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Date: Dec. 6th, 2011

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Subject: OCC Site Recommendation

The Corrections Branch recommends that the Osoyoos Indian Band proposal be confirmed as the site for the Okanagan Correctional Centre. A decision note seeking Ministerial approval is attached. Also attached is the evaluation matrix that was used to form this recommendation.



Decision Note -



OCC Site

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
CORRECTIONS BRANCH
BRIEFING NOTE**

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From: Merchant, Brent SG:EX
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To: MacMillan, Elizabeth PREM:EX
Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Subject: Okanagan Correctional Centre

Attached is the information requested earlier today. If you require further information or this BN needs any edits please contact me at your earliest convenience.



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Cc: Faganello, Tara AG:EX; Nygaard, Ken SG:EX; Iten, Jennifer FIN:EX; Friesen, David C SG:EX; Merchant, Brent SG:EX; Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Subject: RE: a PSSG-OCC BN 14 Nov 2011 - Corrections review (2) to DSG

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From: Cumberland, Paul AG:EX
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Subject: a PSSG-OCC BN 14 Nov 2011 - Corrections review (2) to DSG

Hi Lori and Jeannie,
Sorry for the last minute rush. Jenn needs DM okay on our fact check on the OCC TBS BN. Brent and Tara have approved. Jenn is briefing Peter at 2.

Many thanks

Paul

From: Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Douglas, Marc SG:EX
Cc: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Subject: For info: First draft - OCC Ste Selection Criteria
Attachments: OCC Site Selection Criteria Ver1.xlsx

As discussed on Tuesday, attached find the draft selection criteria for OCC.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 3:29 PM
To: Howard, Tedd SG:EX
Cc: Merchant, Brent SG:EX; Wanamaker, Lori SG:EX; Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Subject: FW: Penticton Indian Band
Attachments: Correctional Facility Application.pdf

Handwritten: J. W. 3/31/11

Here is the Penticton Indian Band land proposal. Lori we are checking to make sure that this document reached the Ministers office. As per the request below we have confirmed with Charlene Pierre of the PIB that the Corrections Branch has received a copy of their proposal. FYI.

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From: Charlene Pierre [<mailto:cpierre@pib.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Minister, SG SG:EX
Cc: Currie, Sylvia SG:EX
Subject: Penticton Indian Band

Good Day! ☺

Attached is a copy of the Penticton Indian Band Correctional Facility Submission.

Please confirm upon receiving this submission.

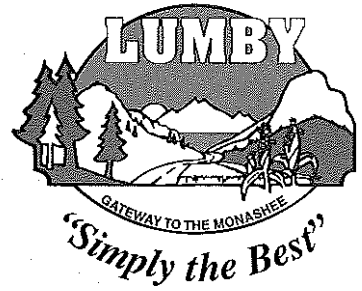
Thank You!

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Penticton Indian Band
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Office of the Mayor
May 3, 2011

Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
PO Box 9053 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Bond:

It's Lumby Councils intention to be as supportive, creative and flexible – in assisting the Province in realizing its goal of having a correctional centre located in the Okanagan Valley by 2015.

As Mayor I feel we have done an excellent job creating awareness and have garnered strong support from the community as indicated by our referendum. I feel that a 56% positive response from 71% of our estimated electorate shows several things:

- The need for economic stimulus
- Trust in local government
- A willingness to grow change and move into the future

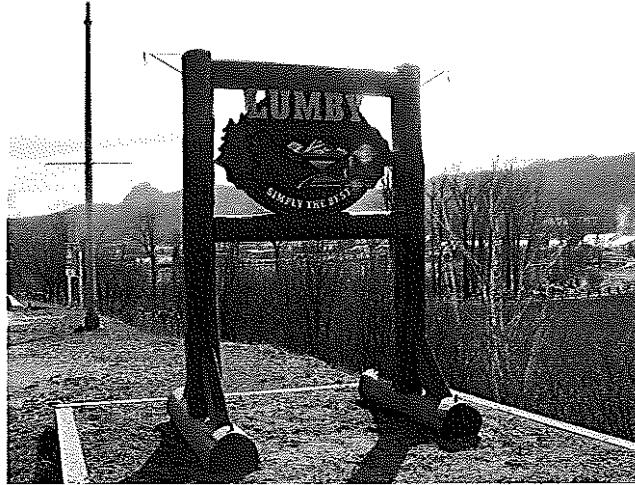
I am very proud of our community and the immense amount of work done by our citizens to allow our beautiful Village to be a future site for a Provincial Correctional Centre. I am sure your staff, once they are in place, will also find Lumby to be "Simply the Best".

