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Comox Valley ALR Revitalization

Morning session audience comments and questions

- Rusted Rake: There are numerous restaurants on ALR land that do not have permits, why has our farm been singled out?
- Does the ALC have a mandate to keep land prices down for future generations? If so, why is this coming at the cost of my own land being devalued?
- Farmers net income in BC was in the negatives. If we are keeping land prices low for future generations, we are setting them up for failure as there is no money in farming.
- The ALC was initially supposed to keep agriculture land prices down for future generations. They
 FAILED to do this (prices have gone up significantly) and now their trying to bring prices down to
 correct their mistake. This is causing a problem for people that recently bought land at inflated
 prices.
- I was planning on buying a mobile home for my land but was informed that this was no longer possible. As a result of this, I build a new home on my property with cost me ~\$200K. Now it appears that we can apply for mobile homes before February 2020. These "ad-hoc" policy amendments are challenging to keep up with and are costing the landowner unnecessary time and money.
- Lots sizes are very small in the region. How are people supposed to farm this land and make any
 income? People on these lots need added value operations as farming is no longer economically
 viable on small parcels.
- Why do land owners need to go through local government to make applications? Can applications be submitted without the farmers consent?
- I sit on the local Agriculture Advisory Committee. We see every ALC application and do site visits to decide the future of the land. There is frustrated that the ALC is not listening to the Agriculture Advisory Committee (less then 50% of application that are passed by the AAC are approved by the ALC). This process seems inconsistent and should be improved.
- What prompted the rise in application fee structure (now \$1500). As volunteers for an AAC, regional staff and local governments are not provided with any additional funds for this process.
 Where is this extra money going?
- The \$1,500 application fee is too expensive for small scale producers.
- What do we mean by "close family members" when we speak about the addition of a mobile home on a farm.
- The biggest issue with the secondary residence is succession. How can you deny a family succession? We are booting retiring farmers off the land into elder homes.
- A lot of farmers are losing a lot of money. Why are we not allowed to rent out a house as an additional source of income?
- Many younger farmers need to partner with their parents or someone else to make farming viable. These regulations put us in a tough spot and prevents the younger generation from being able to farm.
- People who ignore the laws are getting away with having 20 squatters on a property illegally
 while a farmer owner going through the proper channels is rejected on an application to expand
 a 12-foot trailer to 14 feet. The tougher regulations will force many people to ignore the proper
 channels and illegally make modification to their land.

- We have an aging population and we need to promote succession planning. The second dwelling changes are preventing succession on my farm. We are a family of four and we cannot live in a single mobile home.
- Alberta government has lots of work around succession planning and is doing a better job of facilitating this. Maybe BC should look at their model.
- James Mack has met with Janet Thony under the past government. We found James very easy to work with and he has always listened to us.
- The new regulations are preventing our kids from building a permanent home and we are losing our farm help. This is preventing us form expanding our business.
- Why a mobile home in the regulations? Why can't we build a brick and mortar home?
- The mobile home set-up is not great for aging parents and the fact that you are forcing us to live in mobile homes in not great.
- You will allow a 5000 square foot home to be built but will not allow two 2500 square foot homes on a single residence. Why can't we have two brick and mortar homes on the land with the same square footage as a 5000 square foot home.
- Under bill 15 we are no longer allowed to have people live in an RV on the land. I don't like
 having my employees living with me in my home and I can't afford to pay them more than
 minimum wage. The RV provides a good residence option for farm help and should not be taken
 away from us.
- Most senior prefer to live on their own. When you force them to leave their land you are putting more pressure on other social services. We need to re-think this seriously.
- I have a third-generation farm with three children who want to take it over. The new rules are
 not allowing for succession farming and planning. We need to look at this for the next
 generation.

Afternoon session audience comments and questions

- There was not enough outreach our consultation with people living on ALR land. What about people who don't use the internet or have access to it? We should have other resources and outlets to get engagement and information to the public.
- Great that the government wants to support the young farmers but if changes don't happen quickly the current generation of farmers won't be able to farm anymore. What are you doing for current farmers?
- We are in a period where humanity is in its last stand. There are all kinds of problems and something needs to be done. Lots of cheap food coming into this province and maybe there should be some tariffs to equalize the competition.
- We've had lots of summer students trained on our farm and they now have important jobs on the Island. Lots of value in getting youth involved/working on the farm and we should get more support for this.
- I want government support for converting my forested land to viable agriculture land? There are some programs in other provinces and there use to be one in BC.
- Cost of farm insurance on the island has more than doubled in the last few years. Currently no connection point with private insurance.

