

# **Planning Application Information Sheet**

**Application Type:** Agricultural Land Reserve

**File Number:** 3015-20/G20240002

**ALR Application Type:** Non-Farm Use 20(2)

Electoral Area: G

**Date of Referral:** January 10, 2024 **Date of Application:** January 04, 2024

Property Owner's Name(s): CROWN PROVINCIAL

**Applicant's Name:** Ted Olfert

**SECTION 1: Property Summary** 

**Legal Description(s):** Block A of District Lot 2828, Lillooet District and Part of District Lot 2828, Lillooet District.

Part of DL 2828 between Block A and D, Lillooet District.

**Property Size(s):** 2.78 ha (6.87 ac.)

**Area of Application:** 2.78 ha (6.87 ac.)

Location: 4202 Cariboo Hwy 97 S.

Current Designation: Min. Lot Size Permitted:

Agricultural 32 ha (79.07 ac.)

Current Zoning: Min. Lot Size Permitted:

Resource/ Agricultural (RA 1) 32 ha (79.07 ac.)

**Proposal:** The property is currently being used as a waste transfer station. The application is to continue this use. There is a previous ALC approval for this activity on an adjacent parcel. The previously approved file was #156/91.

Existing Buildings: Concrete Block Horseshoe 17.2 sq. m. (185.14 sq. ft.)

Recycling Huts 12 sq. m. (129.17 sq. ft.)

Attendant Building 10.14 sq. m. (109.15 sq. ft.)

Ancillary Share Shed 7.13 sq. m. (76.75 sq. ft.)

Primary Share Shed Building 38.25 sq. m. (411.72 sq. ft.)

Storage Shed 9.25 sq. m. (99.57 sq. ft.) Recycling Huts 9.92 sq. m. (106.78 sq. ft.)

Concrete Block Retaining Wall with Railing and Gates (three bays) 87.72 sq. m (944.21 sq. ft.)

Proposed Buildings: none

Road Name: Hwy 97 S Road Type: Paved

Within the influence of a Controlled Access Highway: Cariboo Hwy 97 S

Services Available: unserviced

Within the confines of the Agricultural Land Reserve: Yes - fully within

Required to comply with the Shoreland Management Policy: N/A

Name of Lake/Contributing River: none.

Lake Classification: N/A

Within Development Permit Area: No

**Adjoining Properties:** (Source: B.C.A.A.)

Land Use: Lot Sizes:

(a) North Beef 62.52 ha. (154.49 ac.)

(b) South Crown Land n/a

(c) East Farm And Residential 4.74 ha. (11.71 ac.)

(d) West Landfill 13 ha. (32 ac.)

#### **Agricultural Capability Classification:**

Canada Land Inventory: Class 1 = Best, Class 7 = Worst

% of parcel	Unimproved rating	Improved rating
100%	70% Class 5 Topography and Stoniness	70% Class 5 Topography and Stoniness
	30% Class 4- Stoniness	30% Class 4- Stoniness

The agricultural capability classifications of the property are Class 4 and Class 5. The limiting factor is noted as topography and stoniness.

Land in Class 4 has limitations which make it suitable for only a few crops, or the yield for a wide range of crops is low, or the risk of crop failure is high, or soil conditions are such that special development and management practices are required. The limitations may seriously affect one or more of the following practices: timing and ease of tillage, planting and harvesting, and methods of soil conservation.

Land in Class 5 is generally limited to the production of perennial crops or other specially adapted crops. Productivity of these suited crops may be high. Class 5 lands can be cultivated and some may be used for cultivated field crops provided unusually intensive management is employed and/or the crop is particularly adapted to the conditions peculiar to these lands. Cultivated field crops may be grown on some Class 5 land where adverse climate is the main limitation, but crop failure can be expected under average conditions. Note that in areas which are climatically suitable for growing tree fruits and grapes the limitations of stoniness and/or topography on some Class 5 lands are not significant limitations to these crops.

