



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

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Committee Orientation to take place at 6:00pm.

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February 5, 2020**

Recommendation that the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the agenda items of the February 5, 2020 meeting.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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- 1. Heritage Advisory Committee
January 8, 2020**

Recommendation that the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 1. “The Historic Corridor of the Great Northern Railway”
(Bruce Downing)**

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- 11-24 1. **“Supporting BC Farmers Public Engagement ‘What We Heard’ Report”,
BC Ministry of Agriculture**
- 25-27 2. **BC Government News Press Release: “New residential options proposed
for agricultural land”, January 27, 2020**
- 28-41 3. **Heritage BC Annual Conference, “The Culture of Heritage: Place and
Space” May 7-9, Chilliwack, BC**
4. **HAC 2020 Picture**

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00pm
Salmon River Committee Room
4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

MINUTES

Present:

C. Boughen, Community Co-Chair
Councillor B. Long, Council Co-Chair

T. Annandale, R. Genberg, S. Jacobsen, F. Pepin, and H. Whittell

Staff:

E. Horricks, Heritage Planner
V. Spearn, Acting Cultural Services Manager
K. Stepto, Recording Secretary

Election

T. Annandale nominated C. Boughen to be Community Co-Chair.
H. Whittell seconded the nomination.

C. Boughen was elected Co-Chair, by acclamation, and assumed the position for the rest of the meeting.

Code of Ethics Signing

Members signed the *"Code of Ethics, Confidentiality, and Conflict of Interest for Council Members and Appointees"*.

A. APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Heritage Advisory Committee January 8, 2020**

Moved by T. Annandale,
Seconded by R. Genberg,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee approve the agenda and receive the
agenda items of the January 8, 2020 meeting.
CARRIED

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Heritage Advisory Committee December 4, 2019**

Moved by H. Whittell,
Seconded by T. Annandale,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the December 4,
2019 meeting.
CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

D. REPORTS

1. Co-Chairs' Reports

C. Boughen welcomed everyone to the committee.

2. Heritage Planner's Report

E. Horricks reported the following:

- The next deadline for applications for the Heritage Building Incentive Program is March 6, 2020.
- An orientation for new committee members will be held prior to the next meeting on February 5, at 6:00pm. Returning members are also invited to attend.
- An update was also provided on the progress of the Murrayville School revitalization and adaptive re-use project. Pictures of the floor and wall assemblies viewed from inside the building showed the great extent to which the school has been retained. The original porch fronting 48 Avenue is being reconstructed as the original exterior walls for this portion of the structure were the result of an early porch enclosure that is not adequate to withstand current loading requirements; however all the proportions and details of the original porch in relation to the overall building have been strictly maintained. Deck areas are also being added to the back of the building as planned to provide outdoor living space for the rear dwelling units. Wood that could not be re-used in the reconfiguration of the roof for structural reasons is being re-purposed for other uses; it has been re-sawn and sanded and is being incorporated into the new residential units as finishing mantels and trims for fireplaces, kitchens and bathrooms. The brick from the original chimney, which existed between the ceiling of the first floor and the roof, is being re-purposed at the main entry to the project as an entrance wall that will ultimately display the project sign.

3. Museum Manager's Report

V. Spearn reported the following:

- Professor Douglas Fraser passed away in December. A Celebration of Life will be held on January 25 at the Fort Langley Community Hall.
- Details regarding the docent-led tours are being finalized and the tours will begin in April.
- The Museum is working with the Langley Heritage Society to review materials that are currently in the annex.
- The museum is looking at expanding the Christmas programming held at Lochiel School for primary school students.

D. REPORTS

4. Heritage Review Panel

No report.

5. Douglas Day 2019 Planning Committee Report

R. Genberg reported that the committee held their wrap-up meeting with the Mayor and will begin planning the 2020 event in April.

6. Museum Advisory Group Report

F. Pepin reported that the Murrayville Bus Tour will take place on February 18 during Heritage Week from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Tako Van Popta, MP for Langley-Aldergrove, has indicated that he will advertise the bus tour on his Facebook page.

The Heritage Society is launching a photo contest during Heritage Week to promote “heritage in Langley”. The contest will run until May 24; three prizes will be offered.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM

1. Statements of Significance Phase 2 Update (Part 4) for the following historic sites:

- **Samuel McKee Cabin**
- **Sharon Presbyterian Church**
- **Sperling Methodist Church and Hall**

E. Horricks presented Statements of Significance for three buildings in the Township. The committee was asked to review the statements for any possible errors or recommended changes. No changes were suggested.

MOTION

Moved by T. Annandale,

Seconded by H. Whittell,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee endorse the updated Statements of Significance for the following historic resources:

- Samuel McKee Cabin
- Sharon Presbyterian Church
- Sperling Methodist Church and Hall

CARRIED

F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM

2. Review and Prioritization of the 2020 Work Plan

E. Horricks outlined the preliminary work plan items identified for consideration for the committee's 2020 work plan, as identified in the Heritage Advisory Committee's 2019 Annual Report. The list represents work that forms part of the committee's ongoing mandate, items identified in the Heritage Strategy's Implementation Plan earmarked for committee involvement, and selected projects or initiatives previously identified by the membership for consideration.

The following work plan items were identified, discussed and prioritized:

- Explore rural heritage issues related to heritage building retention and adaptive re-use, including possible incentives for historic farms with significant heritage buildings.
- Explore salvage efforts and policies related to the deconstruction of heritage buildings.
- Develop online access to the Township's Heritage Inventory.
- Explore ways to promote the Heritage Building Incentive Program, in order to build the Community Heritage Register.
- Review applications to the Heritage Building Incentive Program for three grant application cycles through the Heritage Review Panel.
- Provide timely input as requested on heritage resources and areas impacted by development, or those facing transition, through the Heritage Review Panel.
- Continue to provide recommendations to the Community Heritage Register, along with input on associated Statements of Significance for sites that become registered.
- Continue to update the Township's Heritage Inventory as an information base for further development of the Community Heritage Register.
- Maintain liaison with the Douglas Day Planning Committee, and participate in the annual event.
- Maintain liaison with the Langley Centennial Museum through the Museum Advisory Group and staff.
- Consider and finalize a recommendation for updating the Township's Heritage Register Evaluation Methodology & Criteria.
- Receive a final presentation on an Archaeological Overview Assessment for the Township.
- Recognize new additions to the Heritage Register that have not received a recognition plaque to date.
- Review the committee's terms of reference (as per the requirements of Bylaw 2008 No. 4700) to explore the possibility of representation from the Township's heritage societies in the committee's composition.
- Consider or inquire into matters as requested by Council.

The committee prioritized the work plan and had no additional items to add.

F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM**MOTION**

Moved by T. Annandale,
Seconded by H. Whittell,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee endorse the draft 2020 Work Plan, as prioritized.

CARRIED**COUNCIL**

Moved by S. Jacobsen,
Seconded by R. Genberg,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the draft Heritage Advisory Committee 2020 Work Plan, (see Attachment A).

