- February 25 Policy and Plans
- February 26 Castle Mountain Tour

PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Development Permits Issued by Development Officer for February 2014

2014-03	Bill and Kim Ebner	Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0815791; Castle View Ridge	Single Detached Residence
2014-05	Pincher Seed Cleaning Co-Op	Lots 1-6, Block 5, Plan 1993N; Hamlet of Pincher Station	Addition to Seed Cleaning Plant
2014-06	Dennis and Nevada Springhetti	Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0612790; SE 16-6-2 W5M	Accessory Building - Shop

Development Permits Issued by Municipal Planning Commission for February 2014


2014-02	Kyle Davidson and Lindsey Cockerill	Lot 17, Block 14, Plan 0613288; Hamlet of Lundbreck	Manufactured Home
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Development Statistics to Date

DESCRIPTION	February 2014	2014 to Date	February 2013	2013	2012
Dev Permits Issued	4 3 – DO / 1 – MPC	5 4 – DO / 1 – MPC	4 2 – DO / 2 – MPC	67 42 – DO / 25 – MPC	68 49 – DO / 19 – MPC
Dev Applications Accepted	4	6	5	66	74
Utility Permits Issued	2	6	1	32	36
Subdivision Applications Approved	0	0	1	9	15
Rezoning Applications Approved	0	0	0	2	1
Seismic / Oil / Gas	0	0	2	3	3
Compliance Cert	1	3	0	19	24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Development Officer’s Report for the period ending February 27, 2014, be received as information.

Prepared by: Roland Milligan, Development Officer  Date: February 27, 2014

Submitted to: Municipal Planning Commission Date: March 4, 2014

MD OF PINCHER CREEK

February 27th, 2014

TO: Municipal Planning Commission
FROM: Roland Milligan
SUBJECT: McLaughlin Wind Farm – Permit Timeline Suspension Request
Development Permit No. 2012-03

1. Applicant

- Renewable Energy Services Ltd.

2. Background/Comment

- The MD issued the Development Permit 2012-03 (the Permit) for the McLaughlin Wind Farm (the Project) on April 11th, 2012.
- The project is a 20 turbine wind farm to be located on Sec. 23; Twp. 6; Rge. 29; W4M. These lands were rezoned to Wind Farm Industrial on March 9th, 2011.
- The proposed turbines have a 3 MW output, with an 80m hub height, a 103.9m rotor diameter, total height of 132m.
- Pursuant to Section 53.19(a) of the LUB, commencement of construction is required to take place within two (2) years of the date of the permit.
- The MD received correspondence from Peter Archibald with Renewable Energy Services Ltd. on February 19th, 2014 requesting a three (3) year suspension of the construction timeline for a wind power project, as outlined in Section 53.19(d) of the LUB.

Discussion

- Renewable Energy Services Ltd. is requesting that the MPC grant a timeline suspension under Section 51.19 (d) of the LUB.
- The following are the reasons given by the applicant for the request:
 - i. As I mentioned briefly in my previous email, we have not yet received AUC approval. We are working through issues surrounding noise and have just recently found a solution that will satisfy the AUC but it will take some time to work through the details and re-run the engineering studies.
 - ii. Additionally, the Southern Alberta Transmission Reinforcement (SATR) project on 911L is scheduled to be upgraded (double circuit 240 kV) to be completed by the end of 2015. If our project in-service date is prior to this upgrade, our project will be subject to the Remedial Action Scheme (RAS) and subject to curtailment due to the potential overloading of the line. AESO has indicated that it would be advantageous for both parties to wait for this upgrade to be completed to avoid RAS.
 - iii. We are currently in discussion with AESO and AltaLink to relocate the sub-station to minimize the interconnection requirements with the benefit of increased reliability and

reduced telecom costs. AltaLink strongly recommends that we consider this option but it will require a more comprehensive analysis of which will take additional time.

- This request is in front of MPC for the following reason:

53.19 *A Category 3 WECS development permit shall have a maximum five (5) year development time line as outlined in subsections (a), (b) and (c) below.*

(a) Commencement of construction shall occur within two (2) years of the issuance of the development permit. A time extension as described in (c) or a timeline suspension as described in (d) must be applied for prior to the expiration of the two (2) year commencement of construction period;

(d) The MPC may consider suspending the five (5) year timeline described above in cases where a development hardship is proven to the satisfaction of MPC. The MPC shall specify the duration of any timeline suspension as part of the approval.

Recommendation

That the Municipal Planning Commission review the information submitted and grant the applicant's request pursuant to Section 53.19(d) of the LUB, and grant three (3) year suspension to the development timeline for Development Permit No. 2012-03, for the McLaughlin Wind Farm, from March 4th, 2014 to March 4th, 2017.

