Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Applicant Submission

Application ID: 60720

Application Status: Under LG Review

Applicant: Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, c/o

FrontCounter

Agent: BC Hydro Power and Authority

Local Government: Peace River Regional District **Local Government Date of Receipt:** 04/27/2020

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

Proposal Type: Non-Farm Use

Proposal: BC Hydro is proposing a temporary clearing camp on forested Crown land to the south of the Peace River. The temporary camp will house employees and contractors engaged in reservoir clearing related to the Site C project between September 2020 and April 2021.

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We confirm that BC Hydros application is made without prejudice to any powers, rights, immunities it may have under the Hydro and Power Authority Act (RSBC 1996) Chapter 212, or otherwise, and without prejudice to any powers, rights, immunities the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission may have under the Agricultural Land Commission Act (RSBC 2002), Chapter 36, or otherwise.

Agent Information

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Parcel Information

Parcel(s) Under Application

1. Ownership Type: Crown Lands

Parcel Identifier:

Legal Description: Unsurveyed (theoretical) Crown Land lying within Section 7 Township 83 Range 23 and Section 12 Township 83 Range 22 West of the 6th Meridian Peace River District (as

shown on figure attached) **Parcel Area:** 260 ha

Civic Address: Peace River Regional District

Applicant: Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, c/o FrontCounter

Date of Purchase:

Farm Classification: No

Owners

1. **Name:** Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, c/o FrontCounter



Current Use of Parcels Under Application

- **1.** Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s). *BC Hydro is unaware of any agriculture activity in the area. It is raw, forested land.*
- **2.** Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s). *BC Hydro is unaware of any agriculture activity in the area. It is raw, forested land.*
- **3.** Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s). *It is raw, forested land.*

Adjacent Land Uses

North

Land Use Type: Unused Specify Activity: Unused

East

Land Use Type: Unused Specify Activity: Unused

South

Land Use Type: Unused Specify Activity: Unused

West

Land Use Type: Unused Specify Activity: Unused

Proposal

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

6 ha

2. What is the purpose of the proposal?

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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.

No. The proposed location has the ideal topography for the proposed camp. Areas outside of the ALR are too swampy and too steep to safely install a temporary camp for human habitation.

4. Does the proposal support agriculture in the short or long term? Please explain. *Not applicable*

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

Proposal dimensions

Total fill placement area (to one decimal place) $1\ ha$ Maximum depth of material to be placed as fill $1\ m$ Volume of material to be placed as fill $10000\ m^3$ Estimated duration of the project. $1\ Years\ 6\ Months$

Describe the type and amount of fill proposed to be placed.

Actual amounts are unknown until the area is cleared for construction. There has not been any advanced studies of the ground. The material used is known as Pit Run - material is not screened and is used as it comes out of the earth.

Briefly describe the origin and quality of fill.

The fill will be local material taken from a borrow pit location within 10 km of the Camp location

Applicant Attachments

- Agent Agreement BC Hydro Power and Authority
- Other correspondence or file information Legal Description and Coordinates
- Proposal Sketch 60720
- Other correspondence or file information 60720
- Site Photo 60720

ALC Attachments

None.	
Decisions	
None.	











