

RE: FARM DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Site requirements/regulations (CLIFF 193748)

From: Collins, Martin J ALC:EX <Martin.Collins@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: January 27, 2021 1:09:58 PM PST

Hana

Growing crops (including hemp) and processing them is a permitted "farm" use in the ALR. Please note the pertinent regulations below. Education activities are also permitted within reason – see below.

Regards

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Farm products

11 (1) In this section, "association" has the same meaning as in the *Cooperative Association Act*.

(2) The use of agricultural land for storing, packing, preparing and processing farm products is designated as a farm use and may not be prohibited as described in section 4 if at least 50% of the farm product is

(a) produced either on that agricultural land or by an association to which the owner of the agricultural land belongs, or

(b) feed required for farm use on that agricultural land.

(3) The use of agricultural land for conducting farm retail sales is designated as a farm use and may not be prohibited as described in section 4 if

(a) all of the farm products offered for sale are produced on that agricultural land, or

(b) the area used for all retail sales meets both of the following conditions:

(i) the total area, both indoors and outdoors, does not exceed 300 m²;

(ii) at least 50% of that area is limited to the sale of farm products produced either on that agricultural land or by an association to which the owner of the agricultural land belongs.

Section 27 Sub 4

(4) The use of agricultural land for education and conducting research respecting a farm use or permitted non-farm use is permitted, but may be prohibited as described in section 20, if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) the area occupied by any structures necessary for conducting education or research does not exceed 100 m² for each parcel;

(b) the agricultural land is not used for a school within the meaning of the *School Act*.

From: Hana Perspective Yoga <perspectiveyoga30@gmail.com>
Sent: January 27, 2021 10:58 AM
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Subject: FARM DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Site requirements/regulations

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Hello,

We are looking to establish a community driven farm plan that includes an educational space and food processing facility.

We will be focused on regenerative agricultural practices leading toward food preservation, in hopes to further community education and contribute to localized food security.

We have talked to the community about our plans and were met with an overwhelming interest on all fronts. From young entrepreneurs and small farmers looking for co-working space, to elders looking for alternatives in their health and wellness.

These conversations have inspired us to expand on our vision and include herbal wellness and "the apothecary garden".

With much of the communities interest pointing toward Cannabis and it's medicinal properties, we plan to include HEMP as a stable crop for both cultivation and processing.

We would like to know the ALC stance on such a plan -including the handling of HEMP- and whether the locations we are looking at are suitable for such an application.

Best regards,
Hana

RE: MLA Sandhu: government-run abattoirs facility in North Okanagan

From: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
To: Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 29, 2021 9:05:51 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.png, 195271_MLA Sandhu Bullets_Abattoir in Okanagan.docx

Hi Ellora,

Please see attached bullets from staff in regards to the question from MLA Sandhu below.

Thank you,



Alyssa MacLellan
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From: Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 6, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Lee, Isabella AFF:EX <Isabella.Lee@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rhodes, Angie AFF:EX <Angie.Rhodes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MLA Sandhu: government-run abattoirs facility in North Okanagan

Hey Bella,

Could we cliff this question for action, please? In need of some bullets to answer the question below would be great.

Deadline to be July 16th, please.

Question: The possibility of establishing a proper, government-run meat processing facility in the Okanagan/North Okanagan that runs year-round, without fail. This is definitely needed for our area, and would be a great job-creating opportunity, as well as supporting the local readers of meat birds. Does something like this exist? What are the rules around this? Is this feasible?

Thank you,

Ellora Sundhu

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I respectfully acknowledge the Lekwungen People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and all the Indigenous Peoples of British Columbia, on whose territories I am grateful to work, live and learn.

From: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: government-run abattoirs facility in North Okanagan
From: Sandhu.MLA, Harwinder <Harwinder.Sandhu.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: July 6, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: government-run abattoirs facility in North Okanagan

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Good afternoon, Jack.

I am hoping you might be able to track down some information for us regarding abattoirs. A constituent recently wrote to us asking if it was possible for a government-run slaughterhouse to be set up in the North Okanagan. I don't know if such a thing exists or what the rules around this would be.

Any information around this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Josh



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While our office will not be taking in-person meetings as part of managing the COVID-19 virus, we will continue to provide services for constituents via phone and email contact. Thank you for your understanding.

From: s.22 <s.22>
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Sandhu.MLA, Harwinder <Harwinder.Sandhu.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: Note from s.22 to your Facebook Page Harwinder Sandhu, MLA for Vernon-Monashee
Hi Harwinder.

We've met recently at the Winter Carnival meeting. I was sat on your left.

I'm also a hobby chicken and turkey farmer, who for the past several years has been unable to get birds processed because the local abattoirs are either too busy or not reputable.

I would like you to investigate, on behalf of myself and the the others in my community, the possibility of establishing a proper, government-run processing facility that runs year-round, without fail. This is definitely needed for our area, and would be a great job-creating opportunity, as well as supporting the local readers of meat birds.

Sent from my iPad

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

BULLET POINTS TEMPLATE

CLIFF#: 195271

Client / Writer: s.22

Main issues: Abattoir capacity and quality

Bullets prepared by: James Street

Date prepared: 2021-07-12

Date due: July 14, 2021

The request:

- s.22 has experienced challenges having poultry processed due to facilities being “too busy or not reputable”.
- s.22 is requesting that government explore the possibility of creating a government run processing facility.

Ministry role:

- AFF does not operate government run slaughter/meat processing facilities.
- AFF provides support for eligible producers and food processors, through the B.C. Agri-business Planning Program, with funding for business coaching and planning to develop their meat processing businesses.
- Slaughter establishments in B.C. are either federally registered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or are provincially licensed. Slaughter establishments that are provincially licensed are only permitted to sell their product within B.C.
- AFF provides Meat Inspectors to oversee the slaughter process, as required by law, at all Class A and Class B facilities. Class D and E abattoirs are subject to facility inspections.
- Through licensing and inspection, AFF ensures that slaughter activities are held to the highest standards for food safety and animal welfare.
- Questions about slaughter establishment licensing and meat inspection can be directed to bcmeatinspection@gov.bc.ca.

Modernization of regulations:

- On July 20, 2021, AFF announced that a new licensing framework for slaughter establishment licences will be available October 1, 2021.
- The system will use three licence categories that recognize and support different sizes of meat processing and livestock businesses in the province.
- This update to modernize meat licensing and inspection in B.C. are in response to consultation feedback regarding the challenges facing B.C.’s meat industry, including capacity issues such as accessing slaughter services and cut-and-wrap businesses to process meat, and a lack of skilled labour.

Special Notes / Instructions:

- The July 20, 2021 news release about meat modernization can be [reviewed here](#).
- Consultation feedback is available here: [Modernizing Rural Meat Production in B.C. What We Heard report \(PDF, 1.2 MB\)](#)