3. Enclosures

Supporting Documents:

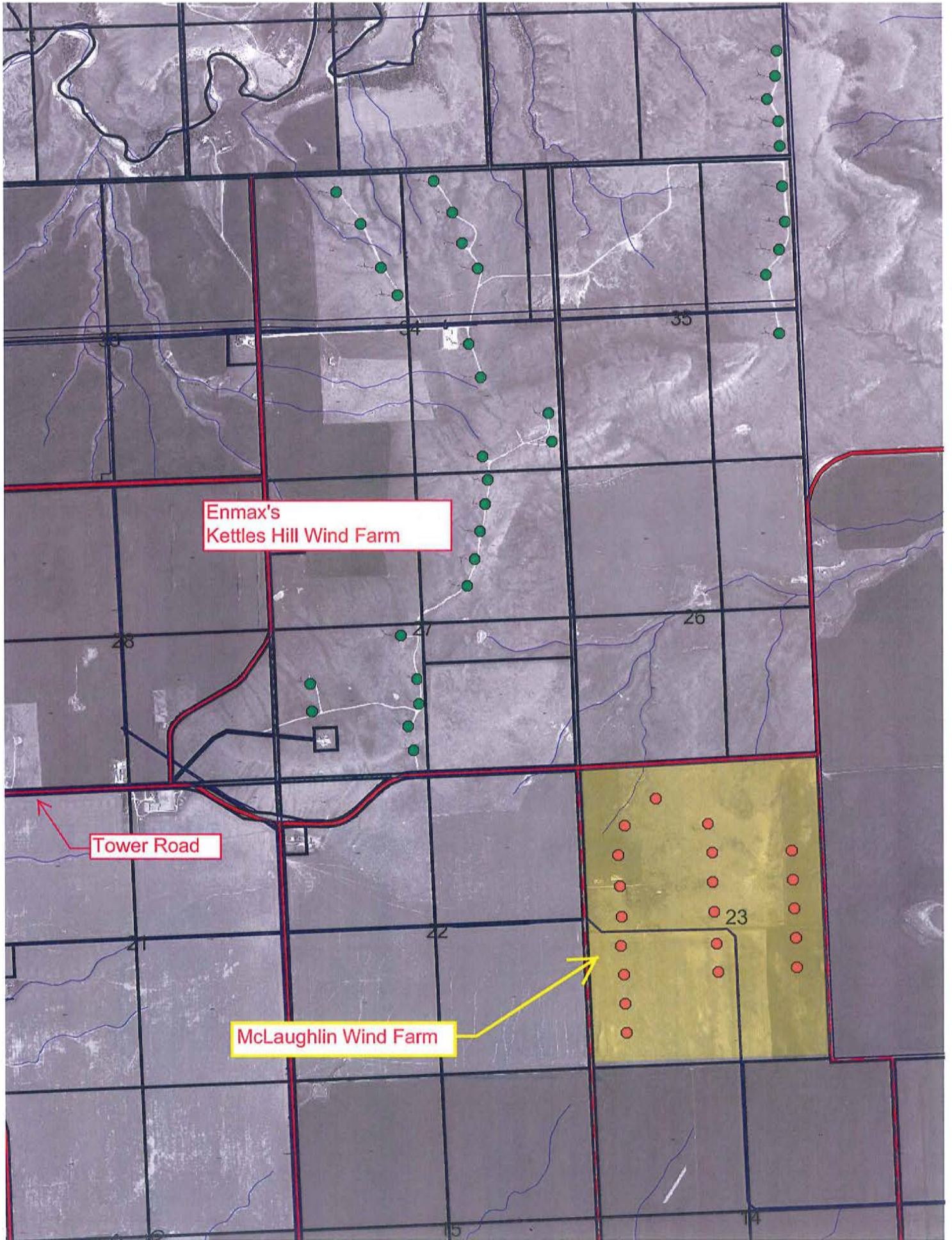
GIS Map showing approved wind farm location
Information from Renewable Energy Services Ltd.