CARRIED**3. Committee Liaison Appointments****Heritage Review Panel**

T. Annandale noted that the Heritage Review Panel is up for reappointment this year as appointments are made every two years.

The committee's terms of reference provides for a core group of a maximum of four individuals, of which at least two must be appointed Heritage Advisory Committee members. In addition, a maximum of two community representatives from both Fort Langley and Murrayville are appointed to join the subcommittee when providing input on infill projects within the heritage conservation area pertaining to their appointment. The maximum number of members on the subcommittee is six. The Chair, or primary committee liaison, must be an appointed member of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

All of the individuals who served on the panel the past two years have expressed interest in standing for reappointment.

MOTION

Moved by S. Jacobsen,
Seconded by R. Genberg,
That the Heritage Advisory Committee appoint the following individuals to the Heritage Review Panel for the 2020/2022 term:

Chris Boughen (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)
Tom Annandale (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)
Wesley Mufford (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)
Fred Pepin (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)
Mark van der Zalm (Community Representative, Fort Langley)
Janice Robertson (Community Representative, Fort Langley)
Karen Lescisin (Community Representative, Murrayville)
Jared Bouwman (Community Representative, Murrayville)

CARRIED

F. 2020 WORK PROGRAM

COUNCIL

Moved by F. Pepin,

Seconded by S. Jacobsen,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the appointment of the following individuals to the Heritage Review Panel for the 2020/2022 term as per Section 8.3.6 of the Heritage Advisory Committee terms of reference for this subcommittee:

Chris Boughen (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)

Tom Annandale (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)

Wesley Mufford (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)

Fred Pepin (Heritage Advisory Committee Member)

Mark van der Zalm (Community Representative, Fort Langley)

Janice Robertson (Community Representative, Fort Langley)

Karen Lescisin (Community Representative, Murrayville)

Jared Bouwman (Community Representative, Murrayville)

CARRIED

Museum Advisory Group

F. Pepin stated he was willing to serve again as the committee liaison to the Museum Advisory Group in 2020.

MOTION

Moved by H. Whittell,

Seconded by T. Annandale.

That the Heritage Advisory Committee endorse the appointment of F. Pepin as the committee liaison to the Museum Advisory Group for the year 2020.

CARRIED

Douglas Day Planning Committee

R. Genberg volunteered to be the committee liaison to the Douglas Day Planning Committee for 2020. The committee thanked T. Lightfoot for his participation in 2019.

MOTION

Moved by H. Whittell,

Seconded by F. Pepin,

That the Heritage Advisory Committee endorse the appointment of R. Genberg as the committee liaison to the Douglas Day Planning Committee for the year 2020.

CARRIED

G. COUNCIL REFERRALS

H. OTHER BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. **Correspondence to the Ministry of Agriculture**

At the November 6, 2019 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, the committee passed a motion asking Council to write a letter to the Ministry of Agriculture expressing concern regarding Bill 52 and the one residence policy and its potential impact on the retention of historic farm residences in the Township of Langley over the long-term. A copy of the letter from Mayor Froese was included in the agenda package, which urged the Minister to consider an amendment to Bill 52 that would allow the Township to recognize and retain its heritage residences within the farmland in a manner that meets provincial requirements for both agriculture and heritage conservation.

A letter of response was received from the Minister and presented on table for the committee's information. The letter indicated that ministry staff have been directed to explore options to allow greater flexibility for additional residences in the Agricultural Land Reserve, while minimizing impact to the land available for farming. A public engagement event was held between September 19 and November 15 seeking ideas on this topic through online surveys and public sessions. A report will be provided on their findings in the coming months.

Action: Staff to ask the Mayor's office to follow up with Minister Popham as to when the report will be available.

2. **2020 Meeting Schedule**

Provided in package for information.

3. **2020 Membership List**

Provided on table for information.

4. **Heritage Week 2020: Bringing the past into the Future, February 17 to 23**

Provided in package for information.

5. **HAC 2020 Picture**

The photo was deferred to the February meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Location: Salmon River Committee Room
 4th Floor, 20338 – 65 Avenue
Time: 7:00pm

J. TERMINATE

Moved by S. Jacobsen,
Seconded by H. Whittell,
That the meeting terminate at 8:46pm.
CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Community Representative Co-Chair

Council Representative Co-Chair



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2020 WORK PLAN

The Heritage Advisory Committee proposes to undertake the following work in 2020 consistent with the Committee's mandate. Calendar months show the estimated time and duration of when this work will occur.

Approved by Council: January 27, 2020

ITEM	PROJECT & ASSOCIATED TASKS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1.	Langley's Rural Heritage (Phase 1) Explore heritage issues in rural Langley and investigate ways of providing incentives for historic farms with significant heritage buildings. The work of Phase 1 will include the compilation of examples (in a case study format) of significant rural heritage buildings that have been retained in Canadian or US jurisdictions, and the incentive programs, alliances and partnerships that contributed to their preservation. A task force will be established to undertake this research.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2.	Township's Heritage Inventory Provide input on developing online access to the Township's Heritage Inventory.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3.	Archaeology in the Township Receive a final presentation on an Archaeological Overview Assessment for the Township of Langley.				✓						
4.	Heritage Register Evaluation Methodology and Criteria for Langley's Heritage Sites Consider and finalize a recommendation for updating the Township's Heritage Register Evaluation Methodology and Criteria.						✓	✓	✓		
5.	Heritage Building Incentive Program a) Review annual applications to the Heritage Building Incentive Program for three application cycles through the Heritage Review Panel Subcommittee. b) Explore Ways to Promote the Heritage Building Incentive Program in order to build the Community Heritage Register.		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6.	Heritage Register Recognition Program Recognize new additions to the Heritage Register that have not received a recognition plaque to date		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	

ITEM	PROJECT & ASSOCIATED TASKS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
7.	Township's Heritage Sites a) Continue to update the Township's Heritage Inventory as an information base for further development of the Community Heritage Register. b) Continue to provide recommendations to the Community Heritage Register providing input on associated Statements of Significance for sites that become registered.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8.	Heritage Sites and Areas Impacted by Development Provide timely input as requested on heritage resources, sites facing transition, and historic areas potentially impacted by development through the Heritage Review Panel Subcommittee.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9.	Committee Liaison to Douglas Day Planning Committee Maintain liaison to the Douglas Day Planning Committee by appointing a liaison to the event planning committee. The HAC will receive regular reports from the Committee Liaison and participate in the annual November event.	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10.	Committee Liaison to the Museum Advisory Group Maintain liaison with the Langley Centennial Museum by appointing a liaison to the Museum Advisory Group. The HAC will receive regular reports from the Committee Liaison.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11.	HAC Terms of Reference Review the committee's terms of reference to explore the possibility of representation from the Township's heritage societies in the committee's composition.							✓	✓	✓	
12.	(Time permitting) Explore Salvage Processes and Policies related to the Deconstruction of Heritage Buildings Begin preliminary research on salvage processes for heritage buildings that are to be demolished. Research to include the identification of building elements that are typically recycled and the processes others have used for offering salvage opportunities to the public. A task force will be established to undertake this research.						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13.	Consider or Inquire into Matters as Requested by Council Respond to ongoing referrals from Council as they arise.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Supporting B.C. Farmers Public Engagement “What We Heard” Report

INTRODUCTION: The Engagement Process

In Fall 2018 and Spring 2019, legislative amendments to B.C.’s *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA) were enacted. These amendments sought to promote the continued protection of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), encourage farming and ranching in British Columbia, and strengthen the independence of the ALC to better fulfill its mandate of preserving the ALR. These changes considered the findings and recommendation of an independent Advisory Committee (the Committee) that concluded public consultations on revitalizing the ALR and the ALC in 2018.

