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Subject: Intention for further changes to the Agricultural Land Commission Act and Regulations affecting the ALR in local government jurisdictions

Hello,

I am writing to ask for your engagement on policy development related to options for small secondary residences within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

In February 2019, the Province brought Bill 52, *Agricultural Land Commission Act, 2018* (ALCA) into force to better protect ALR land for farming purposes. Following this legislative change, the Ministry undertook further [public engagement](#) in order to provide an opportunity for ALR landowners and stakeholders to hear their concerns and views regarding: residential uses of ALR, economic diversification and new and young farmers.

From the engagement process, the Ministry heard that more options for small secondary residences are needed. This work is viewed as priority and the Ministry has responded to date by publishing a [Policy Intentions Paper: Residential Flexibility in the ALR](#) which outlines options under consideration for small secondary residences that continue to maintain the core policy objectives of the ALCA.

I am now writing to ask for your interest in assisting the Ministry in further developing and finalizing policy option ideas by having staff from your planning, building and bylaw office (or any combination that you deem appropriate) engage with us by telephone or in person. The meetings are planned to take place from the beginning of March 2020 to the first week in April 2020 and will likely not take more than an hour of time as we plan on sending a package of information in advance. If you only wish to provide written comments, please let us know.

If you and/or staff would like to participate in the engagement, please contact ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca and indicate:

- Confirmed interest in the engagement
- Preferred method of engagement: In person, by phone, in writing
- If there is potential for group engagement (e.g. multiple local governments in one session)
- Preferred timing between March and first week of April

Due to our short time-frame, only those that respond to the ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca will be contacted for further scheduling.

The Ministry continues to appreciate the time and assistance of local governments that have provided feedback to the Ministry on these issues. The continuing dialogue and consultation with local governments around the province with ALR within their jurisdictions can help formulate better policy options for all concerned.

If you have any questions or comments about the Ministry of Agriculture Policy Intentions Paper or the engagement process please contact me at (778) 698 - 7941 so that we may discuss further.

Sincerely,
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