Respectfully Submitted,


Roland Milligan

Reviewed by: Wendy Kay, CAO

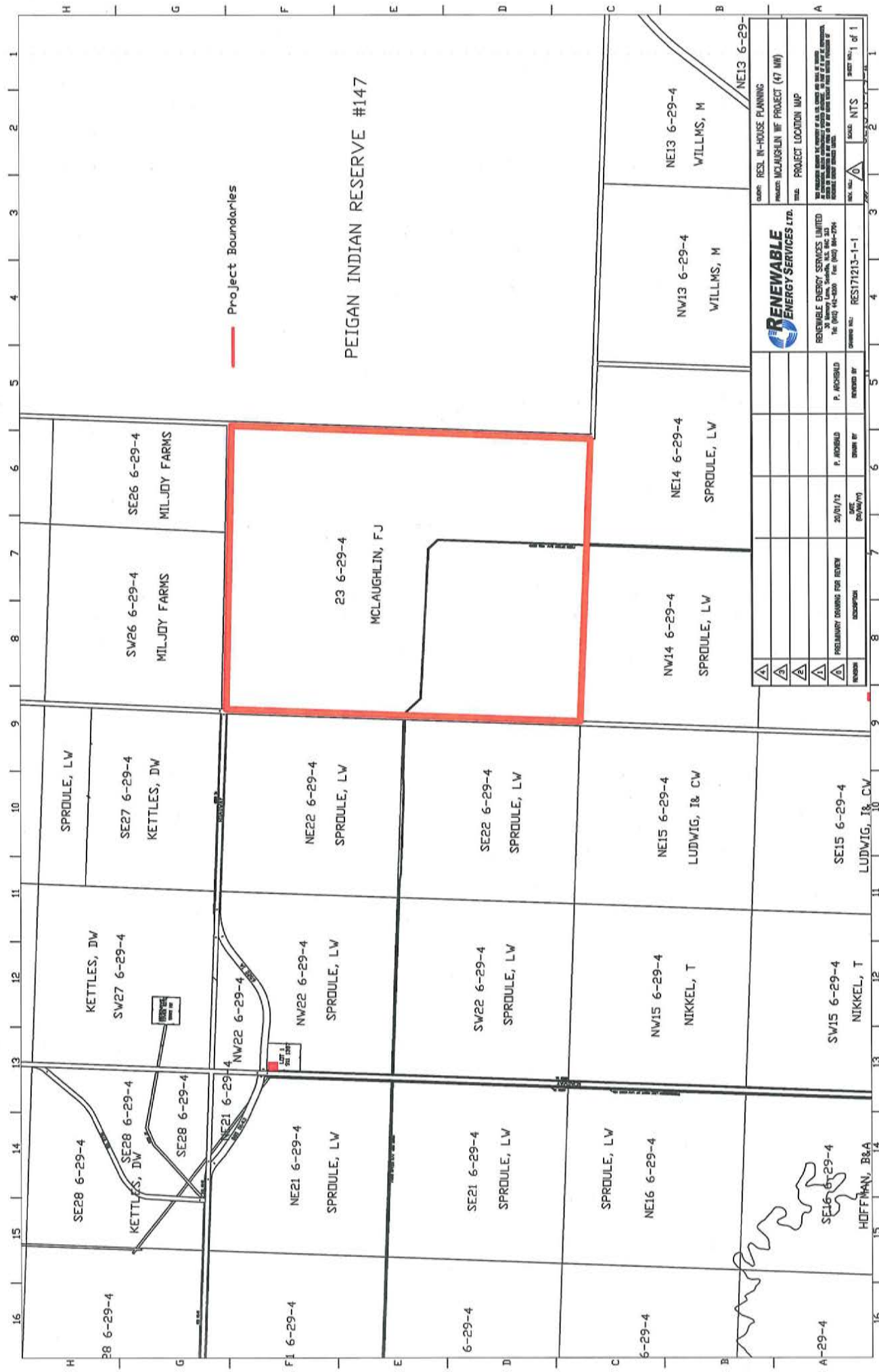
February 27th, 2014



Enmax's
Kettles Hill Wind Farm

Tower Road

McLaughlin Wind Farm



DATE	RES. IN-HOUSE PLANNING
PROJECT	MCLAUGHLIN WF PROJECT (47 MW)
INFO.	PROJECT LOCATION MAP
SCALE	AS SHOWN
SHEET NO.	1 of 1
DATE	20/01/12
BY	P. JOHNSON
REVISION	PRELIMINARY DRAWING FOR REVIEW
DESCRIPTION	

RENEWABLE ENERGY SERVICES LTD.

RENEWABLE ENERGY SERVICES LIMITED
 30 Murray Lane, Toronto, ON M5C 3A3
 Tel: (416) 412-2000 Fax: (416) 594-2004

