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Agricultural Land Commission
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Attention: Executive Committee

Condition Review – ALC Resolution #386/2016 (x-ref ALC File: 53097)

This letter is to request the Executive Committee of the Agricultural Land Commission renew permission for non-farm use to allow limited waste transfer within the ALR at 4606 Razor Point Road on North Pender Island (in response to ALC application 53097, the non-farm use was given conditional approval by Resolution #413/2013).

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is currently at the end of its four year term, which had a significant focus on land use planning for waste transfer on North Pender Island. At this time, the LTC has decided not to proceed with the resulting bylaws (Bylaws 214/215), and has cancelled the public hearing that was scheduled. At a community information meeting held on September 6, 2018, the great majority of the community in attendance called for the bylaws to include the Burdett property at 4606 Razor Point Road, which is in the ALR and has been the subject of the above noted applications.

Background:

In 2015, the Agricultural Land Commission received 6 requests to reconsider ALC decision 53097. Upon review of the decision, the Executive Committee made the following decisions:

- It refused the reconsideration request to reverse Resolution #413/2013.
- It stated that should the Study not identify the Property as the selected site for a waste transfer facility, that the approval expire immediately.

The “study” referred to the community process that was underway to consider appropriate locations for waste transfer on North Pender Island. The community process resulted in proposed bylaws 214/215 which identified five properties as appropriate for a range of different types of waste transfer uses.

The property at 4606 Razor Point Road was one of two properties identified for “limited waste transfer.” Bylaws 214 and 215 were eventually drafted and given readings by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (the LTC). The Executive Committee received this information by way of a staff report and appendices on July 27, 2017.

On October 11, 2017, Islands Trust received correspondence with information that the Executive Committee of the ALC decided, “the submission was not conclusive that the Property was selected as the location for the waste transfer facility; therefore, the non-farm use approval had expired.”

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee subsequently amended Bylaws 214 and 215 to remove 4606 Razor Pt. Road from the proposal to rezone for limited waste transfer uses.

The LTC held a Community Information Meeting on September 6, 2018 in the lead up to the scheduled Public Hearing for these bylaws. Over 200 members of the public were in attendance; the vast majority of meeting attendees were voicing strong concerns about the removal of 4606 Razor Point Road from the proposals for waste transfer uses. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee proceeded to cancel the scheduled public hearing and passed the following resolution:

NP-2018-074

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee send a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission asking for reconsideration of their motion for farm use. **CARRIED**

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee would like to permit waste transfer uses on the subject property, pending another response from the ALC on this matter.

We request the ALC Executive Committee respond in a timely fashion to this request.

Sincerely,

George Grams
Chair, North Pender Island Local Trust Committee

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