Following the legislative amendments, the Ministry undertook additional public engagement to continue to address how to strengthen farming in B.C. The engagement process ran between September 19, 2019 and November 15, 2019. During that time, the Ministry of Agriculture sought to engage British Columbians on how to best:

- Support farmers and ranchers in the ALR to expand and diversify their businesses;
- Help new or young farmers become established on the land and in business; and,
- Ensure there is flexibility for residential options while prioritizing agriculture in the ALR.

British Columbians were encouraged to provide feedback by attending in-person meetings held throughout the province; completing an online questionnaire; and, making formal submissions. In summary:

- 1,580 online surveys were completed;
- 87 personal submissions were made;
- 613 British Columbians registered for in person sessions in Merville, Delta, Dawson Creek, Prince George, Kamloops, Kelowna, Castlegar and Cranbrook; and,
- 19 formal submissions from associations/institutes/local governments were received.

WHAT WE HEARD

Key themes that emerged in all formats of the engagement process included:

- The need to balance farming and residential uses on ALR land
- The importance of recognizing regional differences and regional realities for farming
- The impact that regulatory burdens can place on family farming operations
- The need for reasonable business opportunities to be able to occur within the ALR

The following sections reflect each format of engagement and present a more detailed description of what was heard.

ONLINE SURVEY SUBMISSIONS

The Ministry received 1,580 online survey submissions between September 19, 2019 and November 15, 2019. Additional information on the respondent demographics can be found in Appendix A.

ONLINE SURVEY SUBMISSIONS – THE RESPONSES

Question 1: How can the Ministry help new or young farmers become established on the land and in business?

Background

Most farmers in B.C. and across Canada are over the age of 55. Of B.C.'s 26,430 farmers nearly sixty percent are over 55, almost thirty-five percent are between 35 and 54, and seven percent are under 35. Farming can offer a variety of economic opportunities and be a viable business, however, entering the industry can be difficult for new entrants. Farm land is expensive in many parts of B.C. and the cost of starting a farm business may be a barrier to new farmers.

The Ministry currently funds programs such as the land matching program and has developed resources for new and young farmers, has created guiding documents such as the New Entrant Strategy, and has collected information about the needs of new farmers through the New Entrants Needs Assessment. Government is now considering what more it can do to help new or young farmers become established on the land and in the business of agriculture.

Themes raised by participants

Multiple residences: Many respondents supported the idea of multiple residences on ALR. Many B.C. farms are small and costly to operate. Further still, many B.C. farms are family-owned and operated and have been for generations. For many of these family-owned farms, multi-generational living arrangements are part of their succession plans. In these cases, additional residences allow for a younger generation to learn the family business and can also secure a safe spot for aging farmers to retire and live. The engagement process highlighted that there are economic benefits to multi-generational farming operations, and that having a secondary residence can be an important part of an overall farming succession plan.

In other cases, multiple residences support the farm's viability by augmenting the primary farming income. We heard from farmers who choose to rent the farmhouse and/or secondary dwellings or use these buildings to house farm workers.

Regulations: Respondents spoke of the huge learning curve required when starting a new farm business and noted that clear and simple rules would lessen that burden. Many noted that regulations regarding land ownership within the ALR is confusing, can lead to uncertainty for a new entrant, and can result in farmers spending too much time making sense of "what they can and cannot do on their land". Suggestions were made about working with the real estate community to ensure prospective purchasers of ALR understand the ALR regulations as they contemplate purchase.

Other respondents noted that some regulations limit their ability to conduct activities to augment their primary farming income. While some farmers that the Ministry heard from did identify that their farming operation was economically viable without secondary supportive income, others suggested that business opportunities such as food processing, restaurants, breweries, events and agri-tourism allow them to diversify their incomes and economic prospects.

Many stakeholders spoke about the limited availability of farmland and the need to protect it through the current ALCA and its regulations. Suggestions for doing so included maintaining the limit on house size, restricting the building of structures on the land, and limiting the subdividing of parcels so future farmers can purchase large parcels of farmland. Other suggestions included taxing ALR land that is not being used for farming to make it less attractive to let sit idle.

Education: Many responses suggested that the Ministry promote post-secondary programs in agriculture; support K-12 school programs that introduce children to farming, gardening, and raising animals; and, provide resources to new farmers on business development, financial literacy, and market development.

Financial Support: Submissions received spoke to the hardships that can be faced in starting up a farm. Several respondents suggested the need for increased government assistance in purchasing land, for example through low interest mortgages, easy-access loans, co-owning land, or increased opportunities to lease Crown owned ALR land. Other suggestions included government funding for infrastructure, fencing, clearing land, equipment purchases and safe water development.

Local market: Some respondents noted the importance of the local economy and support for farmers by encouraging the use of B.C. food in government institutions. Getting more local food into grocery stores was also noted.

Support for Current Farmers: Various respondents highlighted that new farmers are not necessarily “young” and that support for a new entrant should not be determined by their age. Respondents further suggested that supporting current and aging farmers and farming families creates positive experiences that can be passed on to new entrants.

Question 2: How can the Ministry support farmers and ranchers in the ALR to expand and diversify their business?

Background

Farmers and ranchers are business people and work hard to have sustainable, profitable and productive farm businesses. In addition to farming and ranching, some farm businesses engage in other ventures directly linked to farming on their farmland as part of their business model. Examples of additional farm uses that are permitted in the ALR include: wineries, breweries, distilleries and other alcohol producers; farm retail sales; storage, packing and processing of farm products; temporary or seasonal agri-tourism activities; production of compost; among many others.

Government is considering how best to support farmers and ranchers in the ALR expand and diversify their businesses, while limiting impacts to farmland.

Themes raised by participants

Economic opportunities: The Ministry received numerous ideas on ways to provide economic opportunities to farm business in the ALR. These included but were not limited to: restaurants, weddings, campsites, farm stands, farm stay vacations, pumpkin patches, antique farm stores, concerts, butcher shops, senior housing, wineries, breweries, distilleries, dog boarding, yoga studios, processing facilities, kids’ camps, storage facilities, home based business, and RV camper parking.