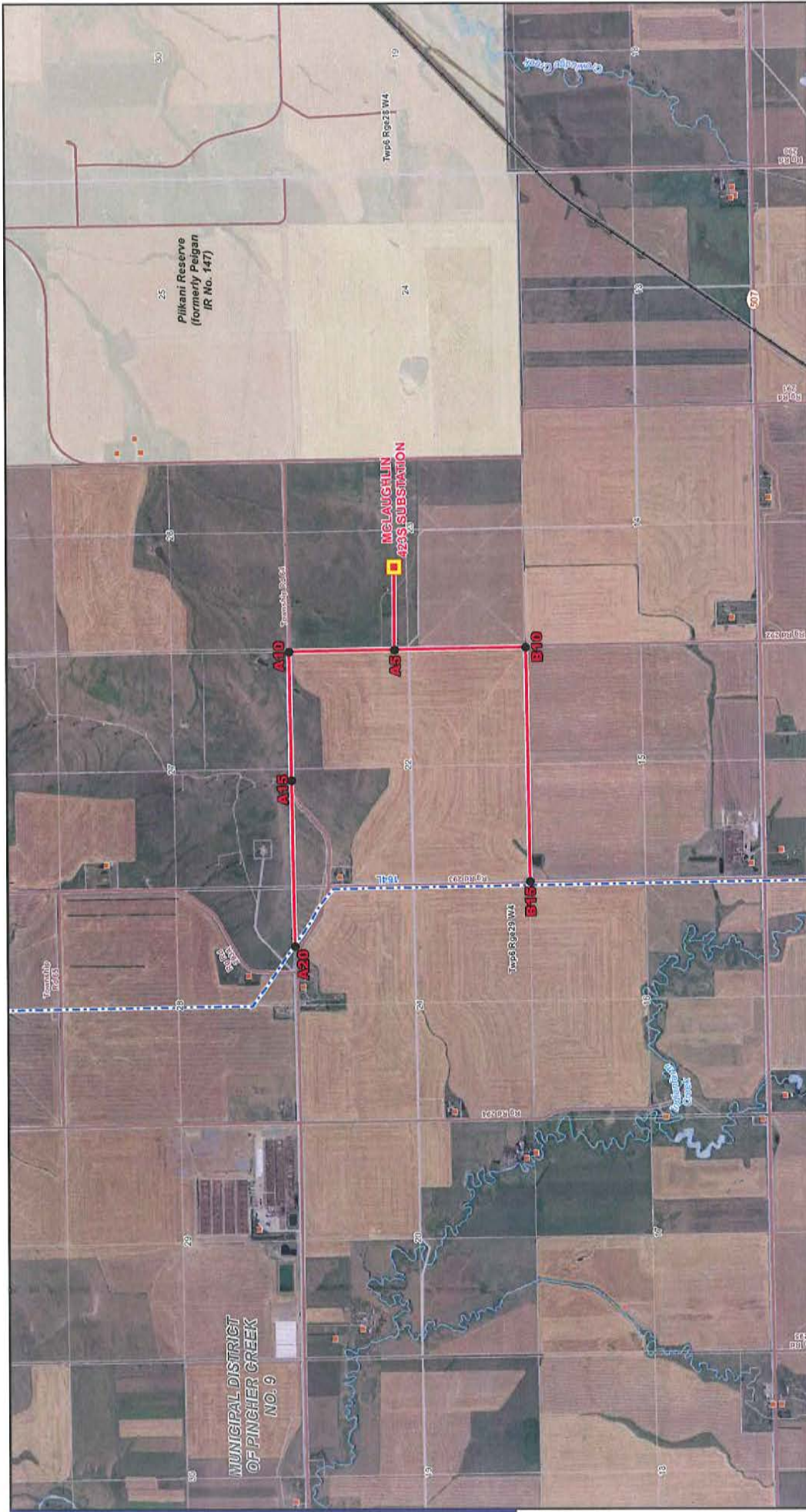
PROJECT NO.: RES171213-1-1

DATE: 20/01/12

BY: P. JOHNSON

REVISION: PRELIMINARY DRAWING FOR REVIEW

DESCRIPTION:



