

# Provincial Agricultural Land Commission -Applicant Submission

Application ID: 63489
Application Status: Under LG Review
Applicant: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD.
Agent: Kent-Macpherson
Local Government: City of Kelowna
Local Government Date of Receipt: 07/16/2021
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 build two (2) drill camp style dormitories (of 6 trailers each) to accommodate ~48 seasonal farm workers to support the existing cherry orchard on the properties (2 contiguous titles). This temporary farm worker housing will impacting ~0.25 ha of ALR.

### **Agent Information**

Agent: Kent-Macpherson Mailing Address: 304-1708 Dolphin Ave Kelowna, BC V1Y 9S4 Canada Primary Phone: (250) 763-2236 Email: jhettinga@kent-macpherson.com

### **Parcel Information**

#### **Parcel(s) Under Application**

1. **Ownership Type:** Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 031-090-249 Legal Description: LOT C SECTIONS 11 AND 14 TOWNSHIP 26 OSOYOOS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT PLAN EPP98515 Parcel Area: 19.9 ha Civic Address: 3700 Pooley Road, Kelowna Date of Purchase: 04/14/2018 Farm Classification: Yes **Owners** 1. Name: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Address: 7980 Highway 97 North Kelowna, BC V4V 1T3 Canada Phone: (250) 766-5393 Email: david@jealousfruits.com

#### Applicant: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD.



#### Ownership or Interest in Other Lands Within This Community

- Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 012-296-660 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 4.1 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Partial Ownership
- 2. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 012-296-643 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 4.1 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Partial Ownership
- 3. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 003-919-447 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 3.5 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Partial Ownership
- 4. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 011-344-385
  Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 10.9 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Partial Ownership
- 5. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 004-566-238
  Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 19.6 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Registered Lease
- 6. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 004-566-246 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 8.4 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Registered Lease
- 7. Ownership Type: Fee Simple
   Parcel Identifier: 003-621-634
   Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD.
   Parcel Area: 4.1 ha
   Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm
   Interest Type: Registered Lease
- 8. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 011-844-493

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	<b>Owner with Parcel Interest:</b> JEALOUS FRUITS LTD.	ATTACHMENT A	
	Parcel Area: 3.5 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Registered Lease	This forms part of application # A21-0012 City of	
9.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 023-482-770 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 1.5 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease	Planner Initials TC	DWNA MENT PLANNING
10.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 011-507-039 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 1.5 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease		_
11.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 023-482-842 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 2.5 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease		
12.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 011-506-903 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 3.8 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease		
13.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 023-239-638 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 7.7 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease		
14.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 003-268-993 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 8.1 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease		
15.	Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 004-713-982 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 11.7 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease		

Parcel Identifier: 030-944-988 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 9.3 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease



- 17. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 013-786-733 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 3.2 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Unregistered Lease
- 18. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 030-555-787 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 61.3 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Full Ownership
- 19. Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 031-090-222 Owner with Parcel Interest: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD. Parcel Area: 4.7 ha Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Interest Type: Full Ownership

#### **Current Use of Parcels Under Application**

**1.** Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s). *12.2 ha Cherry Orchard* 

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

26 ha cleared and planted for over 50 years Historic packing plant located on site Fully irrigated and fenced

**3.** Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s). *There is no current non-agricultural use on this property.* 

#### **Adjacent Land Uses**

North

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: Orchard

East

Land Use Type: Unused Specify Activity: Mission Creek

### 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 build two (2) drill camp style dormitories (of 6 trailers each) to accommodate ~48 seasonal farm workers to support the existing cherry orchard on the properties (2 contiguous titles). This temporary farm worker housing will impacting ~0.25 ha of ALR.

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

The accommodation will house seasonal workers to prune, spray, harvest, etc the farm that the dorms will be place on (~60 acres) in addition, they will work on surrounding cherry farms that Jealous Fruits either owns or leases.

Cherries are a labour intensive crop that cannot be farmed without workers, that are not available locally. Building accommodations and hiring seasonal workers is critical to ensure these farmlands are used to their full productive capacity.

Additionally, the proposed farm worker housing is built on steel skids to reduce the impact on the ALR lands.

We have no alternative accommodation, and rental accommodation is not a viable option in the peak of the Interior's tourism season.

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

There is currently a single dorm that accommodates 12 workers on this site (adjacent title). In addition, there is a small house and cabin on the property that were part of the original farm.

