

# **Provincial Agricultural Land Commission -Applicant Submission**

Application ID: 65230
Application Status: Under LG Review
Applicant: Brian Witzke
Local Government: City of Kelowna
Local Government Date of Receipt: 04/05/2022
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 replace a house that is no longer livable and provide a suitable residence for future family farming needs on this parcel.

#### **Mailing Address:**

1368 Teasdale Rd Kelowna, BC V1P 1C7 Canada **Primary Phone: Mobile Phone: Email:** 

## **Parcel Information**

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

1. Ownership Type: Fee Simple	
Parcel Identifier: 011-041-781	
Legal Description: LOT 3 SECTION 23 TOWNS	SHIP 26 OSOYOOS DIVISION YALE
DISTRICT PLAN 2329 EXCEPT PLANS 4697, 3	34964 AND H12752
Parcel Area: 13.7 ha	
Civic Address: 1368 Teasdale Road	
Date of Purchase: 11/26/1980	
Farm Classification: Yes	
Owners	
1. Name: Brian Witzke	
Address:	ATTACHMENT A
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#### **Current Use of Parcels Under Application**

#### 1. Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s).

On this parcel High Quality Apple production currently consisting of varieties Royal gala, Pacific gala, Honey crisp, Ambrosia and Spartans. There is 27.73 acres of Grade A land and 4.74 acres of grade D land equaling a total of 32.47 acres. This 3rd generation farm was started in 1946 and as won multiple awards over the years for innovation and quality of apples produced. As well as being a leading example for the apple growing sector in B.C. hosting numerous international and domestic industry farm tours. The farm is currently in a stage of renewal with more apple blocks planned to be replanted as soon as trees become available. The parcel is farmed to its maximum land use potential and all structures are utilized for farming practices. Final note on the parcel current usage, this is not a agritourism business. This is a full scale 100% modern industrial orchard operating on the very edge of a ever growing city.

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

Over the past 50+ years this orchard has been constantly modernized as new training systems and new varieties became known and available to the local growing industry. Fully automated irrigation systems have been customized for this particular parcel given it's unique soil blends. Deer fencing has been installed in recent years to help mitigate animal and public trespassing. All housing is only used for temporary farm works or the two owners. Other buildings on this parcel are used for storage of farm equipment and seasonal supplies as well as maintenance and repair facilities.

# 3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s).

"No non-agricultural activity".

#### **Adjacent Land Uses**

North

Land Use Type: Residential Specify Activity: Subdivision of Rutland

### East

Land Use Type: Industrial Specify Activity: 2 cherry orchards and a Grow op

### South

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: U-pick cherry operation / apple orchard

### West

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: Vineyard

### Proposal

### 1. What is the purpose of the proposal?

To replace a house that is no longer livable and provide a suitable residence for future family farming needs on this parcel.

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

The house being replaced was built in 1956 using building techniques of the time. Consisting of sawdust

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for insulation in the walls, wood shavings in the attic and home poured concrete basement. The house is now infested with ants, termites as well as showing signs of mold and the foundation is crumbling. As this house was built before the ALR and is used as the second primary residence. The need to replace this structure is necessary to maintain appropriate housing for the parcel owners and their families. This not adding a residence but maintaining current numbers of residences on this parcel.

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

There are two houses which are ocupided year round by the owners. The first house is 176.52sq meters plus full basement. The second is 74 sq meters with a full basement. There are also three temporary farm worker houses. These only have workers present as seasonal work requirements demand. Cabin 1 is 41.62 sq meters, cabin 2 is 33.8 sq meters, cabin 3 is 33.8 sq meters and these cabins only have crawl spaces.

4. What is the total floor area of the proposed additional residence in square metres?  $227.89 m^2$ 

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

The location was chosen due to minimize it's impact on current farmed areas on the parcel. The residence and its driveway will sit on a portion of the parcels grade D land. As well as give opportunity to better utilize the limited flat areas on the farm. Easier access for land working equipment and farm supplies that do not require covered storage. The new location comes with the benefit of close proximity to utilities. The small field the house will back onto is planned to be planted into soft fruits for the families personal needs. So there will be no negative impact on the overall farm operation.

#### 6. What is the total area of infrastructure necessary to support the additional residence?

The total area utilized for this house, driveway, zero scape landscaping, parking and septic will be a proximatly a 1/4 acre or .101 hectare

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

## **Applicant Attachments**

- Proposal Sketch-65230
- Site Photo-Build site
- Site Photo-Overall farm view
- Certificate of Title-011-041-781

# **ALC Attachments**

None.

