

This report is submitted to the Board of Directors of the Regional District of East Kootenay in accordance with the procedures identified in Section 465 of the *Local Government Act*.

The public hearing for the Kiely Exclusion application under Section 29 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to exclude 6.85 ha of land from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) was held on April 30, 2025, at 5:00 pm via Zoom webinar.

The following Regional District representatives attended the public hearing:

Director Stan Doehle, Electoral Area B  
Director Rob Gay, Electoral Area C  
Karen MacLeod, Planning Supervisor

The notice for the hearing was published in the Kootenay Advertiser on April 17, 2025 and April 24, 2025.

Staff gave an overview of the application prior to the hearing.

Chair Doehle convened the hearing at 5:14 pm and Regional District representatives were introduced.

Staff read the legal proceedings for the public hearing as set out by the Guidelines from the Agricultural Land Commission and *Local Government Act* and noted that a report of the hearing would be submitted to the Board of Directors at its May 9, 2025 meeting.

Staff advised that no written submissions were received prior to the public hearing.

Five members of the public were in attendance at the public hearing. The Chair invited those in attendance to comment on the application:

Geoff Lamothe, 684 Sharpe Road – Identified that he and his wife live on the neighbouring property on the eastern boundary of the Kiely property. He started by thanking the Board for providing an opportunity to speak to the application and stated that he appreciated voices can still be heard at the local and regional level. His property follows the same ridge as the Kiely property and has similar topographical, soil and vegetation characteristics. After 18 months of working with the Agricultural Land Commission on an application for his own parcel he is more familiar with these characteristics than he would want to be. However, it means he can speak to the little or no opportunity for reasonable or sustainable agriculture on the Kiely parcel. He believes that the proposed plan to subdivide the parcel into three lots, if the application is successful, is the highest and best use of the property. New rural residents have the potential for positive effects for the community.

Chair Doehle called three times for any additional speakers, no further comments were received and Chair Doehle adjourned the hearing at 5:18 pm.

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**Chair Stan Doehle**  
**Electoral Area B**

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**Karen MacLeod**  
**Planning Supervisor**