# 4. What is the total floor area of the proposed additional residence in square metres? $836 m^2$

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

The northwest corner of the subject site is low lying and requires the least amount of disturbance for utilities to service the dorms. The location also provides adequate drainage for the necessary septic fields, and produces the lowest quality fruit on the existing farm. Additionally, this area will require the fewest fruit trees from being removed.

**6. What is the total area of infrastructure necessary to support the additional residence?** Each of the two dorms are 19m x 22m for a combined footprint of 836 sq m. The total area including landscape buffer, recreational area and septic fields is 0.25 ha.

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



#### Applicant: JEALOUS FRUITS LTD.

## **Applicant Attachments**

- Agent Agreement-Kent-Macpherson
- Proposal Sketch-63489
- Other correspondence or file information-Landscape Plan
- Site Photo-Site Photos
- Certificate of Title-031-090-249

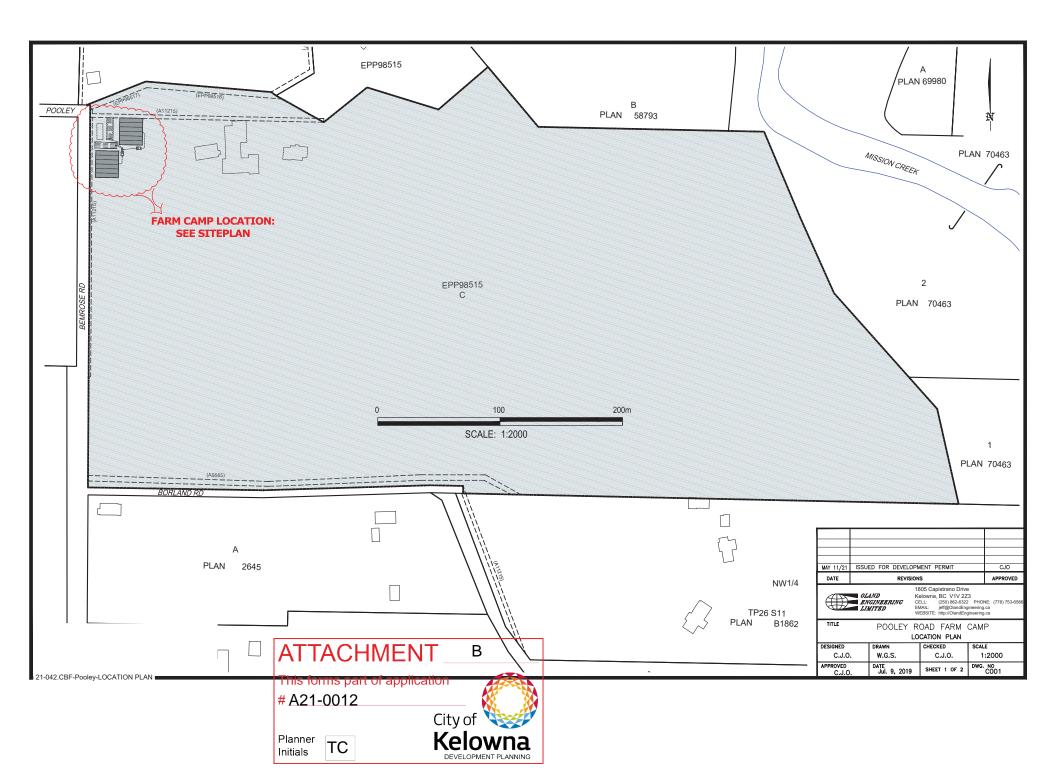


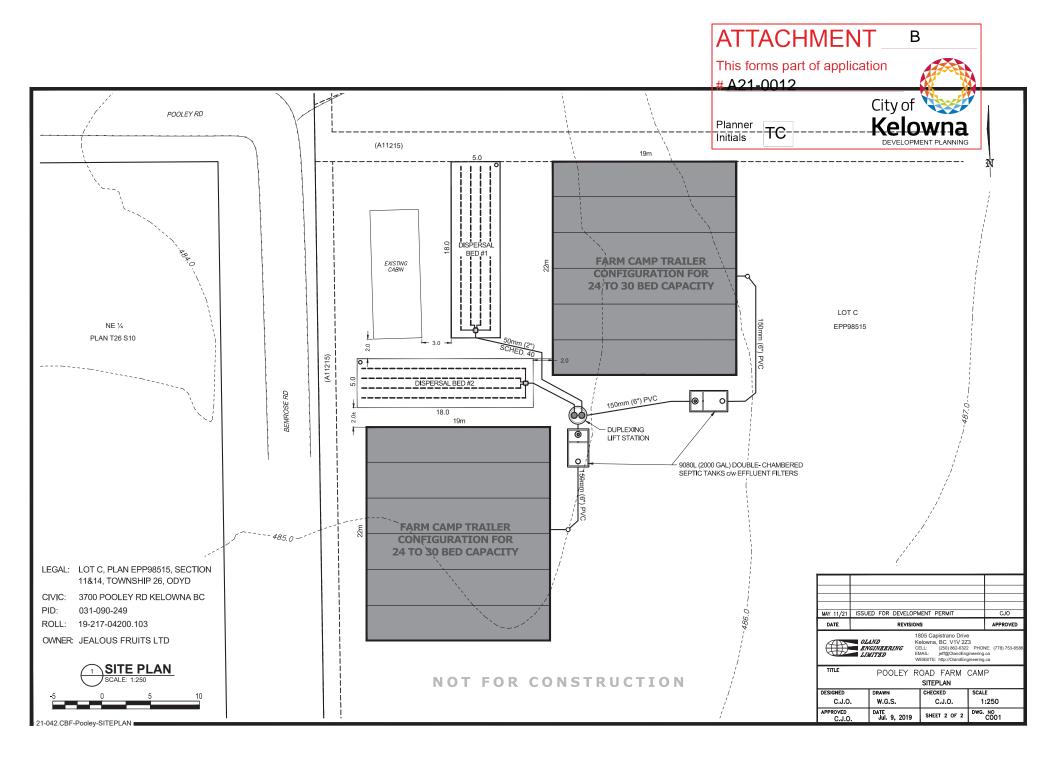
None.

## Decisions

None.



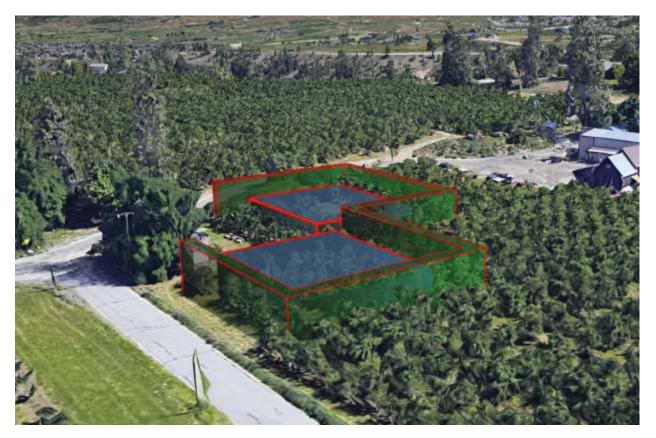




























September 3, 2021

File No: 0280-30 Local Government File No: A21-0012

City of Kelowna 1435 Water Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4 Via E-mail: <u>planninginfo@kelowna.ca</u>

Dear City of Kelowna planning staff:

## Re: Non-Adhering Residential Use, 3700 Pooley Road, Parcel Identifier: 031-090-249

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries staff the opportunity to comment on the proposed non-adhering residential use application. From an agricultural perspective, we offer the following comments on the materials provided:

- The applicant wishes to house Temporary Farm Workers (TFW) that are part of the federal Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (SAWP) on-site to support cherry production on multiple properties. Cherries are a labour-intensive crop which require a significant number of people for a property of 19.9 ha in size. The applicant owns or leases 19 other properties in the region in addition to this one.
- The applicant proposes to build two drill camp style dormitories of six trailers each for this purpose. The trailers will be built upon skids instead of permanent foundations and can therefore be removed if no longer required.
- The trailers will be located at the corner of the lot which will minimize the impact of the housing on the productive area of the parcel. It does appear, though, that some cherry trees will need to be removed in order to provide room for the housing and septic systems.
- The total floor area of the trailers will be 836 m<sup>2</sup> which works out to more than 17 m<sup>2</sup> per worker. This is more than the 10 m<sup>2</sup> maximum useable floor area per worker recommended by the Minister's Bylaw Standard for Temporary Farm Worker Housing (TFWH) in the <u>Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas</u>; however, the TFWH Standard was developed in 2009 and is due for a review. Covid-19 has posed significant challenges with regard to housing of SAWP workers in such a way as to achieve good public health outcomes. The applicants may be attempting to address public health issues by providing more space for each worker.

- Suitable housing is a requirement of the SAWP program.
- Based on the information provided, the proposal appears reasonable based upon the crop, scale, and location.

If you have any questions, please contact us directly by email or phone.

Sincerely,

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