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Acton
Mayor

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VILLAGE OF LUMBY

PROPOSAL

OKANAGAN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE – SITE SUBMISSION



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On December 7, 2010, the Village of Lumby received correspondence from the Office of the Minister, Honorable Rich Coleman, Solicitor General of the Ministry of Public Safety in which he called for recommendations for potential sites for an Okanagan Correctional Centre. Due to the growth in British Columbia's needs for a provincial correction centre in the Okanagan valley, Lumby is pleased to offer this submission as our willingness to partner with the provincial government in establishing a correctional centre in Lumby.

The Village of Lumby is nestled in the Whitevalley area, a mere 20 minute drive to Vernon and 55 minute commute to downtown Kelowna. Historically, and to some degree today, Lumby's main economic driver was the forestry industry. Due to the struggles experienced in forestry, the Mayor and Council continually challenge staff and residents in promoting new ideas for economic development. An Okanagan Correction Centre fits perfectly for the vision of the Mayor and Council for the Village of Lumby and, by witnessed during our Opinion Poll to the residents, a strong support by Lumby residents.

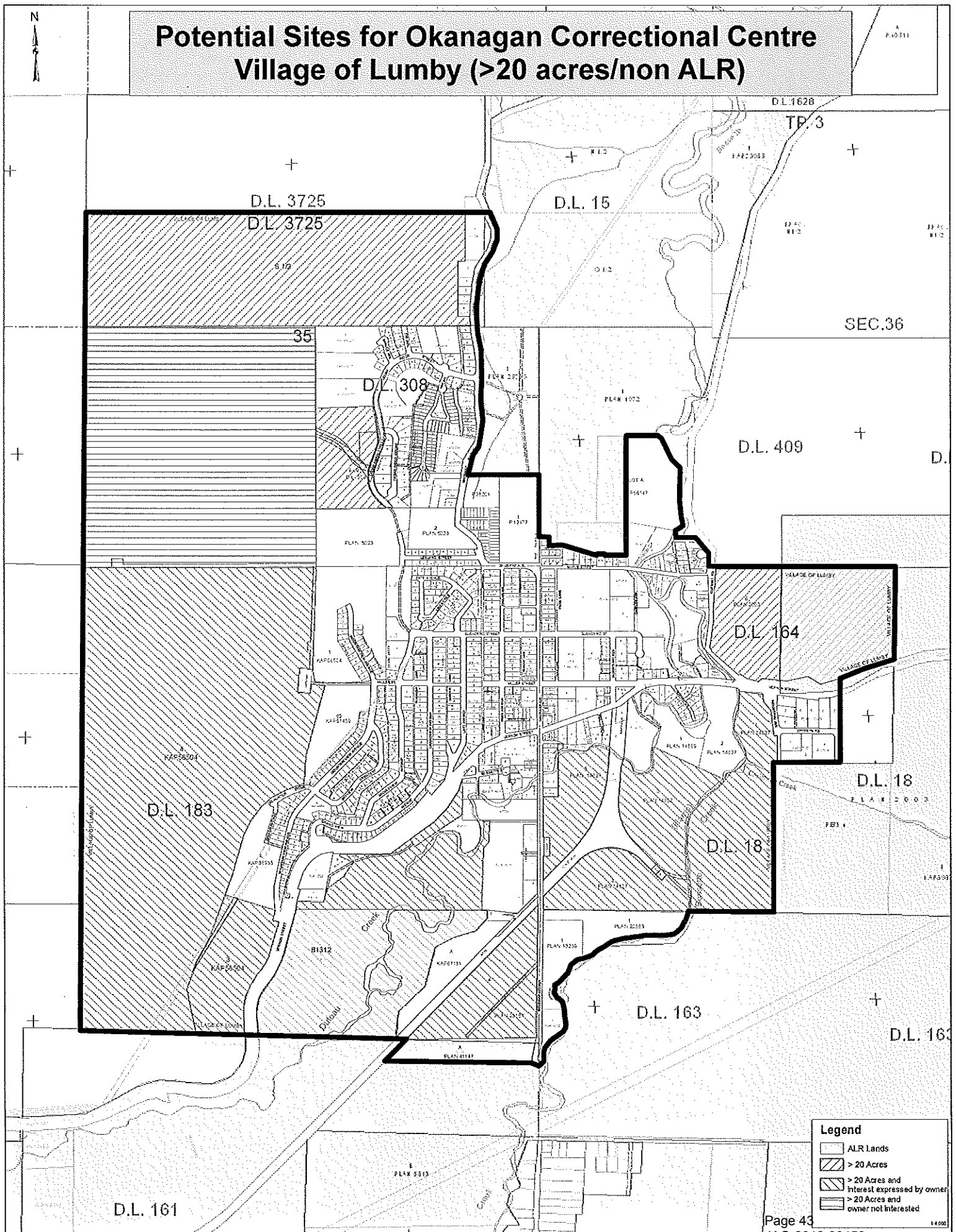
The Village of Lumby prides itself on the strides it has made in securing a safe, potable water supply with state-of-the-art treatment technology. In large part of the support of the provincial and federal governments, this water treatment facility was commissioned in 2008. With an existing ability to pump 1.3 million gallons per day, the Village of Lumby only averages 270,000 gallons per day throughout the year and a recorded peak day of 550,000 gallons. With approximately 1700 residents on the water system, infrastructure will allow for upwards of 5000 people before upgrades will have to be made.