ALR for Farming and Farm-related Businesses: Overall there were mixed viewpoints on the diversification into value-add economic opportunities for farmers on the ALR. Some respondents felt strongly that ALR land should only be used for the primary production of food and were not supportive of ALR land being used for greenhouses, cannabis growing, or agri-tourism. Others felt that there should be some flexibility in the use of ALR land for farm uses other than primary production, so long as the ALR land was primarily being used for farming and value-added businesses were related to farming.

Multiple Uses of ALR: Some respondents expressed that farming as a sole source of income is not economically viable, and farmers need to be able to diversify their businesses through agri-tourism, processing or other business opportunities. Many submissions expressed frustration over the amount of regulations imposed on farmers. They felt these regulations limited their creativity and discretion to advance their farm business. People also expressed the desire for the government to create incentives to encourage farming and agriculture activity, as opposed to restrictions on entrepreneurial ideas or regulating activity to achieve an outcome.

Question 3: How can the Ministry ensure there is flexibility for residential options while prioritizing agriculture in the ALR?

Background

Residences are an important part of the ALR. They provide a home to those that steward their land, as well as support business opportunities to help balance farming demands. Residential uses, however, can impact the farm land, both in terms of the availability of the land for farming and in terms of increasing land costs. The ALR was originally developed in the 1970s to help strike that balance by preserving farmland from development.

Today, Government is considering how to ensure there are diverse residential options for people living in the ALR while at the same time prioritize the land to be used for farming or ranching.

Themes raised by participants

House Size: In general, respondents were supportive of the recent change that limited a principal residence size on ALR land to 500m². There were mixed viewpoints on flexibility for secondary residential dwelling options. Some people showed support for the new regulations in their potential to protect valuable farmland by restricting multiple residences on ALR land to those that would be in direct support of farming.

Secondary Dwellings: Others expressed the need for secondary dwellings for situations they felt may not be considered “farm use” by the ALC. This included various housing purposes such as for aging farmers, seasonal farm workers, multiple families who wish farm the land together, as well as for supplementary income through rentals. Confusion and frustration were expressed regarding the requirement that manufactured homes receive approval from the ALC as these houses were not viewed as negatively affecting farm land.

Home Plate Strategy: Various respondents suggested using the Home Plate strategy whereby there is a maximum percentage or area of the land that can be covered with hard surfacing, which can be used to build whatever the land owner feels necessary to farm (multiple residences, a business, a barn, a parking

lot etc.). Others pointed out challenges to this approach related to regional issues, geography, local government by in and that it is a long-term idea to investigate.

Regional Differences: Many respondents referred to how different the various regions in B.C. are and how blanket rules were seen to not be effective. Many participants noted that there are different issues in different regions and that some regulations, especially those relating to housing, may be necessary in some regions and not in others.

ALR Land Assessment: Various submissions requested an assessment of current ALR land to determine whether some parcels are farmable. Participants noted that the size of land, quality of soil, and weather conditions all affect the ability for the land to be farmed. Suggestions to use the non-farmable land for secondary housing or other structures were made.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM PERSONAL EMAILED SUBMISSIONS

The Ministry received 87 emailed submissions which shared individual experiences with farming in the province and the difficulties they have and are currently experiencing.

What the Ministry heard from many of these submissions was that flexible housing options are needed and that recent legislative amendments created a sense of insecurity for many respondents. Many people shared personal stories about the planning that they have put in to securing a future for themselves and their families on ALR land and the perceived negative consequences that resulted from the legislative amendments.

Another concern expressed by many emailed submissions was around the need for flexibility to operate creative business ventures (farm to table, agritourism, farm retail sales, mechanic shops) within the ALR. Some of the submissions explained how in addition to farming, they currently have home based businesses that they are now worried will not be allowed. Some respondents identified a need for further flexibility to support value added opportunities on farms, such as canning, freezing, preserving and for slaughter facilities and/or on farm slaughtering.

A general theme throughout the emailed submissions was that farmers are working very hard and feel little to no benefits of their work. Some identified feeling “overregulated” by government. While understanding the intention of protecting ALR land, people described feeling that the regulations, intentionally or unintentionally, were ultimately impacting family farms that require a secondary residence to house aging parents, siblings, or as an income source.

Many people who emailed were not aware or fully aware of the consultation undertaken by the Independent Committee in 2018. They expressed concern with a perceived lack of consultation taken before Bill 52 and 15 were introduced. Many people felt that they were not properly informed of the consultations that were taking place and that there was a lack of advanced notice of the changes. Many submissions asked that Bills 52 and 15 be repealed and that a more thorough consultation with ALR land owners be done before any other regulations are made.

A few emailed submissions also raised concern around issues such as fill regulations, water regulations, satellite surveillance, oil and gas activity/impacts, foreign ownership and Site C.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM IN-PERSON ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

The Ministry of Agriculture organized eight in person sessions in all 6 of the ALR panel regions throughout the province to provide the public an opportunity to voice concerns, ask questions and discuss new ideas. A general summary of main points raised at each session is provided below.

MERVILLE September 19, 2019 (Island Panel Region)

This session was attended by 135 people. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- Lots of questions and frustrations regarding the closure of the Rusted Rake and the inconsistency of ALR requirements regarding food service areas for non-alcohol producers.
- Concerns related to recent changes made to residential uses of ALR do not support succession planning or generational farming. It was noted that second homes combined with the primary residence often make up a smaller footprint than the maximum primary house size of 500m².
- Parcels for farming in this region are often small and value-added business is necessary to make farming economically viable.
- Small farms may not be able to manage all the certifications needed to sell into a retail market, small scale livestock farms not having good access to slaughter facilities.
- Blanket regulations are not an effective way to address policy issues.
- Requests for better engagement and communication directly with ALR land owners, through sending letters directly to all ALR land owners and creating white papers for discussion before policies are passed. Concerns were raised with communicating only through the internet as not everyone uses these platforms.

DELTA October 1, 2019 (South Coast Panel Region)

A total of 85 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- People felt that the alcohol industry has support in pursuing value-add practices and would like agriculture to have the same support.
- Housing flexibility and security for residential uses was a very common topic and dominant theme.
- Questions around the differences in municipal regulations and ALC regulations around definition of a farm.
- Interest in knowing what level of farming needs to occur before ALC will approve and application for a secondary dwelling for farm use or other non-farm uses, and many types of questions related to identifying or defining farming/a farmer.
- Discussions on the limits of slaughter capacity.
- Feelings that the new regulations don't support "small scale" farmers.
- Discussions about types and forms of agri-tourism and the relative importance of agri-tourism as revenue as well as helping non-farmers see and understand farming.
- Lack of direct communication to land owners and a lack of communication between the different governing bodies for example between ministries, between local government and ALC and Ministry of Agriculture.

