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AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION REJECTS BALMORAL LAND EXCLUSION

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has refused an application to exclude a 49-hectare parcel of land at the corner of the Trans-Canada Highway and Balmoral Road in Blind Bay.

The CSR D had acted as agent on behalf of the owners, Shuswap Lake Estates Ltd and Shuswap West Property Developments, as the CSR D had intended to purchase 13.6 hectares of the land to develop a community waste water treatment storage pond. The storage and treatment facility was intended to provide spray irrigation to nearby farms as crop fertilizer.

The plan was for the current owners to retain the remainder of the property for a town centre development.

The October 22, 2018 decision from the ALC noted that while 12.5 hectares of the property is not suitable for agriculture, it did not justify the removal of the entire property from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

This decision limits the ability of the CSR D to advance a community sewer system in the area, as other possible sewer options have already been studied extensively. The other alternatives were deemed not feasible for various reasons. This Balmoral proposal was being viewed as the last remaining viable option.

The property owners have up to one year to appeal the ALC decision.

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