DETAIL PHOTO DP1

ATALINK

PROPOSED
Renewable Energy Services Wind Farm Connection

LEGEND

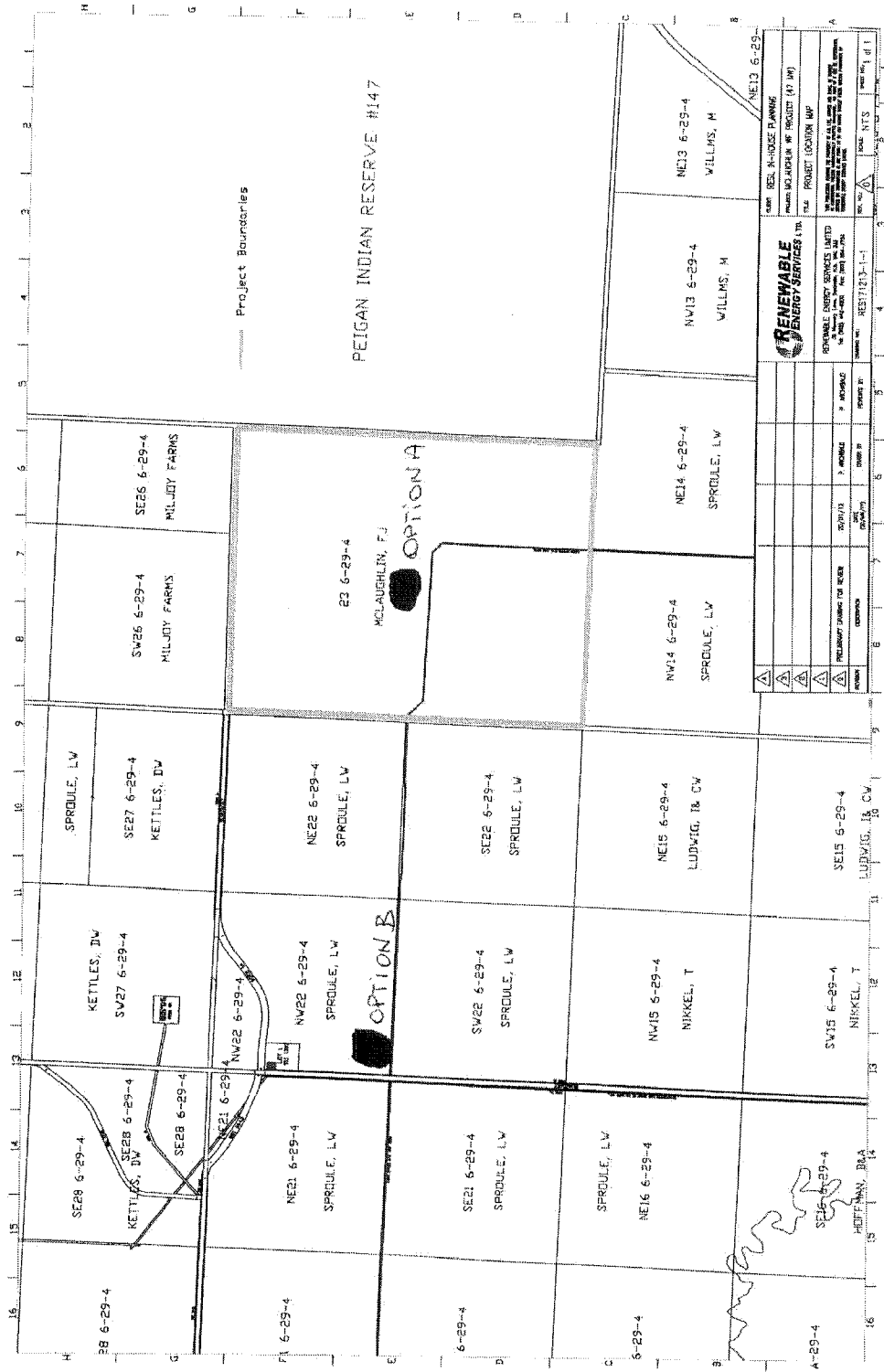
- Point Designation
- Proposed Substation
- Potential Transmission Line Route Options
- - - Existing Transmission Line
- Residence
- Railway
- Road
- First Nations Reserve
- Water Body

