TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 17, 2024

RE: Official Community Plan (OCP) & Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Electoral Area "C" (C2024.010-ZONE)

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Electoral Area "C" Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2452.24, 2024, and the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.41, 2024, be read a third time and adopted.

| Purpose: | To allow for a two-lot subdivision | | <u>Folio</u> : C-04144.000 |
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| <u>Civic</u> : | 5900 McKinney Road | Legal: District Lot 858, SDYD | |
| <u>OCP</u> : | Agriculture (AG) | Zone: Agriculture Two (AG2) | |

Proposed Development:

This application is seeking to amend the zoning of an approximately 2.6 hectare portion of the subject property in order to allow for a two-lot subdivision.

In order to accomplish this, the following land use bylaw amendments are being proposed by the applicant:

- amend the land use designation under Schedule 'B' (OCP Map) of the Electoral Area "C" Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2452, 2008, from Agriculture (AG) to Small Holdings (SH); and
- amend the zoning under Schedule '2' (Zoning Map) of the Okanagan Valley Zoning Bylaw No. 2800, 2022, from Agriculture Two (AG2) to Small Holdings Four (SH4).

In support of the rezoning, the applicant has stated that:

This application is supported by the Area C OCP in the following ways:

- 1. Improves farming buffers by eliminating the need and risk of farm vehicle road crossings of McKinney Road. McKinney Road is a busy year-round access road to Mount Baldy, logging, hunting and recreation areas. OCP section 1.4.9
- 2. Proposal is consistent with "support and encourage agricultural uses. Section 5.0.2
- 3. Consistent with maintaining rural character. Section 5.0.4
- 4. Accommodate residential growth that does not impede rural agricultural economy. Section 5.0.5
- 5. Consistent with OCP goal of creating larger and smaller agricultural properties. Section 9.3.12



- 6. Supported by OCP Section 9.3.12 (b) Will consider applications to subdivide parcels smaller than 4 hectares. Where the subdivision will allow for more efficient use of agricultural land.
- 7. Consistent with the OCP description of small holdings. Section 10.1
- 8. The application meets all the policies for Rural Holdings Section 10.3

Site Context:

The subject property is approximately 32.2 ha in area and straddles the north and south sides of McKinney Road. The portion of the property subject to the proposed amendments is approximately 2.6 ha in area and is located entirely on the south side of McKinney Road.

It is understood that the parcel is comprised of a single detached dwelling and various accessory structures, which are located on the north side of McKinney Road.

The surrounding pattern of development is generally characterised by vacant Crown land. The nearest privately held properties are located approximately 840 metres to the west and are comprised of a mix of agriculture and rural holdings that have been developed with single detached dwellings.

Background:

On July 10, 2024, a Public Information Meeting (PIM) was held online via Webex and was not attended by any members of the public.

At its meeting of August 21, 2024, the Electoral Area "C" Advisory Planning Commission (APC) resolved to recommend to the RDOS Board that the subject development application be approved.

At its meeting of October 3, 2024, the Regional District Board resolved to approve first and second reading of the amendment bylaws and scheduled a public hearing ahead of its meeting of October 17, 2024.

All comments received to date in relation to this application are included with this report.

Approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) is not required prior to adoption as the proposed amendments involve lands beyond 800 metres of a controlled access highway (i.e. Highways 97 and 3).

Analysis:

Further to the direction provided by the Board at first reading, it is being recommended that the amendment bylaws be given third reading and adopted.

Alternate:

Conversely, Administration maintains its concern that this proposal is seen to be inconsistent with the growth management objectives of the Regional District's land use bylaws. Specifically:

- the rezoning is seeking to change the land use designation of a property to facilitate subdivision outside of a Growth Area (Primary or Rural) and within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR);
- in other Okanagan Electoral Areas, the OCPs have been updated to align with the South Okanagan Regional Growth Strategy by generally discouraging the creation of new rural holdings parcels outside of the designated Rural Growth Areas;

• Administration supports the current AG designation of the property and maintaining it as a large parcel (i.e. 8.0 ha, or greater) in recognition that this areas will remain as rural, with limited community services and infrastructure and that larger parcels are generally more viable for agricultural operations.

Financial Implications:

Financial implications have been considered and none were found.

Communication Strategy:

The proposed bylaw amendments have been notified in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act* as well as the Regional District's Development Procedures Bylaw No. 2500, 2011.

Alternatives:

1. THAT first and second readings of the Electoral Area "C" Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 2452.24, 2024, and the Okanagan Valley Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 2800.41, 2024, be rescinded and the bylaws abandoned.

Respectfully submitted:

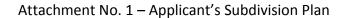
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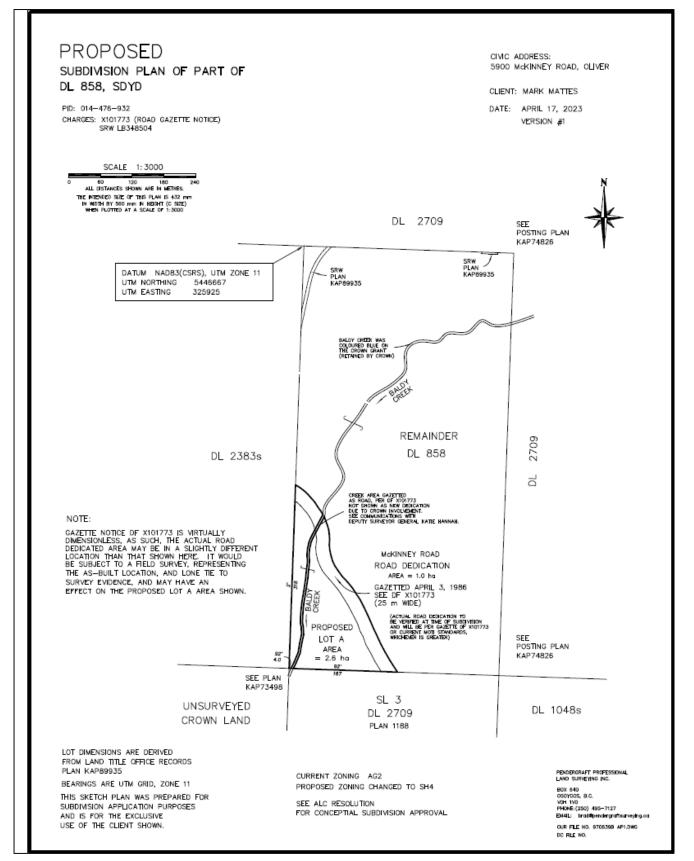
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Attachments: No. 1 – Applicant's Subdivision Plan

No. 2 – Aerial Photo





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