DAWSON CREEK October 2, 2019 (North Panel Region)

A total of 19 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- A range of concerns related to Agriculture and Oil and Gas, including health and safety, lack of remediation of lands, feeling inundated by letters from big companies with no support, complex legal and regulatory environment leads to a power imbalance between farmers/land owners and oil and gas companies.
- Concerns about residential uses and why restrictions are necessary when the parcel sizes in the north are so large.
- Discussion about where to go for meat slaughter and meat processing as livestock farmers have limited choices in the area.
- Concerns on the limited communication and information about the session as well as direct communication with farmers and ALR land owners in general about what government is doing.
- Concerns around foreign ownership related to both purchasing land to open a farm business but not returning value to community, and comments about companies coming in and buying open land to plant trees for carbon sequestration.

PRINCE GEORGE October 3, 2019 (North Panel Region)

A total of 63 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- Numerous questions about the role and the discretion of local governments and regional districts related to farm uses and non-farm uses of ALR land.
- Identification of the need for secondary residences for aging parents, family members, friends.
- Desire to allow land to be used for some types of activity like equipment storage and equipment repair, there are residents that are employed by the forestry sector during parts of the year that also have farms.
- Discussions around regional differences and the need for different regulations in different regions.
- Ranchers raised the promise of guaranteed income support in exchange for agreeing to support the creation of the ALR in 1973 and cited what was called the “Four Pillars”.
- Discussions around water issues and needing permits to as a result of Water Sustainability Act.
- Need for the Ministry of Agriculture to better communication to those who own land in the ALR.
- Concern that in general there are too many regulations, too many applications, too frequent changes in requirements, and overall too confusing a system for ALR and farming.
- Access to slaughter for small scale livestock was brought up, including issues with class E and class D licenses for slaughter and selling of animal products.

KELOWNA October 10, 2019 (Okanagan Panel Region)

A total of 88 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- The common view expressed was that the ALC protects farmland but not farmers.

- Another common theme was that ALR landowners need to be informed of changes via mail and that communications with all stakeholders needed to be improved.
- Multiple questions around definitions and meaning of regulations and a general theme of over regulation, including all the fees and an inability for an individually run, small business to manage all the regulation requirements.
- Concerns regarding the involvement of local government decision making and how that impacts the farm businesses expansion.
- Comment about rural agri-tourism opportunity as a good revenue generator, and how that impacts small rural towns hoping to attract businesses and tourists to down-town core areas.
- Community water, community irrigation and water use raised, water is essential for agriculture.
- Need for temporary foreign worker housing is very important for tree fruit industry, as well as lack of labour supply.
- There is a need for slaughter capacity.

CASTLEGAR October 30, 2019 (Kootenay Panel Region)

A total of 33 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- General questions for ALC on new language of legislation, application process and guidelines.
- The need for residential flexibility was discussed and was a common theme, including rental revenues and that many parcels in area are very small and not suitable for farming.
- Subdivision of large properties that are not suitable for farming was discussed.
- Questions on the ALC commissioner appointment process and how it works.
- Concerns about going through local governments and not directly to the ALC, because some activities were being refused at the local government level.
- Labour issues such as lack of qualified skilled laborers, cost of labor and available government programs like trade school supplemented with employment insurance or internship program.
- Questions related to growing cannabis on ALR.
- Food safety certification issues and how it can limit small operations to sell into a retail store.
- Ministry should create a “Domestic Navigator program” to help diversified farmers sell locally.
- Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program considered a valuable initiative to attracting consumers to local farmer’s markets.
- Questions and discussion around on farm businesses (agritourism, alternate revenue streams).
- Regulatory requirements related to water use, outdoor burning, agricultural wastes, Health Authority requirements related to food processing, and many others are causing extreme stress in farmers and ranchers that have been operating for decades.
- Better overall communication on what is happening, not just by email or news release, not everyone has a computer, mail is a good option.
- Invasive weed management and lack of ability to have good long term, enforceable weed management on rights of ways and vacant lands really impacts farms and ranches.

CRANBROOK November 5, 2019 (Kootenay Panel Region)

A total of 57 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- Discussion on how different regions are and how they experience different issues. Many in attendance expressed views that mega mansions are not an issue in the rural areas.
- Personal experiences were given on how miscommunications between regional district and ALC negatively affected individuals. Also concerns that applications that are endorsed by the regional district are not being approved.
- Discussion on secondary residences needed for succession planning and how important it is for a farming family and any land owner.
- Improving communication across all the regions in the province about what is happening would help people participate.
- Concerns related to management of crown ALR and that agriculture is not promoted as the primary use, eroded relationship with forestry.
- Overburden of regulations water, nutrient management and many others.
- Ministry should look at increasing productivity, yields and value of products.
- Need to support range land identified.
- Young people need to be supported to see a success path in farming and can be deterred by perceived overregulation and ongoing processes.

KAMLOOPS November 14, 2019 (Interior Panel Region)

A total of 133 people registered for this session. The following is a summary of the discussion topics and concerns raised by those who attended this session.

- Discussions on housing on ALR including secondary residences, co-housing, mobile homes and a lot of uncertainty was expressed about the process to seek approval from the ALC.
- Improvement on communication from ALC and Ministry to the public, farmers and ALR land owners was identified as a need.
- General desire for the Ministry to provide more funding, basic science, programs, and services across all types of farming and ranching to help farms and ranches become more competitive against jurisdictions that provide a lot of support.
- Questions around the February deadline for grandfathering of secondary home applications.
- Bureaucratic application process and fear of the process itself, including that application fees are too high, especially for housing.
- Concerns for an inadequate process related to notice of intent for fill placement/removal.
- Concerns for crown ALR land uses not being used for agriculture, range land and leasing crown lands.
- Concern about follow through by Trans Mountain on weed control.
- Home based businesses, agri-tourism are things that can help bridge the lack of revenue/downturn.
- Dissatisfaction with the consultations before the legislation was changed.

WHAT WE HEARD FROM FORMAL SUBMISSIONS

The Ministry received 19 formal submissions from the following organizations and full submissions have been posted on the Supporting BC Farmers website.

Kootenay Livestock Association

- Lack of rural and rancher representation on the independent Advisory Committee
- Disagreement with the one zone approach, too many differences between rural and urban farms
- Farming requires financial incentives
- More information required, farm viability economic model
- Engagement should put more weight on those farming and less on survey submissions

BC Bison Association

- Bill 52 negatively effects their members and don't reflect regional differences, would like 3 distinct areas to be recognized in the province being the Lower Mainland including Vancouver Island, the Okanagan, and the Central and Northern Interior
- Flexibility in housing for succession planning and seasonal workers/those in remote areas.
- Farm families rely on off-farm income and value-added farm ventures

Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute

- Support for the submission made by the Alberni Farmers' Institute

Alberni Farmers Institute

- Businesses that provide value added-products should be permitted on ALR land
- Financial support for new farmers (regardless of age)
- New definition of "farm" that supports community food security
- Better engagement with farmers and food producers before making legislation and policy
- Multiple dwellings not restricted to "family"