## Decisions

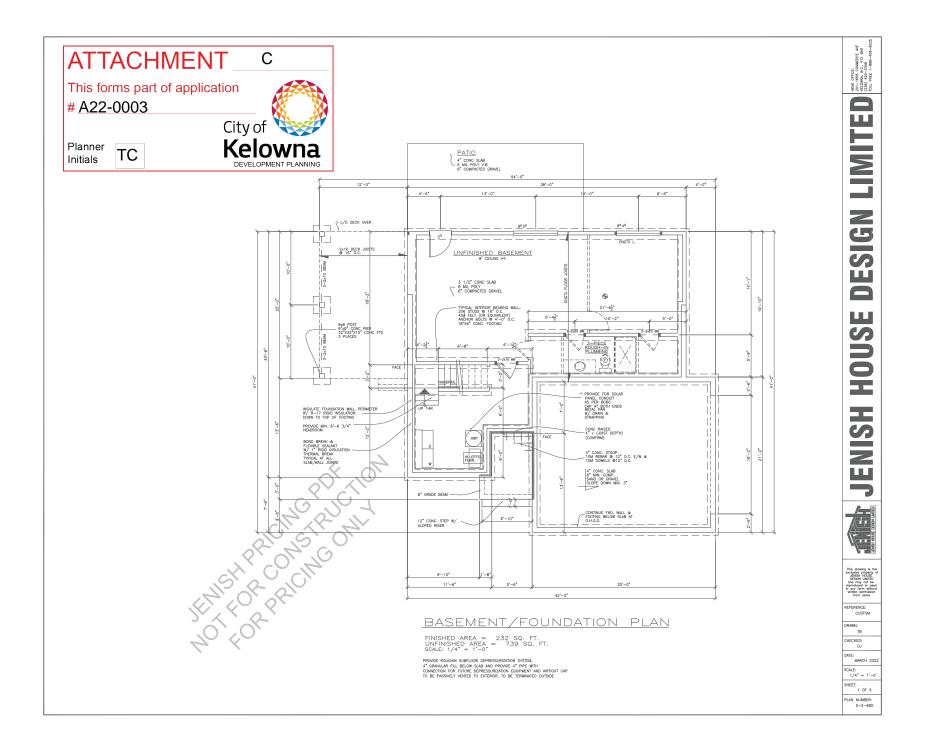
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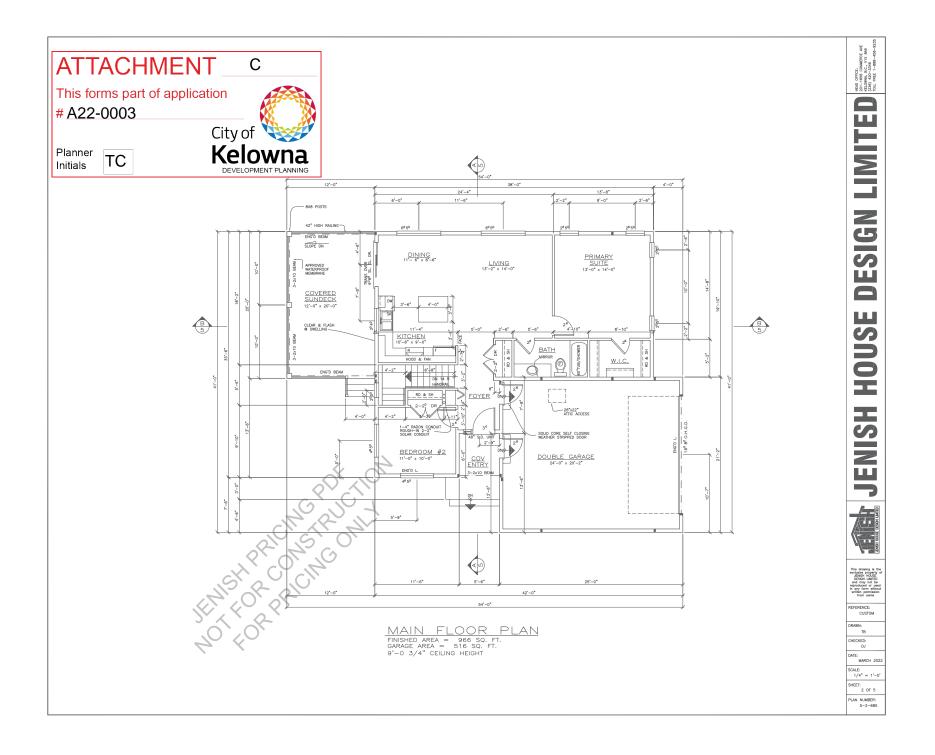