The sanitary sewer system in Lumby is based on secondary treatment with an aerated lagoon, facultative pond, storage pond and ground infiltration basin design. Working closely with the regulating body of the Ministry of Environment, Lumby has the ability to UV disinfect the effluent before release. Constructed in 1953, the treatment system was designed to accept effluent from 3500 people based on consumption of the day. To Lumby's credit, a Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan was adopted by council, in which several recommendations from that plan has been implemented. This includes a year round watering regulation and the installation of water meters in every residential,

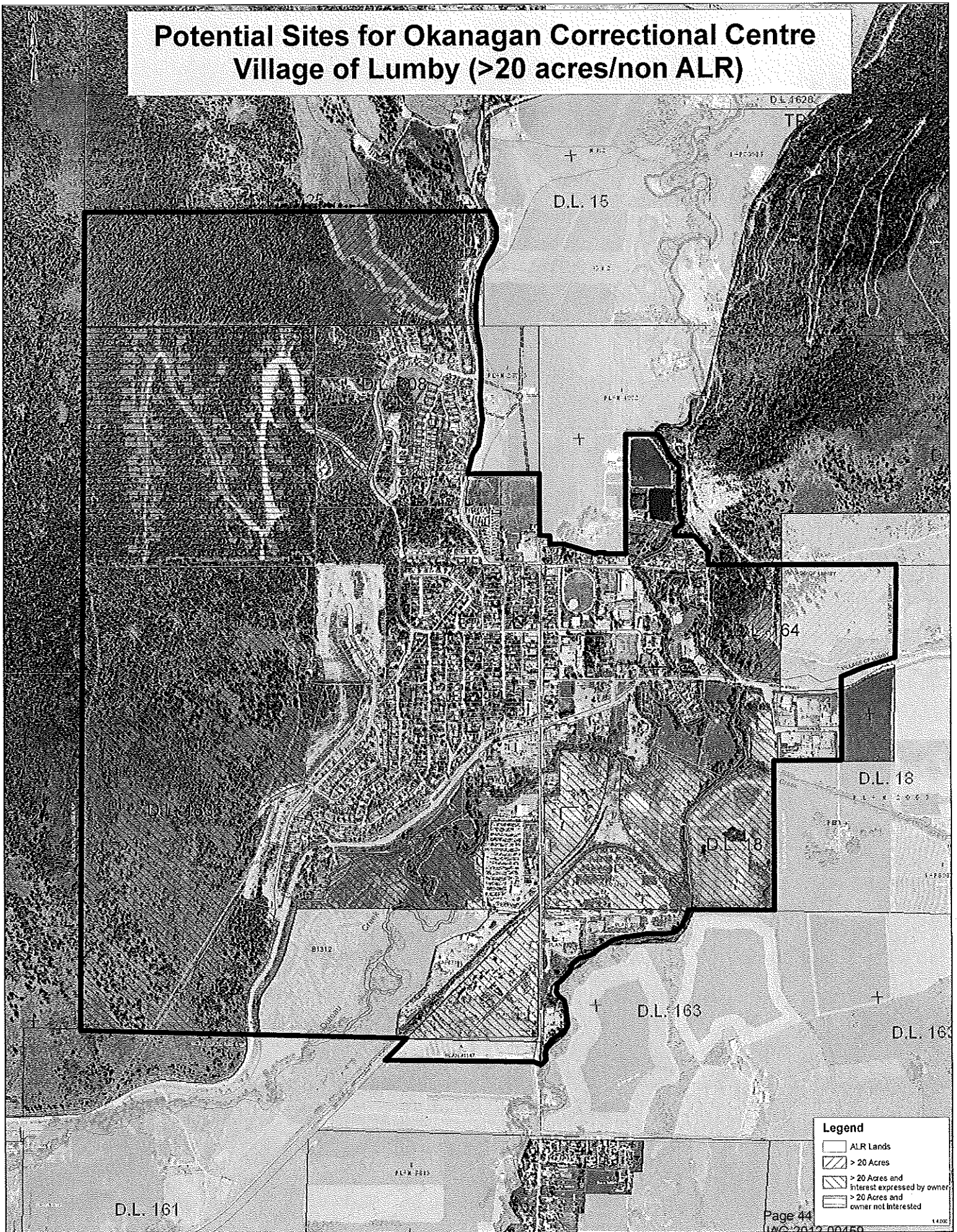
industrial and commercial property. With these sensible upgrades, Lumby has already witnessed a 20% drop of water consumption in the first year of implementing these recommendations which will only help prolong the life expectancy of the water and sewer infrastructure.

As discussed, the infrastructure within the Village of Lumby can easily sustain the inclusion of an Okanagan Correction Centre consisting of a minimum of 360 residents. Certain site specific infrastructure upgrades will have to be discussed based on the selected site, but Lumby is proud and excited to present 7 sites to the Ministry of Public Safety and the Solicitor General, the Honourable Shirley Bond for inclusion for the Okanagan Correctional Centre.

Potential Sites for Okanagan Correctional Centre Village of Lumby (>20 acres/non ALR)



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SITE SELECTION

1. PREAMBLE

Due to the existing overcrowding population of inmates at the existing correctional centres in British Columbia, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – Corrections Branch is asking for submissions of potential sites within the Okanagan Valley to accommodate a proposed 360 cell correction centre. The site suitability for these locations should meet certain suitability criteria including:

- A buildable area of about 8 hectares (20 acres)
- Narrowest dimension of the site should exceed 170 metres (560 feet)
- Serviced, including electricity, gas, water and sewer
- Minimal negative environmental conditions
- Minimal probability of a First Nations claim to aboriginal title
- Maximum probability of expeditious appropriate zoning
- Not in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

The following site submissions from the Village of Lumby have the approval of all owners for inclusion. All sites are a minimum of 20 acres and are outside of the ALR. All have utility infrastructure to their property line but, as all sites are unique in their own right, comments are added to aid in the decision making process with regards to upgrades required on the infrastructure. All properties are located within the Village of Lumby boundary and have no known aboriginal titles claimed. Once a site is approved, the Village of Lumby council have taken the direction to immediately begin executing the appropriate zoning for the correction centre.