The improved ratings for the property are the same as the current ratings.

***note: the information above is an interpretation of the British Columbia Soil Information Finder	Tool –
B.C. Agricultural Capability Map. An on-site visit of the property has not been conducted.***	

#### PLANNING COMMENTS

#### Background:

The applicant has applied for an Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) application for Non-Farm Use. The property is fully within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and this application is to permit the existing Cariboo Regional District Lac La Hache transfer station. The subject property is zoned as Resource/ Agricultural (RA 1) in South Cariboo Area Zoning Bylaw No. 3501, 1999.

ALC approval was previously given in 1991 for the previous activity on Part of Block D and the Remainder of District Lot 2828, Lillooet District (Resolution #156/91). The original landfill was constructed on Part of Block D and the Remainder of District Lot 2828, Lillooet District. The currently operating transfer station is located on Block A of District Lot 2828, Lillooet District.

#### **Location and Surrounding:**

The subject property is located 3.2 km southeast of Lac La Hache townsite adjacent to Highway 97. The parcel is partially cleared for the existing activity and partially treed.

#### **CRD Regulations and Policies:**

Lac La Hache Area Official Community Plan Bylaw 5170, 2018.

#### 13.2 Objectives

13.2.1) Operate and maintain effective and reliable community infrastructure services over the long term.

#### Rationale for Recommendations:

Planning staff are supportive of the proposed ALR application for non-farm use to allow for continued use of the Lac La Hache Transfer Station. The ALR has granted approval for a waste transfer station (Resolution #156/91) however, this application is simply to correct the location of the previously approved non-farm use. The proposal is unlikely to have a negative impact on adjacent agricultural operations as it has existed in its current location for over 30 years.

The Electoral Area 'G' Advisory Planning Commission (APC) has reviewed the application and is in favour of the application. The APC stated that the landfill/ transfer station has been located in its current location since the 1950's and is conveniently located. It is not believed to be impeding agriculture in any way.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF) has provided comments in support of the application. Ministry staff note that the existing transfer station supports agricultural operations in the area and relocating it would increase travel times and costs. It is recommended that an invasive plant management plan be established for the transfer station if one does not already exist.

The Interior Health Authority (IHA) has not made a comment on this application. In summary, planning staff are supportive of the proposed non-farm use application.

#### Recommendation:

That the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission application for non-farm use, pertaining to Block A of District Lot 2828, Lillooet District and Part of DL 2828 between Block A and D, Lillooet District be received and authorized for submission to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission, with a recommendation for approval.

#### **REFERRAL COMMENTS**

Advisory Planning Commission: January 17, 2024

See attached

Ministry of Agriculture and Food: February 13, 2024

See attached

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: Application
Appendix B: General Map
Appendix C: Specific Map

Appendix D: Orthographic Map

Other: Advisory Planning Comments

Ministry of Agriculture and Food Comments



# **Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Applicant Submission**

**Application ID:** 69711

**Application Status:** Under LG Review **Applicant:** Cariboo Regional District **Agent:** Cariboo Regional District

**Local Government:** Cariboo Regional District **Local Government Date of Receipt:** 01/03/2024

ALC Date of Receipt: This application has not been submitted to ALC yet.

**Proposal Type:** Non-Farm Use

**Proposal:** The Cariboo Regional District is requesting authorization to continue the existing use of the

Parcels for the purpose of a waste transfer station and marshaling yard.