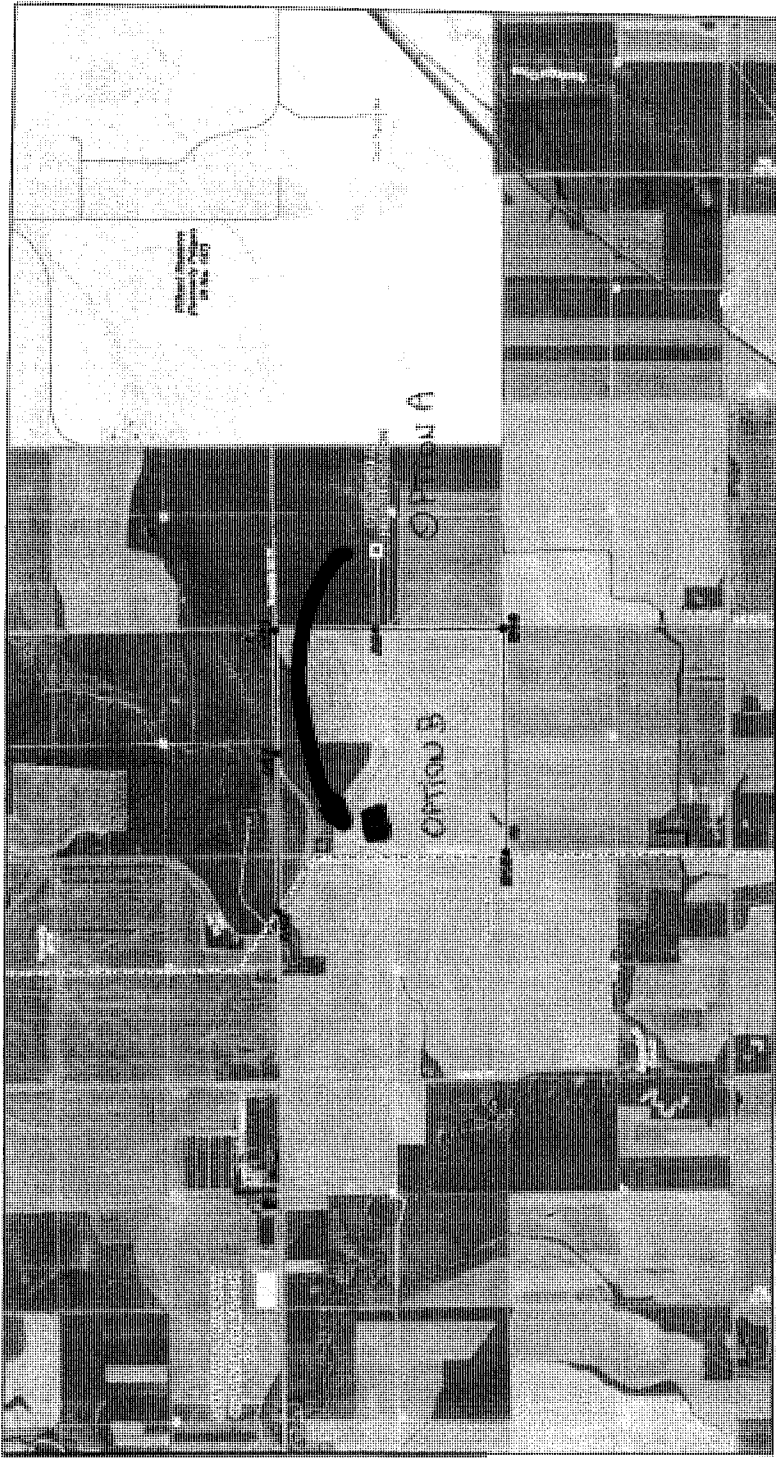
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 FILE NO.: TERA 2078
 PROJECT NO.: 1239
 DATE: 2011-10-23
 AL FOLDER: Renewable Energy Resources Wind

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McLAUGHLIN 423 S Substation





LEGEND

- Point Description
- Proposed Substation
- Proposed Transmission Line Route Option
- - - Existing Transmission Line
- Wetlands
- ▨ Wetland Buffer
- ▬ Road
- ▬ State National Boundary

Map Date: 1/2011

Map Scale: 1" = 1.5 Miles

Map Projection: NAD 83 UTM Zone 18N

Map Source: Aerial Imagery

DP1

ALTA

PROPOSED
Renewable Energy Services Wind Farm Connection

Subject: FW: Saltwater Shrimp Aquaculture??

From: Gavin Scott [<mailto:gavinscott@orrc.com>]

Sent: February-13-14 4:17 PM

To: Roland Milligan

Subject: RE: Saltwater Shrimp Aquaculture??

I've put a call into Janet Smalley – Alberta Agri which I found on this site:

<http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv112>

Proximity to Crowsnest River seems to be a concern of the application process for the outflow of excess water. We will need a better understanding of the design.

You'll note that the Commercial B lists freshwater prawns but not saltwater. We will have to clarify what can be done in an indoor facility. The GCR district may not be appropriate for the use. Clearly your right that ag structures are 'discretionary but the building doesn't get use the use. The specialty cottage industry definition as use is curious as to whether it would fit. Clearly the definition limits the building size and cannot be waived because it is in the definition, so unless the building can be reduced this may be a non-starter. Given this is a residential area caution should be exercised because this use was not contemplated when the bylaw was written....they would also have to build a house as that is the intent of the district and the shrimp business would have to be deemed subordinate to the residence.

Ideally I would prefer a location zoned agriculture but even then because the use has not been clearly defined by the bylaw a similar use process should be entered into prior to application.

I will have further thoughts as I look more closely at this.

From: Roland Milligan [<mailto:AdminDevOff@mdpincercreek.ab.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 2:49 PM

To: Gavin Scott (gavinscott@orrc.com)

Cc: Tara Cryderman

Subject: Saltwater Shrimp Aquaculture??

Hello Gavin,

Peter Maloff has approached me with an idea regarding a portion of the NE 25-7-2 W5M, Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 081 4776. This is a 26.7 acre Grouped Country residential parcel just north of Lundbreck. Part of the original Mat Sherwood subdivision that is on the north side of the Crowsnest river.

He has a couple wanting to purchase the property and develop an 80'x100' shop in which will be house a facility for growing salt water shrimp. Agriculture?

Does Alberta Agriculture look after this stuff? Peter says the idea was poo-pooed in Willow Creek.

In GCR, agriculture buildings are a discretionary use.

Would this use require a Land Use redesignation?

They want to come in a talk with me on the week of the 24th to 28th.

Any thoughts or information you could you could provide would be appreciated.