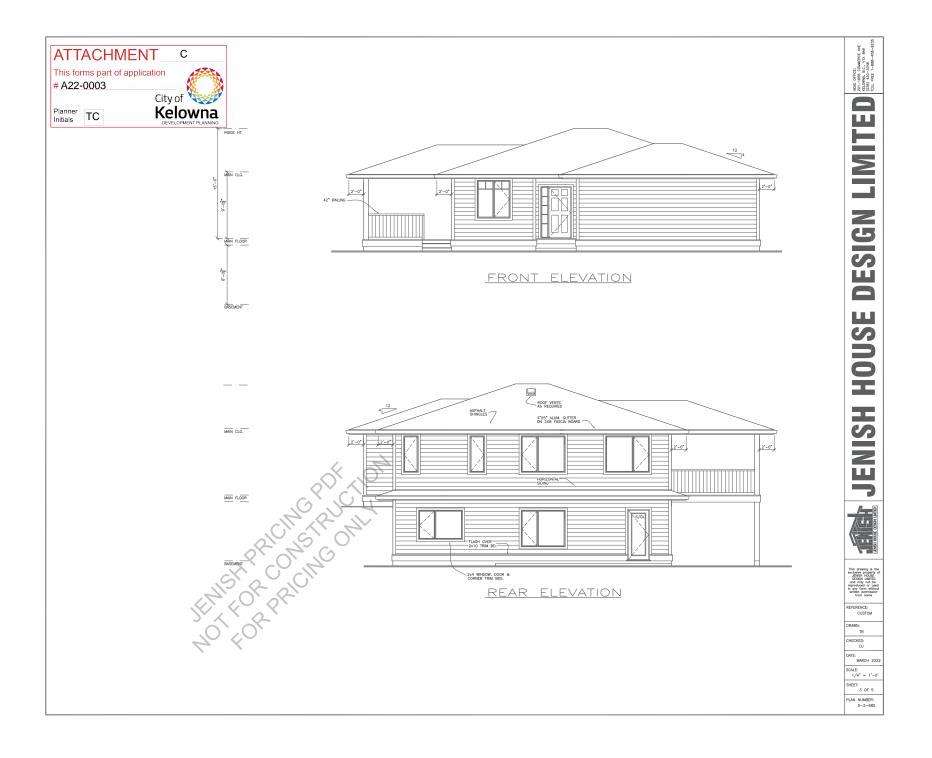


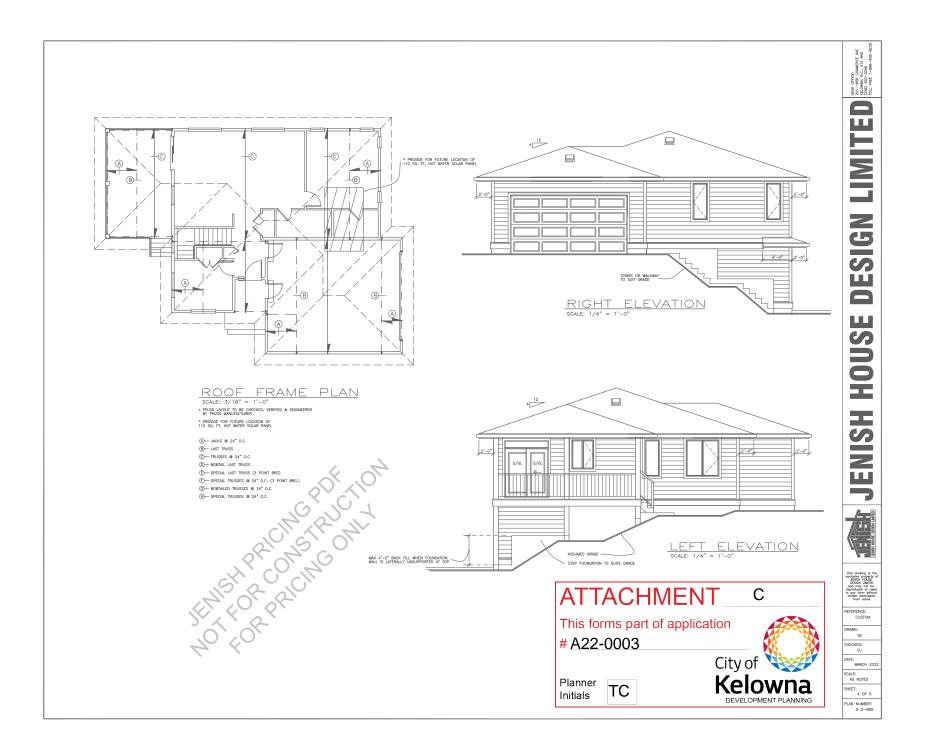
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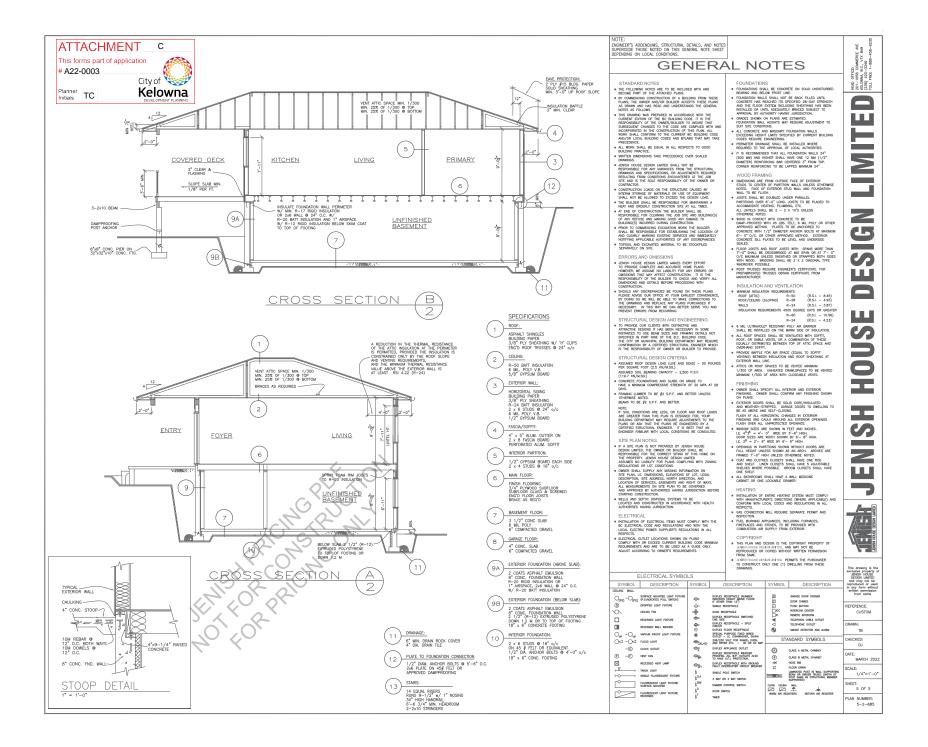
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ATTACHMENT D	
This forms part of a # A22-0003	application
Planner Initials	City of <b>Kelowna</b>

June 13, 2022

Local Government File: A22-0003

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# RE: Non-Adhering Residential Use, 1368 Teasdale Rd, PID 011-041-781

Dear Tyler Caswell,

Thank you for providing Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Ministry) staff the opportunity to comment on the referenced application. We have reviewed the documents provided and offer the following comments:

- Ministry staff understand that there are currently two dwellings (176.52 m<sup>2</sup> and 74 m<sup>2</sup>, respectively) on the property; both are owner occupied. This application proposes that one of the houses remain and a new, larger dwelling is built. The application notes that the smaller dwelling that is proposed for replacement is unliveable, citing a cracked foundation. Ministry staff assume that this house will be demolished following construction of the new house, although this was not explicitly stated in the application materials.
- The agricultural capability of the property is mapped as a mix of improved classes 2 and 3. The dominant limitations are soil moisture deficiency and topography.
- Ministry staff note a reasonably large-scale apple orchard and Temporary Farm Worker accommodation, consisting of small cabins, on the parcel.
- The new dwelling will not be located on the same footprint as the one it is replacing, but will be located closer to the existing dwelling that will remain. This will result in the two dwellings being sited on a contiguous residential footprint, consistent with the ministry's <u>Guide for Bylaw Development in Farming Areas</u>.
- Assuming that the older dwelling will be demolished following construction, ministry staff have no objection to the application proceeding to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for decision.



If you have any questions, please contact us directly.

Sincerely,

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