BC Cherry Association

- A review of timeline and regulation for getting approved housing for employees is needed
- Size of packing facility restrictions harmful for producers
- Difference between ALR land owners and those that are actively farming; regulations need to reflect this

Fraser-Fort George Regional District

- More ALC and provincial support needed in the north
- Look at an area by parcel-based Home plate or business area policy to allow more non-farm uses (ex: agritourism)

City of Delta

- Need to address the lack of additional farm house options and revisit home site severances for retiring farmers.
- Supportive of Local decision making from those who have the local knowledge
- Supportive of agritourism

- Not supportive of cannabis grown on ALR
- Maximum cumulative footprint of 2% for farm-related uses is too small

District A Farmers' Institute

- Removing rights of farmers to augment their income will drive farmers off the land
- Support for keeping regional panels
- Farmers are burdened by bureaucracy
- Not supportive of local government applying to ALC on land owner's behalf
- Request for more transparency in ALC's decision making process
- Support for secondary dwellings
- Farm cafés should be allowed
- Regional differences need to be considered when writing legislation

Comox Valley Farmers Institute

- Support for the submission made by the Alberni Farmers' Institute

Goat Association

- Diversification is needed
- Engage with farmers and ranchers on which diversification options are relevant
- Communicate regulation changes before they change
- Secondary residences often needed to make farm financially viable

BC Fruit Grower's Association

- Protect the ALR from development by those not actively farming
- Allow those that can prove they are actively and continuously farming to increase the value of their crops with value-added packing and processing and extension of their operations on their property
- An allowance for Co-operatives to place production and packing facilities on ALR property
- Eliminate regulatory duplication, expense and delays for farmers
- Raise agricultural program support above the level of non-ALR provincial jurisdictions

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

- Additional engagement between ALC, local governments and producers
- Better communication between ALC and local government
- Residential flexibility is needed for farmers
- Farmers should be supported regardless of farming being their primary business

Dunster Community Association

- Concern over foreign investment in their area
- Desire for subdivision of large acreage

Kamloops Food Policy Council

- ALR rules are difficult to navigate, and farmers feel afraid and confused by recent changes
- Farmers need business and marketing assistance (training, infrastructure, marketing supports)

- Slaughtering and butchering is an ongoing challenge for small farmers and ranchers - abattoirs are expensive, often far away from the farm, and book up quickly
- Small parcels (10 acres) would help promote new entrants and keep more land productive
- Rewards for regenerative practices (e.g. soil conservation)
- Financial support for habitat conservation (current incentives are to make all land productive)
- Mapping of invasive species, GMO's and spraying (help for certified organic growers)
- Deliver a province-wide agricultural extension services program

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

- The importance of protecting industrial land for growing trade, and recommendations based on protecting that land, not just agricultural

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

- Summary of CFIB survey data on agri-business in BC and recommendations based on this data
- Recommendations on tax burden, labour shortages, regulatory burdens, value added diversification and residential flexibility

BC Real Estate Association

- Bill 15 limiting private property rights
- Need for residential flexibility

Delta Farmers' Institute

- Support for curtailing lifestyle estates but current legislation is overly restrictive
- Suggestions around using bylaws instead of ALC applications

BC Cattlemen's Association

- Provide ranchers/farmers with protection and support to carry out agricultural activities
- There should be no further regulation regarding private property rights
- The province needs to manage with a goal of making agriculture more profitable
- Active farming operations must be allowed to diversify income (through a variety of means) if the productive capacity of the land is not diminished

WHAT COMES NEXT

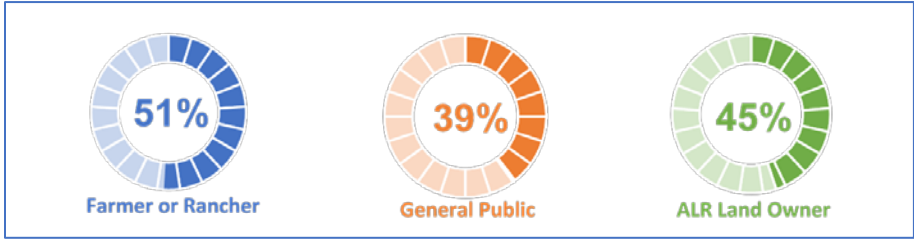
The Ministry understands the importance of being responsive to the needs of farming families and ensuring that the legislative and regulatory framework as well as ministry-led programming supports the needs of farmers, ranchers and farming families throughout B.C.'s diverse agricultural regions.

The Ministry is considering what was heard during the engagement process as it continues to develop policies to support a vital and resilient industry in British Columbia. The Ministry thanks all those that took the time to provide feedback in this process.

Appendix A – Online Survey Respondent Demographics

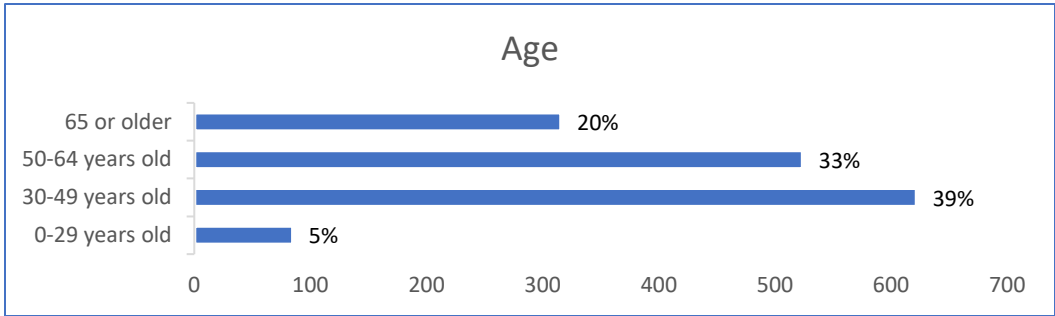
What Group Do You Identify With?

The most represented groups were farmers or ranchers (51%); ALR land owners (45%); and the general public (39% of respondents)¹.



What is your age range?

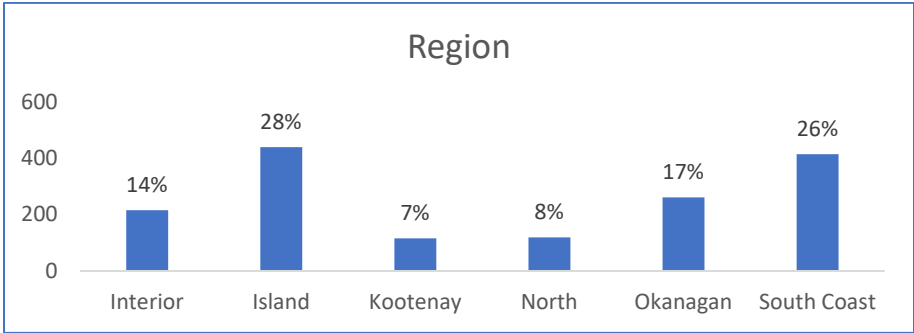
The majority (72%) of respondents were between 30 and 64 years of age, 20% were 65 years and above,



and 5% were under the age of 30.