# **Agent Information**

**Agent :** Cariboo Regional District

Mailing Address:

Suite D - 180 North Third Ave

Williams Lake, BC

V2G 2A4 Canada

**Primary Phone**: (250) 392-3351

Email:

### **Parcel Information**

# Parcel(s) Under Application

1. **Ownership Type:** Crown Lands

**Parcel Identifier:** 

Legal Description: Block A of DL 2828 Lillooet District

Parcel Area: 2.17 ha
Civic Address: N/A
Date of Purchase:
Farm Classification: No

Owners

1. Name: Cariboo Regional District

Address:

Suite D - 180 North Third Ave

Williams Lake, BC

V2G 2A4 Canada **Phone**: (250) 392-3351

Email:

2. **Ownership Type :** Crown Lands

**Parcel Identifier:** 

Legal Description: Part of DL 2828 Lillooet District between Block A and Block D

Parcel Area: 0.61 ha Civic Address: N/A Date of Purchase: Farm Classification: No

**Owners** 

1. Name: Cariboo Regional District

Address:

Suite D - 180 North Third Ave

Williams Lake, BC

V2G 2A4 Canada

**Phone**: (250) 392-3351

Email:

# Ownership or Interest in Other Lands Within This Community

1. Ownership Type: Crown Lands

**Parcel Identifier:** 

Owner with Parcel Interest: Cariboo Regional District

Parcel Area: 13 ha

Land Use Type: Civic/Institutional Interest Type: Rental Agreement

#### **Current Use of Parcels Under Application**

**1.** Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s). *Parcels 1 and 2: No agriculture.* 

2. Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s).

Parcels 1 and 2: Existing cattle fence encloses previously cleared portion of parcels.

3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s).

Parcels 1 and 2: Waste transfer station and marshaling yard.

# **Adjacent Land Uses**

#### North

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: Private ranch

#### **East**

**Land Use Type:** Agricultural/Farm **Specify Activity:** Private ranch

#### South

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm

**Specify Activity:** Timbered crown range

#### West

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm

**Specify Activity:** Timbered crown range

# **Proposal**

#### 1. How many hectares are proposed for non-farm use?

2.78 ha

#### 2. What is the purpose of the proposal?

The Cariboo Regional District is requesting authorization to continue the existing use of the Parcels for the purpose of a waste transfer station and marshaling yard.

# 3. Could this proposal be accommodated on lands outside of the ALR? Please justify why the proposal cannot be carried out on lands outside the ALR.

The transfer station is existing and relocation would require significant public funding.

#### 4. Does the proposal support agriculture in the short or long term? Please explain.

The maintenance of strategically located waste disposal services benefits agriculture by reducing travel time and costs for farmers in the region.

#### 5. Do you need to import any fill to construct or conduct the proposed Non-farm use?

No

# **Applicant Attachments**

- Agent Agreement Cariboo Regional District
- Other correspondence or file information Gov Agent Auth
- Other correspondence or file information Gov Letter of Support
- Proposal Sketch 69711
- Site Photo Site Photographs

# **ALC Attachments**

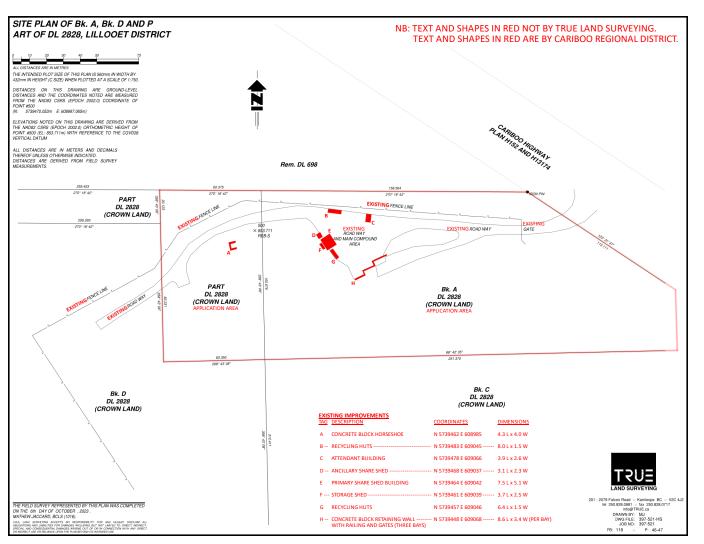
None.

#### **Decisions**

**Applicant:** Cariboo Regional District

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None.





