Agricultural Land Commission Referral Application A-21-02

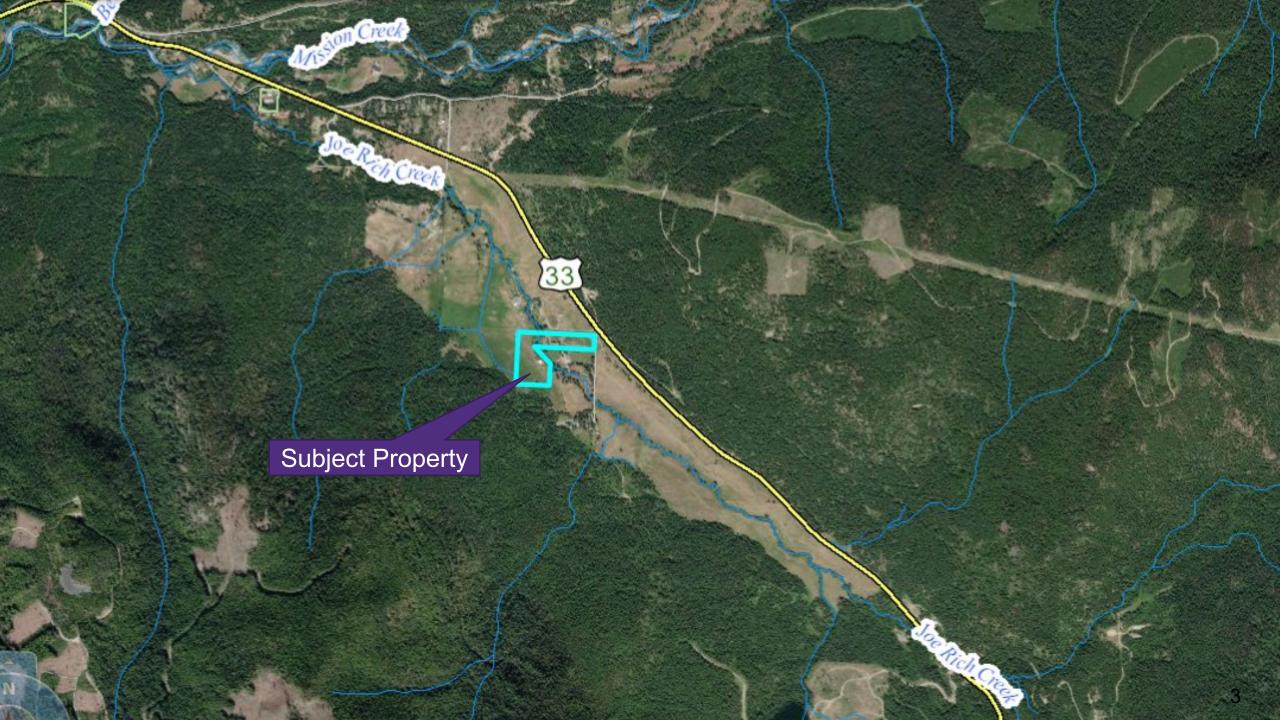
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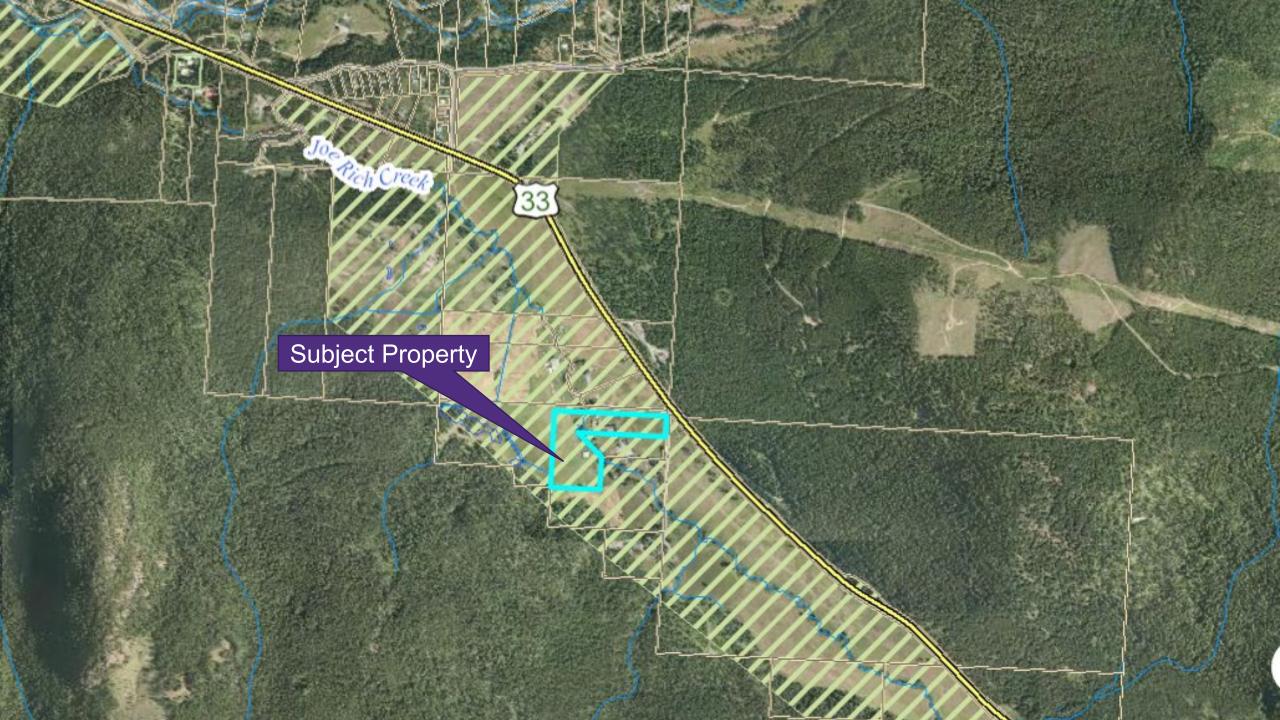
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Purpose

