



Date: 13/02/2023

To: Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

And To: Brian Carruthers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

From: Nigel Whitehead, Manager of Planning Services

Date of Meeting: Cariboo Regional District Board_Feb24_2023

File: 3015-20/E20220070

Short Summary:

Area E – ALRE20220070

1330 Highway 20

District Lot 11, Group 4, Cariboo District

(3015-20/E20220070 – Stafford) (Agent: Martin Sills)

Director Neufeld

Voting:

Stakeholder Vote – Unweighted – All Electoral Areas

Memorandum:

This item was deferred for up to 60 days at the January 13, 2023, Board meeting, to allow the applicant time to follow up with Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN). The agent has submitted a letter to WLFN (attached). A response from WLFN is expected prior to the Board meeting and will be published on the agenda when received. Note the staff recommendation has been revised to include a recommended condition to the ALC that the outstanding concerns of the WLFN are resolved.

Staff note the Board has the option to reject the application. WLFN has summarized numerous concerns and reasons to recommend rejection based on actions and alleged legislative contraventions that have historically occurred on the property. The Board may wish to consider rejection of the proposal with the understanding that a future application, after resolving the outstanding concerns, would have greater likelihood of approval.

Attachments:

1. Information package
2. Letter from Martin Sills to WLFN – dated February 2, 2023

Financial Implications:

n/a

Policy Implications:

n/a

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- ☒ **Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- ☐ **Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- ☐ **Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Endorse other resolution;
3. Deny.

Recommendation:

That the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission application for Soil or Fill Use, pertaining to District Lot 11, Group 4, Cariboo District, be received and authorized for submission to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission with a recommendation of approval, subject to resolution of access and archaeological concerns of the Williams Lake First Nation.