# **Lac La Hache Transfer Station**



**Highway 97 Frontage** 



**Traffice Entrance** 



**Transfer Bins** 



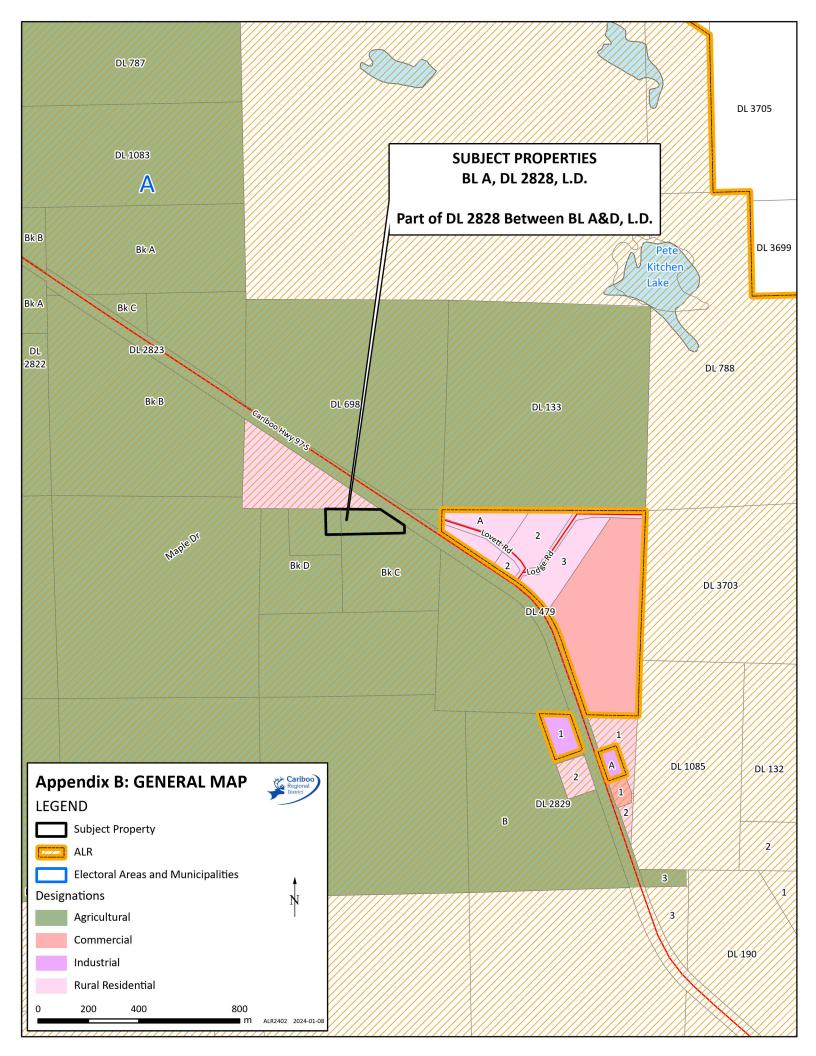
Recycling and Attendant Building

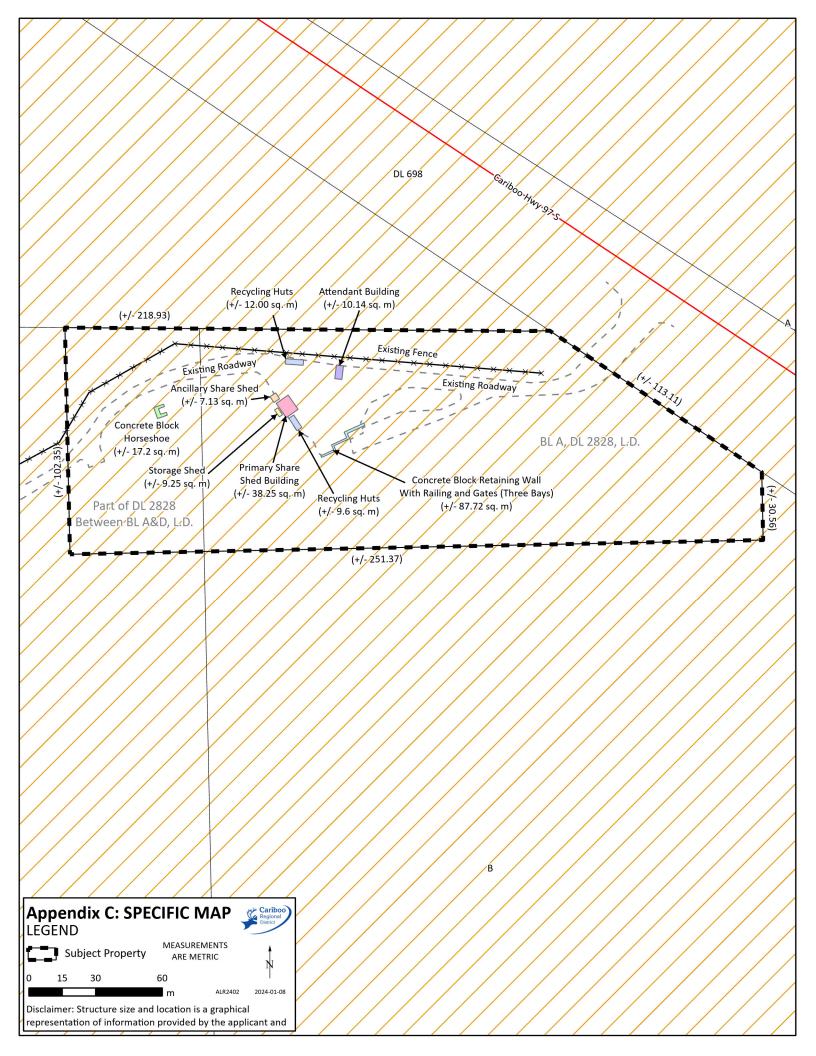


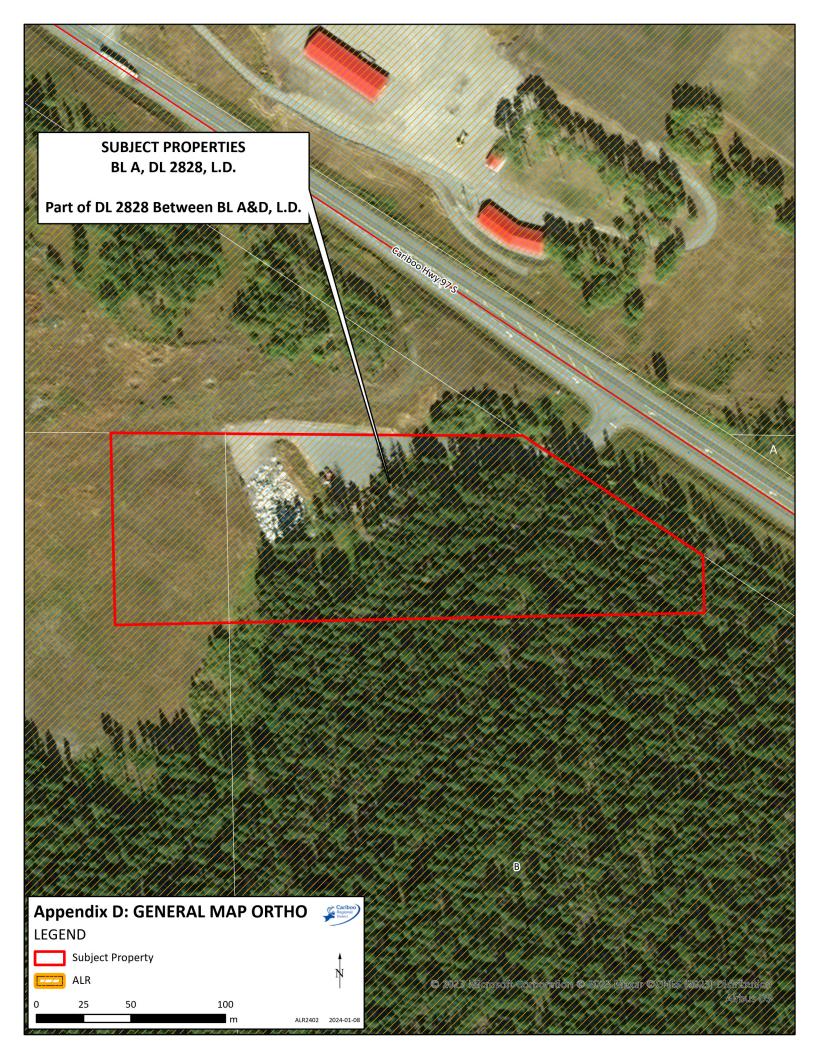
**Share Shed** 



**Metal Staging Area** 







# AREA G APC RESPONSE FORM

FILE NO: 3015-20/G20240002

Date:

JANUARY 17, 2024

7:000PM

Conference Call Meeting

Applicant/Agent: Agent: Ted Olfert - Cariboo Regional District (not participating)

Area G director - Al Richmond

Members:

Marvin Monical

Diane Wood

Graham Leslie

Nicola Maughn

Marilyn Niemiec

Robin Edwards Amanda Bird

Bill Forman

Absent: Robin Edwards Amanda Bird

Location of Application: 4202 Cariboo Highway 97 So., Lac la Hache BC

Agenda Item: Agricultural Land Reserve - Non Farm Use - Lac la Hache Transfer Station

Moved by: Diane/Graham

Area G APC supports this Non Farm Use application within the Agricultural Land Reserve as presented for the following reasons:

The Lac la Hache garbage dump / landfill site - now Transfer Station has been in this immediate location since the 1950's. The location was and still is very conveniently located to the town of Lac la Hache and to Highway 97. This encourages people to use it instead of just dumping their trash out in the bush. The location is far enough away from any livestock operations that could be impacted by bears that could and did frequent the dump when it was still a landfill.