 To obtain Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) approval to allow a non-farm use to allow for commercial storage on a portion of the subject property.



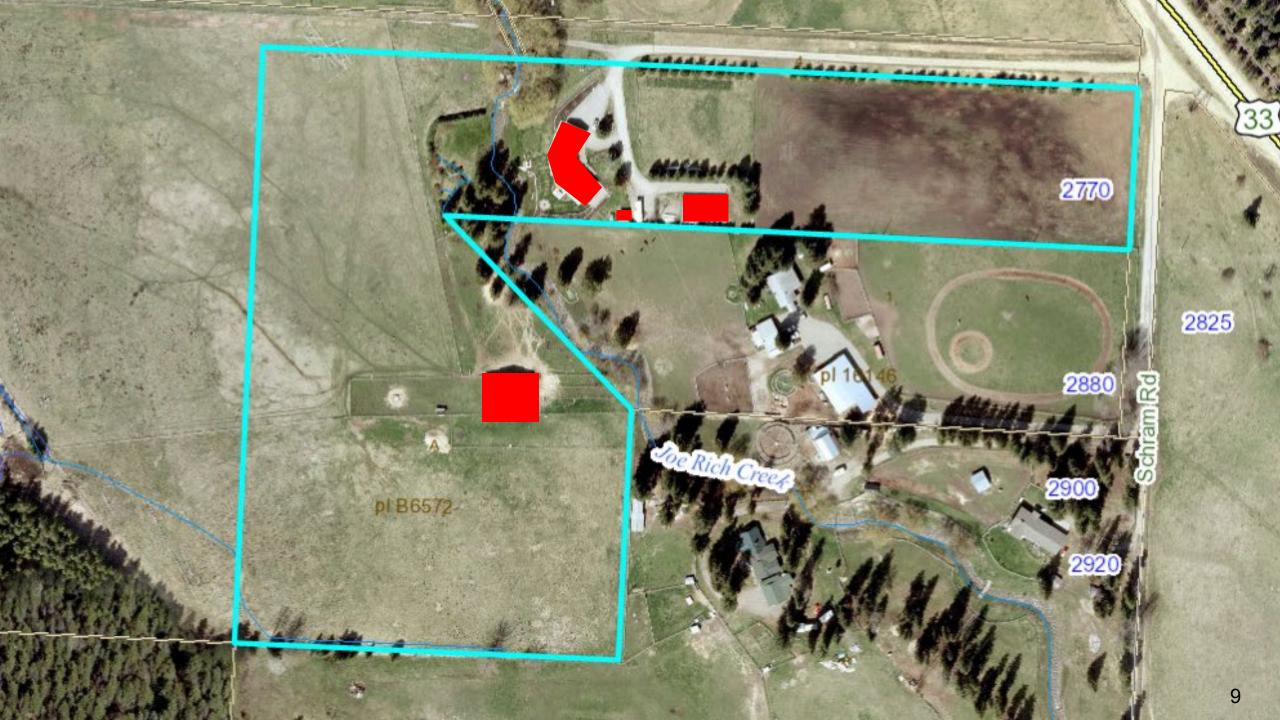












Background

- Current agricultural activities include 10 acres of hay
- The applicant plans to expand agricultural uses to include:
 - Fruit trees
 - Raising cattle, chickens, and horses