Regards,

Roland Milligan

Director of Development and Community Services

M.D. of Pincher Creek No. 9

PO Box 279, Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0

Ph: 403.627.3130 Fx: 403.627.5070

Subject: FW: AQUAculture etc

From: Gavin Scott [mailto:gavinscott@orrc.com]

Sent: February-25-14 2:25 PM

To: Roland Milligan

Subject: AQUAculture etc

Land Use bylaw review....

The Alberta agriculture aquaculture process is outlined per the attached link. It should be a good guide to what we are talking about....

<http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv112>

Definitions from wiki:

Aquaculture, also known as aquafarming, is the farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic plants. Aquaculture involves cultivating freshwater and saltwater populations under controlled conditions, and can be contrasted with commercial fishing, which is the harvesting of wild fish. Broadly speaking, finfish and shellfish fisheries can be conceptualized as akin to hunting and gathering while aquaculture is akin to agriculture.

Aquaponics, is a food production system that combines conventional aquaculture (raising aquatic animals such as snails, fish, crayfish or prawns in tanks) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water) in a symbiotic environment. In normal aquaculture, excretions from the animals being raised can accumulate in the water, increasing toxicity. In an aquaponic system, water from an aquaculture system is fed to a hydroponic system where the by-products are broken down by nitrogen-fixing bacteria into nitrates and nitrites, which are utilized by the plants as nutrients. The water is then recirculated back to the aquaculture system.

Greenhouses are currently defined under intensive horticulture:

6.76 Intensive Horticultural Operation

Uses of land or buildings for the high yield production and/or sale of specialty crops. This use includes greenhouses, nurseries, hydroponics or market gardens, tree, mushroom, and sod farms. "Extensive agriculture" and "Topsoil stripping" are separate uses.

The use is found in HAMLET GENERAL INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING – HGIW, MULTI-LOT HEAVY RURAL INDUSTRIAL – MHRI, and MULTI-LOT HEAVY RURAL INDUSTRIAL – MHRI. The use is not found or exempted in Agriculture – A or Grouped Country – GCR.

Is it an oversight to not have addressed it in ag?

[Alberta.ca](#) > [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)

Fish Culture Licence

 [Sign up for our E-Newsletter](#)

Licence Information

Agency:

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development


For Further Information Contact:

Tel: 780-427-5083 Fax: 780-422-4513

Email: janet.smalley@gov.ab.ca

Downloadable Forms

 [Application to Become a Recreational Fish Culturist - PDF](#)
237K

 [Application to Become a Commercial Fish Culturist - PDF](#)
56K

Licence Details

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) issues three types of fish culture licences on behalf of [Sustainable Resource Development](#) (SRD) under the authority of the [Alberta Fisheries Act](#) and its supporting [regulation](#).

A **Recreational Fish Culture Licence** allows the holder to keep cultured fish, as specified, in the water body named on the licence. This licence is intended for the recreational, non-commercial use of the applicant. Fish cannot be sold under the authority of this licence.

Recreational Fish Culture licences are \$10 per year or \$50 for a five-year period. New applicants, or applicants who have allowed their licence to lapse for one year or more, will also be required to pay an additional \$42.00 to have the water body inspected. The water body must be inspected to ensure it is situated on privately-owned land and isolated from other water to the point that stocking fish will not adversely affect the environment or native fish.

- **Download:** [Application to Become a Recreational Fish Culturist](#) - 113K PDF

A **Commercial A Fish Culture Licence** allows the holder to sell as well as keep cultured fish as specified on the licence. This licence is intended for those operating a business involving the sale of cultured fish. The annual fee is \$75.

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A **Commercial B Fish Culture Licence** also allows the holder to sell and keep cultured fish; however, the licenced premises are limited to "contained waters." Contained waters are waters held in a man-made aquarium or other impervious container that is normally housed within a building, OR waters held in a man-made reservoir that isolates the water in it from flowing

into other water sources, is completely lined with an impervious material and is no larger than 55 square metres (600 square feet). Commercial B licences cost \$150 annually.

What kinds of fish can I stock in my pond or fish culture facility?

Table 1 shows the species of cultured fish eligible under each licence. Goldfish and Koi are considered cultured fish only if they are possessed at a location that is not within a person's principal residence and the fish are being kept for the purpose of selling wholesale. The Licensing Section will not issue a licence for any species of fish not included in Table 1.

Table 1. Cultured fish eligible for licencing

Recreational & Commercial 'A'	Commercial 'B'
Arctic char	Atlantic salmon
Rainbow trout	Chinook salmon
Brook trout	Coho salmon
Brown trout	Sockeye (Kokanee) salmon
Triploid grass carp	Freshwater prawn
	Goldfish
	Koi
	Tilapia
	Bigmouth Buffalo fish
	American eel
	Apple snail

I have enough fish in my pond and do not need to purchase more this year. Is it necessary for me to renew my licence when it expires?