It should be noted that the following sites are in no particular order of preference.

2. CONFIRMED SITES

1. Legal Description: South portion of Lot 1, Plan 14627, DL 18.
Civic Address: 2002 Dyffryn Road, Lumby, B.C.
Property Owner: Gudeit Bros. Contracting Ltd.



Staff Comments:

Very flat site located within the East Industrial Park area. Access off of Highway 6 via Industrial Avenue. Present use is a log sorting yard. Water distribution system at Industrial Avenue and Shuswap Avenue but will need to be upgraded to satisfy fire flow demands. Sanitary sewer system located on Shuswap Avenue with no sanitary sewer in Industrial Avenue area.

2. Legal Description: Lot 3, Plan 14627, DL 18
Civic Address: 1837 Shuswap Avenue
Property Owner: Gudeit Bros Contracting Ltd.



Staff Comments:

Very flat site located in the our South Industrial Park. Road access off of Shuswap Avenue with railway line access into property. Present use varied consisting of a log sort yard, wood chipping production and general storage. Water distribution system located on Shuswap Avenue with upgrades needed to satisfy fire flow demands. Sanitary sewer system located on Shuswap Avenue. Modeling of the system required to determine if any upgrades needed to satisfy sanitary sewer flow.

3. Legal Description: Lot 4, Plan 14627, DL 18
Civic Address: 1625 Shuswap Avenue
Property Owner: Stella-Jones Canada Inc.



Staff Comments:

Very flat site located in our South Industrial Park. Road access off of Shuswap Avenue and railway line into the site. Present use of the site is idle as it was the Bell Pole property before they closed. Stella-Jones performing an environmental investigation with this site in determining contamination. Water distribution system located on Shuswap Avenue with upgrades needed for fire flow demands. Sanitary sewer system located approximately 200m north on Shuswap Avenue and would involve road work and main extension to service this lot. Modeling of the sewer system will be required to determine if any upgrades required.

4. Legal Description: Lot A, Plan 23157,DL 18
Civic Address: 1580 Shuswap Avenue
Property Owner: Interior Softwood Recoveries Ltd.



Staff Comments:

Very flat site located in the South Industrial Park. Road access off of Shuswap Avenue and railway line adjacent to property. Present use of this site is idle as Paragon Cedar Wood Products shut down recently. This site has an extensive water distribution system on-site with an above-ground reservoir for fire flow purposes. Confirmation of fire flows to be confirmed. Sanitary sewer system located approximately 300m north which will involve road work and main line extension for connection.

5. Legal Description: B1312
Civic Address: 1826 Shuswap Avenue
Property Owner: Anita-Lyn Developments Ltd.



Staff Comments:

Very flat site located at the west entrance into downtown Lumby. Road access may be obtained off of Vernon Street, if approval given by Ministry of Transportation and Highways or other option is to access off of Shuswap Avenue with an approved road allowance. Present use is crop land but is out of the ALR. Water distribution system is located on Faulkner Avenue and modeling will be required to determine, if any, upgrades required. Sanitary sewer system located on Highway 6 (will require a lift station) or can be gravity fed to Bessette Street.

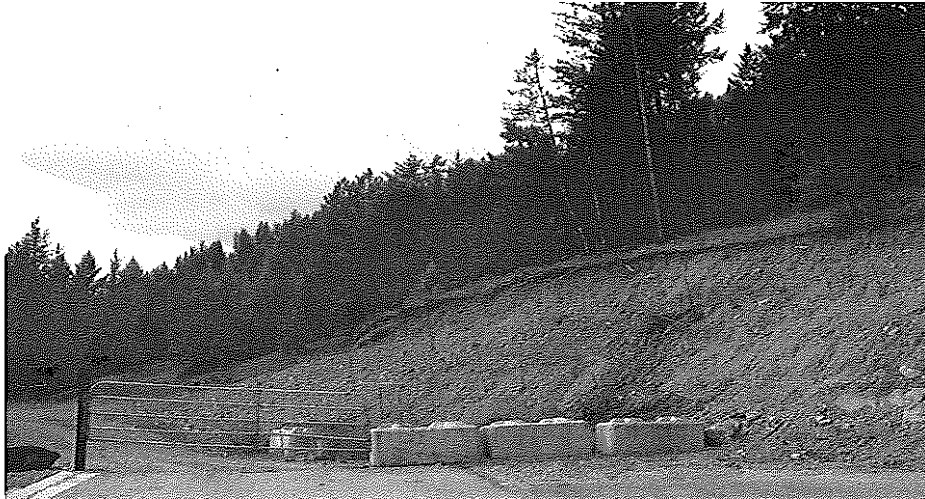
6. Legal Description: s.22
Civic Address: s.22
Property Owner: s.22