Background

February 2021

Bylaw complaint received

Bylaw inspection of site and letter from ALC

March 2021

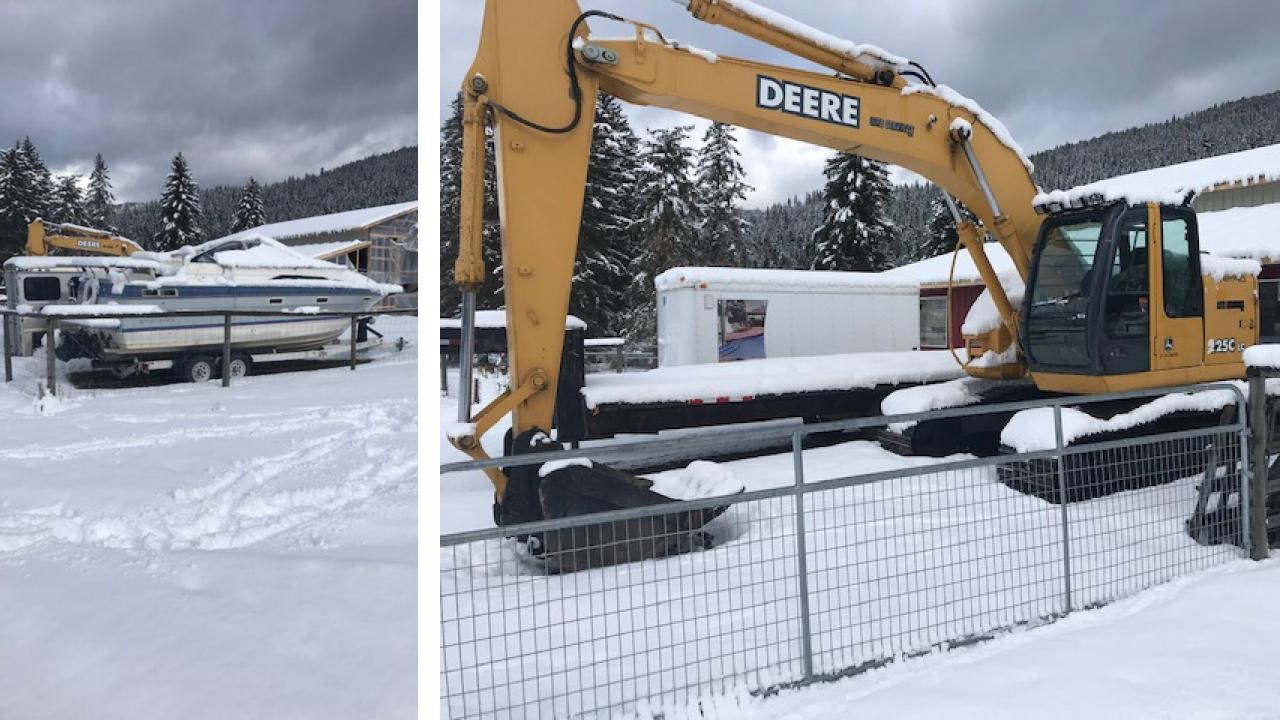
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Proposal

 The applicant is proposing to use 250 m² of a 340 m² an existing barn for commercial storage for boats and trailers between October - May

 The applicant rationalizes that farm operations will not be impacted and will continue between May - October



Agricultural Plan

- Protect farmland for agricultural uses
- Discourage the intrusion of non-farm uses in rural areas
- Promote the separation of agricultural and urban uses
- The Agricultural Plan does not support the proposal

Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw

- Subject property has a Rural Acreage (RA) land use designation
- Protect existing character of residential areas, maintain integrity of agricultural land and support the Agricultural Plan and AAC
- RA land use designation does not permit commercial uses

Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw

 A Business License will be required however, the proposal does not meet the regulations for Home Occupations

 Joe Rich RLUB Amendment required to permit the commercial use and to allow the business to operate

The Joe Rich RLUB does not support the proposal

Inspections Services

- The applicant has submitted a building permit application for roof and structural repairs for the existing barn
 - This application is unrelated to the ALC referral application
- If the application is approved:
 - Building Permit application for change of class of occupancy will be required

Agricultural Advisory Commission

AAC recommends non-support

Concerns regarding the potential future expansion of the non-farm use

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Commercial storage on ALR properties does not enhance agricultural productivity

 An approved non-farm use for this purpose may raise expectations for similar non-farm uses on other ALR properties

Interior Health Authority

Does not support food security

 The storage of vehicles on agricultural land does not contribute to the local food supply

Summary

Bylaw complaint

Concerns from agencies

Not aligned with Agricultural Plan and Joe Rich RLUB

Additional Applications

- Subsequent applications required if approved:
 - Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw Amendment application
 - Building Permit application for change of class of occupancy
 - Business License application

Recommendation

 THAT the Regional Board <u>not support</u> Agricultural Land Commission Application A-21-02 for applicant B. Miskuski, to allow for a non-farm use to allow a commercial storage operation.

 AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board directs staff to <u>not</u> forward the application to the Agricultural Land Commission.



Joe Rich Rural Land Use Bylaw

- Development Permit Areas:
 - Aquatic Ecosystem
 - Wildfire
 - Slope Stability and Rural Hillside
- Scope of the proposal is within an existing building
- DP is not required

MFLNRORD District Okanagan Shuswap

 Any stream crossing and "work in and about a stream" will require a Water Sustainability Act application.

If a culvert / bridge is required it must be designed to Q200.