Yes, a valid licence is not only necessary to purchase fish, but is required as long as you hold fish in your water body.

How long does it take to obtain a licence?

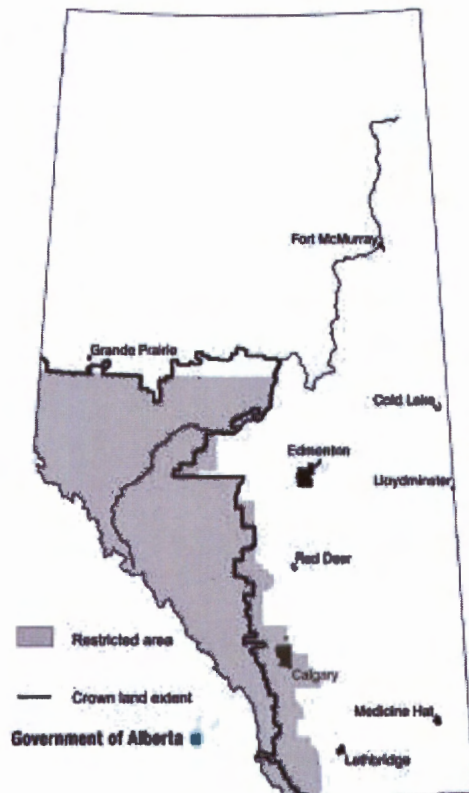
First-time applications will usually be inspected and processed within two weeks. Allow one more week for delivery of the licence by mail. Unfavourable weather or poor field conditions may delay this process.

Will I require any other licences?

In some instances, it will be necessary to obtain a licence to use and divert water before a fish culture licence can be issued. For more information, please call Alberta Environment, Water Approval at (780) 427-5296 in Edmonton.

What is the restricted area?

There is a geographic area in Alberta where special conditions apply due to the sensitive nature of the surrounding natural fisheries. An area roughly described as the south-west quarter of the province is restricted to stocking Rainbow trout only.



If you are unsure as to the location of your water body in relation to these zones, please contact the Aquaculture section's licencing coordinator for more information.

Can I licence a pond on public land that I lease from the government?

No, licences will not be issued for ponds located on public land. You can, however, receive a licence for a pond located on land that you lease if the land is privately owned.

Can I move native fish, caught in other water bodies, to my pond?

No, it is illegal to take, use or attempt to use live fish or fish eggs taken from public water for stocking a fish culture premise.

Can I licence a pond that is owned jointly by me and my neighbour?

Yes, but first your neighbour must sign the application form giving his/her consent to allow you to operate a fish culture facility.



For more information about the content of this document, contact [Ag-Info Centre](#).

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Subject: FW: AQUAculture etc

From: Gavin Scott [mailto:gavinscott@orrs.com]

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Subject: AQUAculture etc

Land Use bylaw review....

The Alberta agriculture aquaculture process is outlined per the attached link. It should be a good guide to what we are talking about....

<http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/all/pgmsrv112>

Definitions from wiki:

Aquaculture, also known as aquafarming, is the farming of aquatic organisms such as fish, crustaceans, molluscs and aquatic plants. Aquaculture involves cultivating freshwater and saltwater populations under controlled conditions, and can be contrasted with commercial fishing, which is the harvesting of wild fish. Broadly speaking, finfish and shellfish fisheries can be conceptualized as akin to hunting and gathering while aquaculture is akin to agriculture.

Aquaponics, is a food production system that combines conventional aquaculture (raising aquatic animals such as snails, fish, crayfish or prawns in tanks) with hydroponics (cultivating plants in water) in a symbiotic environment. In normal aquaculture, excretions from the animals being raised can accumulate in the water, increasing toxicity. In an aquaponic system, water from an aquaculture system is fed to a hydroponic system where the by-products are broken down by nitrogen-fixing bacteria into nitrates and nitrites, which are utilized by the plants as nutrients. The water is then recirculated back to the aquaculture system.

Greenhouses are currently defined under intensive horticulture:

6.76 Intensive Horticultural Operation

Uses of land or buildings for the high yield production and/or sale of specialty crops. This use includes greenhouses, nurseries, hydroponics or market gardens, tree, mushroom, and sod farms. "Extensive agriculture" and "Topsoil stripping" are separate uses.

The use is found in HAMLET GENERAL INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING – HGIW, MULTI-LOT HEAVY RURAL INDUSTRIAL – MHRI, and MULTI-LOT HEAVY RURAL INDUSTRIAL – MHRI. The use is not found or exempted in Agriculture – A or Grouped Country – GCR.

Is it an oversight to not have addressed it in ag?