In What ALR Region of BC Do You Live?

Submissions came from all six ALR regions in B.C. with the Island (28%) and South Coast (26%) being the most represented regions².

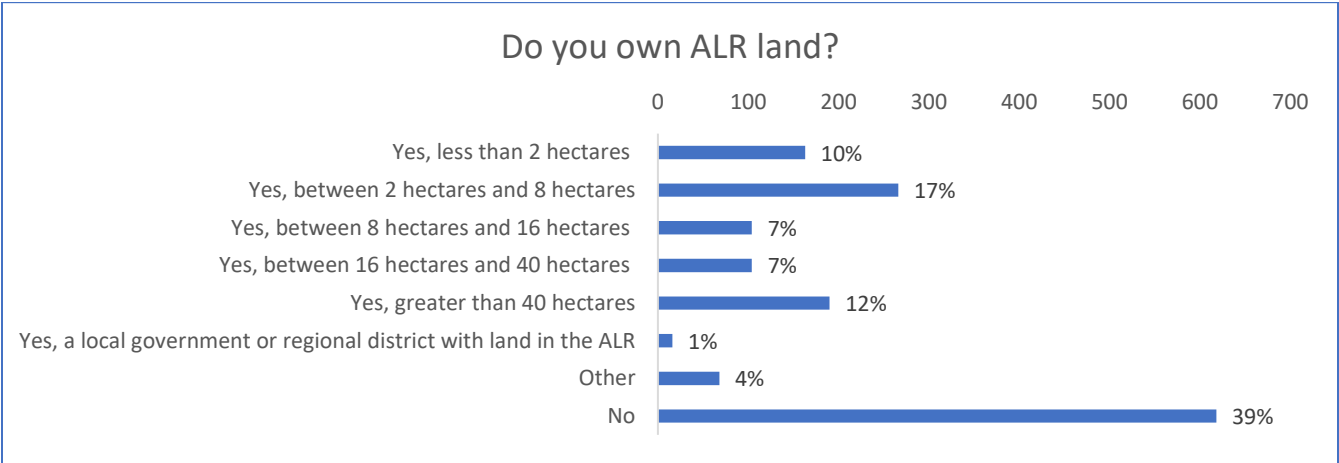


¹ Respondents were able to select multiple groups for which they identified with, therefore, percentages will not total 100%.

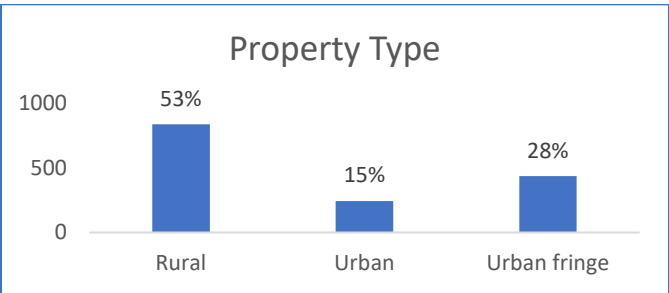
² Percentages total 99% because a small percentage of respondents (1%) selected “prefer not to answer.”

Do you own ALR Land?

There was representation from small, medium and large ALR parcel land owners. For example, 10% of respondents owned less than 2 hectares, 17% owned between 2 and 8 hectares, 14% owned between 8 and 40 hectares, and 12% owned greater than 40 hectares³.

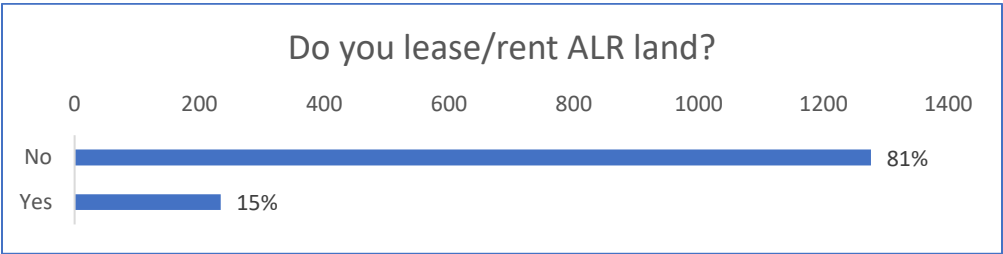


The majority (53%) of respondents own ALR land in a rural area, while 28% own in an urban-fringe area⁴.



Do you lease or rent land in the ALR?

Furthermore, a small percentage (15%) of respondents reported renting and or leasing land in the ALR⁵.



³ Percentages total 97% because a small amount (3%) of respondents selected "prefer not to answer."

⁴ Percentages total 96% because a small amount (3%) of respondents selected "other" and 1% selected "prefer not to answer."

⁵ Percentages total 96% because a small amount (2%) of respondents selected "prefer not to answer" and 2% did not answer this question.

British Columbia News

New residential options proposed for agricultural land

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/21448>

Monday, January 27, 2020 2:25 PM

Victoria - The Province is proposing more residential flexibility for people living in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) as outlined in a new policy intentions paper released Jan. 27, 2020, by the Ministry of Agriculture.

In order to support farmers and non-farmers living in the ALR, government is considering regulatory changes to enable landowners to have both a principal residence and a small secondary residence on their property, provided they have approval from their local government. ALR property owners would not be required to apply to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for approval.

“We are continuing to do the work necessary to help farmers farm and protect farmland for future generations,” said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. “The ALR is B.C.’s best food-producing land, and is just 5% of our province’s land base – it’s so important for food security. The proposed changes, if implemented, would provide additional residential flexibility in the ALR. Publicly sharing this proposed policy direction now gives those interested an opportunity to review and comment, leading to better outcomes. We recognize that rules by the previous government do not reflect the needs of British Columbians and as a result, we are proposing to allow more flexibility for small secondary residences. Under the proposal, a small secondary residence would be available for farm-workers, family members or anyone else, provided there is local government approval.”

The new ALR residential options and specific conditions with each option such as size, siting, and quantity being considered by government include:

- garden suites, guest houses or carriage suites;
- accommodation above an existing building;
- manufactured homes; and
- permitting a principal residence to be constructed in addition to a manufactured home that was formerly a principal residence.

The Province would not require the small secondary residence be a manufactured home only for an immediate family member, as was the case in regulations under the previous government. The new residential options do not include reconsideration of the maximum size of a principal residence. The ALC will remain the decision maker for additional residences for farm use in the ALR. Any new permitted secondary residences should be registered with the ALC for long-term land-use planning purposes.

The policy intentions paper resulted from collaborative work with the Union of B.C. Municipalities, the ALC and the BC Agriculture Council, and responds to feedback the ministry heard during recent public consultations. The policy direction is also guided by the results of the Minister of Agriculture’s Advisory Committee on ALR Revitalization. People are asked to provide their feedback by April 17, 2020, on the residential options via email:

ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca

While the ministry finalizes its policy direction, the grandfathering period for manufactured homes in the ALR for immediate family members has been extended to Dec. 31, 2020. This means people wishing to place manufactured homes on their ALR property will be required to get the necessary permits and authorizations from their local governments, but do not have to apply to the ALC for approval.

