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Provincial Agricultural Land Commission -Applicant Submission

Application ID: 60092

Application Status: Under LG Review

Applicant: Nirmal Dhaliwal, Rimplejeet Dhaliwal

Local Government: City of Kelowna

Local Government Date of Receipt: 11/20/2019

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

Proposal Type: Non-Adhering Residential Use - Additional Residence for Farm Use

Proposal: To get approval for existing buildings for seasonal farm workers. Two of the housing units are portable and the one is located in an accessory building.

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| ATTACHMENT B | | | | |
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Parcel Information

Parcel(s) Under Application

 Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 001-490-010 Legal Description: lot 4 plan kap 355 section 10 twnshp 26 Parcel Area: 10.5 ha Civic Address: 3455 Rose Road Date of Purchase: 06/15/2016 Farm Classification: Yes Owners

 Name: Nirmal Dhaliwal

Address:

Phone: Email: 2. Name: Rimplejeet Dhaliwal Address:

Ownership or Interest in Other Lands Within This Community

- Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 025-652-966 Owner with Parcel Interest: Nirmal Dhaliwal Parcel Area: 12.1 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Full Ownership
- Ownership Type: Fee Simple
 Parcel Identifier: 011-333-367
 Owner with Parcel Interest: Nirmal Dhaliwal
 Parcel Area: 4.1 ha
 Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm

 Interest Type: Full Ownership
- Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 002-677-202 Owner with Parcel Interest: Nirmal Dhaliwal Parcel Area: 2.1 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Full Ownership
- 4. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 007-883-315 Owner with Parcel Interest: Nirmal Dhaliwal Parcel Area: 4.8 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease

Current Use of Parcels Under Application

1. Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s). This orchard is 26.2 acres. This orchard has approximately 11 acres apples, 8 acres cherries, 4 peaches and 1.5 acre prunes on this property. My total farm operation for land I own is 72 acres including Rose Rd. In addition, I also lease 10 acres on Rose road in Kelowna. So total acres I farm is approximately 82. I produced the following commodities of fruit in 2019. Apples- 1,350,000 lbs (still harvesting) Cherry-275,434 lbs Peaches-33,000 lbs Prunes-244,642 lbs (we are the biggest prunes growers in the valley!)

2. Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s).

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five acre of new cherries planted 2018 (new irrigation system) one acre of new cherries planted 2017 (new irrigation system)

3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s). *none*

Adjacent Land Uses

North

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: orchard

East

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: orchard

South

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: orchard

West

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: orchard

Proposal

1. What is the purpose of the proposal?

To get approval for existing buildings for seasonal farm workers. Two of the housing units are portable and the one is located in an accessory building.

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2. Describe the necessity for an additional residence for farm use and how it will support agriculture in the short or long term.

In the short term, the accommodations are required in order to house seasonal workers to harvest the crops on this 10.5 ha orchard. We are also depending on these 18 workers to harvest some 150 tons of cherries, 1.4 million lbs of apples, 200,000 lb of prunes and 40,000 lbs of peaches on other properties we own and lease in the Okanagan. We have no alternative accommodation, and rental accommodation is not a viable option in the peak of the Okanagans tourism season.

In the long term, the accommodation will house seasonal workers to prune, thin, replant, spray, harvest, etc the minimum of 27 ha of orchard we currently farm. All fruits crops we grow are very labour intensive and all hand harvested. These farms cannot be farmed without workers that are not available locally. Having accommodations for these workers and hiring seasonal workers is critical to harvesting this farmland in a timely manner. The farm worker housing is located between the orchard and the driveway. Additionally, the proposed farm worker housing is not on permanent foundation.

3. Describe the size, type and number, as well as occupancy of all residential structures currently located on the property.

-There is one main residence. (399.5 m2) *- There is one accessory farm building for equipment and a suite located within it for seasonal farm workers that was built by the previous owner*

4. What is the total floor area of the proposed additional residence in square metres? $223.2 m^2$

5. Describe the rationale for the proposed location of the additional residence.

The Modular buildings are located on the land that is close to the driveway and drops off about 8 feet from the back. This is land that will not be farmed regardless of the outcome of this application. Additionally it located very close to the driveway of the property which does two things. It satisfies the City of Kelowna's requirement that the accommodation be located within 60 m of the property line, and it minimizes use conflict between the accommodation and the orchard. Any other site on the property would require workers to travel through the orchard to reach the accommodation and would require significantly more buffering of the accommodation.

6. What is the total area of infrastructure necessary to support the additional residence? *The buildings, buffers, parking, septic field, and all associated infrastructure will be 0.2 ha*

7. Do you need to import any fill to construct the additional residence or infrastructure? $N\!o$

Applicant Attachments

- Proposal Sketch 60092
- Certificate of Title 001-490-010

ALC Attachments

None.

Decisions

None.