

## Public Hearing Report - ALR Exclusion Zaugg

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 Zaugg Exclusion application under Section 29 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* to exclude 8.48 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 Rob Gay, Electoral Area C Director Stan Doehle, Chair, Electoral Area B 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 Gay convened the hearing at 5:04 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, however the agent for the application advised that the applicant had letters of support that would be provided for inclusion with the public hearing report.

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

Tony Zaugg, 143 Wycliffe Park Road (applicant) – confirmed that letters of support will be provided to append to the report.

Chair Gay called three times for any additional speakers, no further comments were received and Chair Gay adjourned the hearing at 5:08 pm.

Chair Rob Gay	 Karen MacLeod
Electoral Area C	Planning Supervisor

March 8, 2025

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The property, located within the Rockyview Official Community Plan and designated as Large Holdings, has limited agricultural potential due to its topography and soil classification. The steep division of the land, lack of viable crop production, and reliance on external feed for livestock indicate that the land is better suited for rural residential use. Furthermore, no active agricultural operations exist on the surrounding properties, reinforcing that the area no longer functions as an agricultural hub.

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As a resident in this community, I strongly believe that this exclusion will not disrupt local land use or diminish agricultural productivity. Rather, it will provide responsible and reasonable growth within our community. I urge the Agricultural Land Commission to approve this application.

Name: Susan Hinds

Address: (104 Mountview Rd) Crambrode, BC VIC 41T1

Signature: March 14, 2025

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Address: 55 Mountview RD

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