

PROCESS

Applicants should review the ALC's "Applicant Information Package" available at the RDOS office and at www.alc.gov.bc.ca.

- Discuss proposal with RDOS staff
- Submit complete application
- Staff review and evaluation of application
- Advisory Planning Commission reviews application. This is an opportunity for an applicant to present the proposal and to answer questions
- If a proposal is for a **subdivision** or for **non-farm use**, the report is forwarded to the Board and they may:
 - Agree to 'authorize' the application and forward it to the ALC
 - Defer making a decision
 - Determine not to 'authorize' the application
- If authorized, the report is forwarded to the ALC, if not authorized, application is stopped here
- For other application types, the report is forwarded to the ALC
- The ALC makes the final decision on all ALR applications that have been forwarded to them

For further information please contact
RDOS Development Services

The contents of this brochure may be
subject to changes at any time.
Please contact the RDOS to confirm
any requirements and costs.

For more information and to find
mapping, zoning bylaws and Official
Community Plans, check out the RDOS
website
<http://www.rdos.bc.ca>

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Agricultural Land Commission Act Applications



A guide to ALR applications

AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE (ALR)

In 1973, the Provincial government created the ALR in response to intense develop pressure on agricultural land in BC. The new legislation mapped the land and created a set of policies and regulations for permitted uses within the ALR

AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION (ALC)

The ALC is a group of people appointed by the Province to deal with ALR applications

RDOS

- Is the local liaison for applications to the ALC
- Provides applications to the public
- Provides assistance with applications and RD requirements
- Assesses the application and makes a recommendation for the Board

The Regional District can enact regulations for land within the ALR but cannot prohibit farm uses

The Commission (ALC) cannot consider some applications without approval of corresponding local bylaws. For example, if a non-farm use is proposed it may also require rezoning of the property

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

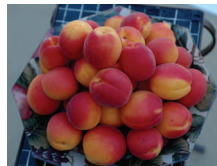
Exclude land from the ALR	Sec 30(1) ALC Act
Include land in the ALR	Sec 17(3) ALC Act
Subdivision in the ALR	Sec 21 (2) ALC Act
Non-farm use	Sec 20 (3) ALC Act

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Authorization by the owner or designated agent
2. A complete application form
3. Fee
4. Certificate of title
5. Proposal summary
6. Site Plan showing proposal and adjacent uses

NOTE: Applications to exclude land from the ALR require public advertising by the land owner prior to submitting an application

The *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and Procedure Regulation identify the process required for ALR applications



COSTS

- An application fee of \$600
- Any documentation you may require such as site plans, surveys, Certificate of Title or legal fees

TIME REQUIRED

Regional District staff strive to ensure that applications are dealt with in a timely manner. Most typical ALR applications take approximately 6-8 weeks to proceed to the Board for consideration.

This time frame is only for the RDOS portion of the application process. If it proceeds to the ALC, they have separate process to review an application.

HOW DO WE ASSESS AN APPLICATION?

Applications are carefully considered in light of issues such as:

- Community's overall goals and objectives as set out in the Official Community Plan
- Review of any zoning amendments required
- Reasons provided for the need to apply to the ALR
- Unique circumstances of the site
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