- What defines Agri tourism activities and how does this relate to food processing or Agribusiness?
- If you have four small farms developing restaurants this will likely result in four small business that our competing with each other. Why not look at farmers coming together to meet the 50% requirement for a single restaurant (co-operative model).
- Economic, social or cultural values were not included in the rusted rake decision.
- Rusted rake: Farm stores, breweries are allowed but why are restaurants not allow? Had to take
 out 2 acres of land for the brewery application that was denied. We were buying our produce
 from other farms and that is still not enough to get the restaurant approved. We need to
 consider restaurants as farm use as they are an important aspect of the food system.
- Policy should be dictated on how to feed the local population.
- Policy is written for big scale agriculture and not small-scale operations.
- Rusted Rake started a model that showed how small-scale operations can be successful. We
 don't need to be told how to do things, we already know how to do it you just need to let us do
 it.
- We need knowledge and capital to make a successful business and many young farmers are
 missing one of these, which usually leads to an unsuccessful farming business. Current programs
 don't address these gaps. We will be asking how the millions of dollars in the land matching
 program have been used and what outcomes this program has had?
- There are bad examples of land use on ALR but we can't make blanket policies across the province as this is having a negative impact on local farmers.
- If we had received white papers on this like we did with Norm Letnick these ALR change would have been received very differently.
- Most farmers have wells on their properties which excludes them from being able to supply
 produce to hospitals. The province needs to make water safe for farmers, so they can sell it to
 hospitals.
- Education in high school not great for teaching students about agriculture.
- Can we get more agrologist in the region? the current agrologist is about to retire and you don't seem to be adding more of them once they leave.
- The government needs to be more transparent about the policies it is making and have better communication with the public.
- Does the ministry of agriculture or ALC have a database about all the parcels that exist? Local
 government databases have civic addresses. Can you create a database of the parcels owners
 that can be sent to the landowners?
- Canada Post said they could identify all the farms in BC. The BC assessment authority could
 probably have this information as well. Can the Ministry get this information for improving
 communication with the public.
- Why was there a requirement that Rusted Rake needed a liquor licence?
- Have you done an inventory on ALR land. Our land is not viable for farming and should be excluded.
- Relaxing the rules would solve these problems. We want you to help us grow but you are just blocking us at every turn.

- Curious about the discretionary power of the ALC in relation to the responsibility of local governments on the 50% of local product for business.
- There is not a lot of local government involved in the cross-government land use planning
 process. How can they be better included in the planning process and receive more support for
 people in regional districts to engage with their local communities on policy changes? Farmers
 might feel more comfortable reaching out to a local government rather than the province.
- Do local governments have the ability to go back to their communities to provide information to the public on policy changes. How can we better resource local governments to get information out to their local communities?
- Would you consider looking at a subsidized mentorship program where people could learn and provide labour on farms? There are some federal programs out there.
- Properties have been split smaller and smaller overtime and operations are losing money.
 Please look at ways were people can make additional income from the land.
- We are currently in a housing crisis which is making it challenging for farmers to secure employees who can't afford to live in the area. Why not get local homeless people working on farms or semi retired people instead of foreign workers?
- When you put forward these (ALR revitalization) policies how did you think this would impact
 farmers who respect the land and are trying to have a successful business. I acknowledge that
 developers are developing the land but does that represent most people who are on ALR land?
- We should be supporting value added projects on farms because they are supporting the local community and educating the local community.
- My family has been in agriculture for three generations with multiple livestock operations and with the different rules and regulations it's becoming increasingly difficult to farm. We recently had to close our hog operation in Port Alberni. Trying to get D and E licensing on the farm to make it more viable.
- Thank you for having this information session it was great. We started a farm to produce food but
 also to create an educational experience. We really admire the rusted rake and that is what we
 want on our farm.
- Lots of these policies that pop up are in response to extreme situations. Why not just make an
 example of the bad apples? People who are just trying to provide for their family should be left
 alone.
- We sit on AAC's and we are not listened too. The ALC staffer's have been giving confusing
 information on their invitations on the ALC engagement sessions. At a public meeting the rusted
 rake was called out as liars and criminals by ALC staff or commissioners. The tone is not helping
 the relationship between the government and the public.

From: <u>Lussier, Jason AGRI:EX</u>
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Subject: RE: Sept 19th - task list/event plan

Date: September 20, 2019 12:15:46 PM

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Hey Anna,

Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the meeting today.

I did, however, have time to revise my notes from yesterdays meeting (attached). I tried my best to jot down the major questions comments from the audience but may have missed a few. Please feel free to add anything I missed.

I'll be leading a UBCM farm tour all day on Monday but should be free to chat any other day next week if you want to schedule in a phone call. We could include Brent on that call as well to put together a strategy for Regional Agrologist support at the other upcoming meetings.

Cheers,

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Subject: Re: Sept 19th - task list/event plan

Hi Jason

I guess its today. Next week James is at UBCM

Will you be able to dial in, don't worry if you can't on your day off! You and i can touch base next week if you prefer.

Anna

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Hey Anna,

I have the ALR check-in scheduled for 2:15pm today. Is that still on or are we re-scheduling for next week?

Thanks,

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Hi all,

Please find attached a simple event plan and the list of those people who have signed up, I'll be sending you the final engagement sheet once it is final (noon today).

We are creating all the sign up sheets, printed agendas and signs needed for the event, that includes info sheets about the engagement, feedback sheets so people who cannot or do not want to ask a question out loud can write it down, we are including a privacy statement so people can also be assured that we will not be using their information for anything but managing the need for future meetings and their written input will form part of the what we heard report.

I propose that we split tasks as follows:

- Jason and Jill can manage the welcoming of people and getting them signed in.
- Reed and I can run through the room check and technical check
- Chris will manage media
- Jennifer, Kim and James can network through the crowd a bit at the beginning and welcome people, help ensure people know what to expect and provide some early calming influence
- MLA Leonard will provide opening remarks
- Anna will moderate (housekeeping, time checks, pointing out people with questions etc)
- Jennifer, Kim and James will be chairing the sessions, and will be answering most questions.

Happy to get feedback on anything that is missed, and I am proposing that we meet in the morning either for breakfast or at the hall around 8:00/8:30.

I'm staying at the Westerly, Best Western, please call my cell if you have any concerns.

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