The land is marginal at best for growing crops. There is no water source available.

The Transfer station is a huge improvement over the old landfill site. The facility is still located in the same convenient location as in the past. It serves both the town of Lac la Hache and community of 108 Mile House well. It is kept very neat and clean and all the recycling and garbage is collected in bins and transferred to the 100 Mile House landfill. There are no permanent structures on site.

This already developed facility is an asset to our communities. It is not impeding agriculture in any way. Area G APC believes there is absolutely no advantage to move this very efficient, well established facility to a different location.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by	Diane Wood	that the meeting terminate.	7:30	PM	
Marvin Mo	nical				
Chair		Secretary			



February 13, 2024

Local government file: 3015-20/G20240002

ALC ID: 69711

Leasa Williamson
Development Services Clerk V
Cariboo Regional District
VIA EMAIL: planning@cariboord.ca

Re: ALC Non-Farm Use Application – 4202 Cariboo Hwy 97 S Crown Land – Waste Transfer Station

Dear Leasa Williamson,

Thank you for providing Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministry) staff with the opportunity to comment on this Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) application by the Cariboo Regional District to allow for the continued use of an existing waste transfer station and marshalling yard (Lac La Hache Transfer Station) located on a 2.78-hectare portion of two parcels of Crown Land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

Ministry staff offer the following comments:

- As noted in the application, the existing transfer station supports agricultural operators in the area and relocating it would likely increase travel times and costs. Ministry staff consider the transfer station's continued operation at its current location as beneficial to the region's agricultural sector.
- Given the level of vehicular traffic going in and out of the site, the establishment of
  invasive plant species in the area is an increased risk. The Regional District may
  want to consider, if the proposal is approved by the ALC, establishing, and
  maintaining, an invasive plant management plan, if one does not already exist.

If you have any questions or concerns about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ministry staff.

Sincerely,

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B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food

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