



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: DS-BRD-302

From: Kathy Suggitt, RPP, MCIP, General Manager of Development Services Date: April 20, 2023

Subject: OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023, Consideration of 3rd Reading and Adoption

RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted – excluding Pouce Coupe]

That the Regional Board give OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023, to amend Section 5 Agriculture of the North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan to include a new policy to exempt approved Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Uses from requiring an amendment to the OCP, 3rd Reading.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted- 2/3 Majority – excluding Pouce Coupe]

That the Regional Board adopt OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Proposal

To amend North Peace Fringe Area Official Community Plan (NPFA OCP) Bylaw No. 2460, 2021 to include a new policy under Section 5 Agriculture, which will exempt Non-Farm Uses approved by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) from having to amend the OCP.

The new policy proposed is:

“Non-Farm Uses which have been authorized by the Agricultural Land Commission shall be considered a permitted use within the Agriculture designation for the duration of the Non-Farm Use approval, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the approval, and shall not require an amendment to the OCP.”

Summary of Procedure

OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023 was read for a first and second time on February 23, 2023. The following activities have occurred since then:

March 23 & 30, 2023 Notice of public hearing advertised in the Alaska Highway News

April 5, 2023 Public hearing held in Fort St. John

Comments Received from the Public

A public hearing was held on April 5, 2023, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. The Minutes are attached to this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board respectfully refuse to give OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023 3rd Reading.
2. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Public Notification for Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023
2. Minutes – Public Hearing for OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023, PRRD File No. 23-002 OCP – April 5, 2023
3. Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023

External Links:

1. Report – [OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023, PRRD File No. 23-002 OCP](#) – February 23, 2023 – See Item No. 9.3
2. Agenda – [Public Hearing for OCP Amendment Bylaw No. 2511, 2023, PRRD File No. 23-002 OCP](#) – April 5, 2023