

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

## POLICY

SUBJECT:	<b><i>Review of Provincial Agricultural Land Reserve Applications</i></b>	POLICY NO: B1.8
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### PURPOSE:

To establish a process in the review of ALR applications for the exclusion, subdivision and non-farm use of lands within the Provincial Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

### POLICY:

**1. Electoral Area Director comment on applications for exclusion, subdivision, or non-farm use of ALR land.**

All applications under the *Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) Act* for exclusion, subdivision, or non-farm use of ALR land are to be forward to the Electoral Area Director for the Electoral Area in which the subject property resides along with a completed ALC local government report in order to allow the Director to provide comment on the application. Director comments are to be provided to staff in writing and are to be forwarded to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) by staff through inclusion in the referral to the AAC for comment on the application. The Area Director's comments will then be provided to the ALC by staff through inclusion in the local government report to the ALC.

**2. Agricultural Advisory Committee comment on applications for exclusion, subdivision, or non-farm use of ALR land.**

All applications under the *Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) Act* for exclusion, subdivision, or non-farm use of ALR land are to be forward to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) along with a completed ALC local government report in order to allow the AAC to provide comment and recommendation on the application. If the Area Director has provided comments on the application, the Director's comments will be included with the referral to the AAC. AAC comments and recommendations are to be forward to the ALC by including the AAC motion in the local government report to the ALC.

**3. Board standing resolution regarding applications for the exclusion of lands within the ALR.**

All decision-making regarding whether land should be in the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) shall be allocated to the Agricultural Land Commission.

All ALR exclusion applications are to be forwarded to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and are to include the following Board policy statement:

*If the ALC deems it appropriate to remove land from the ALR then the Board will consider the development of the land in accordance with the Regional Growth Strategy and the Official Community Plan.*

**4. Board standing resolution regarding RDN land use regulations on lands which are excluded from the ALR.**

Should the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission exclude land from the ALR, the Regional District will determine the appropriate use of the land through its official community plan and zoning processes.

**5. Board standing resolution regarding applications for the subdivision of lands within the ALR.**

All ALR subdivision applications are to be forwarded to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and are to include the following Board policy statement:

*As outlined in the Regional Growth Strategy, the Regional District of Nanaimo fully supports the mandate of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and the preservation of land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) for agricultural use. The Regional District encourages the ALC to only consider subdivision where in the opinion of the ALC the proposal will not negatively impact the agricultural use of the land or adjacent ALR lands.*

**6. Board standing resolution regarding applications for the non-farm use of lands within the ALR.**

All ALR non-farm use applications are to be forwarded to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) with no resolution of support or opposition from the Regional Board of Directors.