

**Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusion Application Policy**

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**Purpose**

1. As of September 30, 2020, through implementation of amendments to the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and *Agricultural Land Reserve Regulation*, the *Agricultural Land Commission* (ALC) will no longer accept *Agricultural Land Reserve* (ALR) Exclusion applications from private landowners.
2. Recognizing the ALC is the agency responsible for approving ALR Exclusion applications, this policy sets out the criteria for the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) to use when reviewing exclusion applications from private landowners seeking to exclude their property from the ALR.

**Scope**

3. This policy applies to all private landowner exclusion applications for ALR exclusion within the PRRD.

**Definitions**

4. In this policy:

"Exclusion Application" means an application for exclusion made under section 29 (1) in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act*;

"Private Landowner" means an individual or company registered in the records of the Land Title Office and is not:

- a) The Province, a first nation government, a local government, or
- b) A prescribed public body

**Policy**

5. The following criteria will be used by staff to assess the private landowner exclusion application for ALR exclusion and prepare a report to the Regional Board for consideration:
  - i. An analysis of the merits of the ALR Exclusion application based on good planning principles, including but not limited to:
    - Land use designation in the Official Community Plan and relevant policies
    - Applicable zone in the Zoning Bylaw
    - Surrounding land uses
    - Percentage of the parcel in the ALR
    - Size of parcel
    - History of ALR Exclusions in the surrounding area
    - Rationale provided by the private landowner for the proposed ALR Exclusion (including any studies or plans provided)
    - Potential Impacts for the surrounding area and broader agricultural community
  - ii. Ministry of Agriculture feedback;
  - iii. Soils classification and agricultural capability; and
  - iv. Comments received from the Electoral Area Director where the proposed exclusion takes place.
6. Each private landowner exclusion application will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and evaluated on its own merits using the criteria listed in 5 above.
7. Application fees will be charged in accordance with the Development Application Procedures and Fees Bylaw.

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