Staff Comments:

Site prone to steep grades upwards of 20% but possibility of flat benches. Road access off of intersection of Highway 6 and Mountainview Avenue. Water distribution system and sanitary sewer system available at lot line on Mountainview Avenue. Present use is bare R2 and R1 zoning. Modeling to determine if any infrastructure upgrades required.

7. Legal Description: Lot 4, KAP58504, DL 18
Civic Address: 1864T Schunter Drive
Property Owner: Leitrim Contracting Ltd.



Staff Comments:

Site prone to steep grades up to 20% with potential of flat benches throughout. Road access off of Schunter Drive. Water distribution system at lot line on Schunter Drive which may require booster pump station and/or reservoir dependent on design specifications. Sanitary sewer main at lot line. Modeling to determine all infrastructure upgrades required.



April 1, 2011

The Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
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Re: Okanagan Correctional Centre – Potential Sites in the South Okanagan

Further to former Solicitor General Rich Coleman's letter of December 7, 2010, the South Okanagan welcomes the opportunity to locate a Correctional Centre in our region. Together, the City of Penticton, the District of Summerland, with unanimous support from the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Board, respectfully submit our proposal.

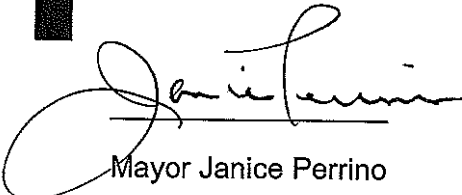
As local governments, we understand the importance of providing well paid, stable jobs for our citizens, and believe that a new correctional facility in the South Okanagan is an opportunity to support the overall economic health of our region which has suffered from the effects of the global recession. Our rural communities have been particularly hard-hit due to the downturn in resource industries, and a new correctional facility will help to build our region's economy by creating jobs and opportunity.

The South Okanagan offers all of the attributes businesses and government agencies need in today's business climate-ready access to air and land transportation links, a skilled workforce, unparalleled natural amenities and recreational opportunities, reasonable property tax levels and land prices that are generally lower than the balance of the Okanagan Valley. Recruitment of highly qualified employees to staff a South Okanagan facility will be a non-issue due to our much sought-after South Okanagan lifestyle, a warm sunny climate, low precipitation and mild winters, combined with recreational opportunities ranging from beaches and hiking to ski hills and wineries. We have it all!

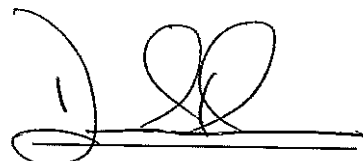
As a region, we commit to working together with your Ministry in order to create jobs and build a strong economy. We also commit to a "Fast Track" process for a South Okanagan Correctional Facility, with pre-agreed timelines for completion.

In closing, be assured the undersigned will work with all parties to make every effort to ensure this is a success.

Sincerely yours,

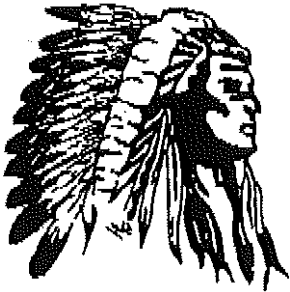


Mayor Janice Perrino



Mayor Dan Ashton

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