Quotes:**Jill Azanza of K & M Farms in Abbotsford –**

“Farmers need farmland to farm. Farmers that are growing and looking to the future support measures like these. This change will help young and new farmers get established on the land, and help retiring farmers stay on the farm.”

Maja Tait, president, Union of B.C. Municipalities –

“Local governments support greater flexibility for residential arrangements that support farming on ALR land. I appreciate the work the Ministry of Agriculture has undertaken on this issue in consultation with local government and others. This next phase will provide an opportunity to refine the concepts developed, and I encourage local governments to provide input to the ministry's process.”

Fred Haynes, mayor, District of Saanich –

“This proposed change would benefit Saanich residents who live or farm in the ALR because it creates more options for residences, while maintaining strong protections for farmland.”

Jennifer Dyson, chair, Agricultural Land Commission –

“This approach by the Province helps the ALC be less reactive and more focused on proactively seeking opportunities to improve agricultural land utilization, encourage farming and address emerging and strategic issues.”

Quick Facts:

- During the 2019 public engagement, 613 British Columbians registered to participate in the eight in-person sessions.
- The ministry received 1,580 online survey submissions, 87 personal submissions and 19 formal submissions from associations, farmers' institutes and local governments.
- Farmers have always had the option to build additional residences in the ALR (two, three or more), provided they are needed for farming and have approval from the local government and the ALC.
- The primary use of ALR land is agriculture, therefore additional residences must minimize disturbance to farm land.

Learn More:

Read the Ministry of Agriculture Policy Intentions Paper: Residential Flexibility in the ALR: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/agriculture-and-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/agriculture-land->

Read the What We Heard report from the 2019 public engagement:

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/impact/supporting-b-c-farmers-results/>

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Built Heritage Intensive

Talking About Built Heritage: Starting A New Dialogue (Thursday, May 7)

With historic, environmental, social, urban, and economic values, heritage conservation should be recognized as a great opportunity for communities of all sizes and needs. Yet, so often, heritage is regarded as a challenge and sometimes even an impediment to the very values conservation can sustain.

Why is that? Why is heritage conservation not an automatic default for urban design and societal development? Why is it not a natural response to affordable housing, economic and social equity, economic development, and climate change?

We know many of the reasons for this dilemma, ranging from financial constraints to code regulations, and from changing priorities to simple unawareness. But, as we grapple with these issues, we must also consider how do we, as heritage practitioners, contribute to the polarizing struggle between the ideals and realities of conserving the built environment.

Is it time for a new context and conversation for heritage? Is it time for a bigger discussion that helps us find a common ground and community-wide understanding?

Patrice Frey, historic preservationist and president of the National Main Street Center, believes the time has come as she puts before the heritage field the challenge “to launch a multi-disciplinary dialogue on the future of older buildings. This conversation must extend beyond traditional preservationists and include those in finance, affordable housing, community development, sustainability, and other fields. Let’s consider new opportunities for impact, confront uncomfortable truths about where we may be falling short, and be vigilant in our efforts to find and embrace creative new tools for preservation. The future of historic places may well depend upon it.”

Let’s start the dialogue.

This day-long built heritage intensive will feature presentations, panels and group conversations.

Special guests include:

Wilco van Bommel, CEO, Dunefield

Natalie Bull, Executive Director, National Trust for Canada

Chris Wiebe, Manager, Heritage Policy & Government Relations,
National Trust for Canada

James Emery, Principal, Iredale Architecture

Opening Plenary

Are We Any Closer? (Friday, May 8)

On the eve of Heritage BC's 40th anniversary and the province's 150th anniversary of joining Confederation, we take a look backward to look forward. And we ask the question, "Are we any closer?"

- Are we any closer to establishing a place of permanence and importance for heritage in BC?
- Are we any closer to recognizing the importance of heritage in telling our stories of place and people and in connecting past with the future?
- Are we any closer to recognizing our place and impact on climate change and our contribution to environmental change efforts?
- Are we any closer in recognizing the contributions of all peoples of BC and the needs of the broader society?
- Are we any closer to reconciling the tension between tangible and intangible heritage?
- How are we measuring success and what does it tell us?

This session will feature presentations and an open forum as we delve into the rapidly changing field of heritage and tackle one or two "elephants in the room". With international, national and provincial perspectives, we will be able to expand the contexts of this critical and influential conversation.

Panel includes:

Natalie Bull, Executive Director, National Trust for Canada
Katharine Turvey, Programme Officer, Culture, UNESCO

Idea Labs

There are many challenges facing the broader heritage sector and the only way to deal with them is to tackle them head-on. This is the Idea Lab: a forum where you are the active participant as we seek to identify solutions and recommendations that address the issues and improve the outcomes of our work.

Each session will start as a working lunch (which is provided as part of your registration) and will continue for approximately 2 hours, but the sessions can continue as long as the ideas flow and energy permits. We have identified conversation leaders for each of the topics, but there will be no presentations. The format will be an open forum so you can have your say and can be part of the solutions-based conversations.

Your ideas and recommendations will be captured to become part of the "heritage manifesto 2020", a document that will help guide our work over the following year and lead us to the 40th-anniversary conference.

Community Heritage Commissions: Crisis Or Cure? (Saturday, May 9)

Heritage commissions are part of the bedrock of community conservation and a principal tool for community input on the priorities and values of local heritage. Yet commissions and their variants are not common and, of those that do exist, some succeed, others stagnate, while others fail.

Commissioners are often caught between “old school” conservation and the constraints of real-world finances and codes. And, while commissions are the community’s ‘voice’, they are sometimes seen as “burdensome” or “bureaucratic”. So, where does all of this leave local heritage conservation and a key conservation tool?

In this Idea Lab, we delve into these issues to investigate the solutions and we dare to imagine Community Heritage Commissions 2.0, as we set our sights on improving the state of conservation throughout BC.

Conversation leaders include:

Britney (Quail) Dack, Heritage Planner, City of New Westminster

Karen Stanton, Manager of Long Range Planning, City of Chilliwack

Elana Zysblat, Ance Building Services

This workshop is sponsored by BC Association of Heritage Professionals



Protopia Now: New Thinking About The Kind Of World We Want To Create And Live In. (Saturday, May 9)

If tomorrow cannot be perfect (Utopian), it can be made better with incremental, progressive steps (Protopian). This session asks us to think big – really big – to proactively bridge our current state with new thinking and new possibilities for an ever-progressive evolution of understanding and relationships. To help us envision the kind of world we want to create and live in, we have assembled a panel of big thinkers to critically and imaginatively explore our three compelling questions:

- If the current crisis facing Indigenous languages and cultures subsided and we moved beyond revitalization and reclamation, what would we like to see happen in the field of Indigenous heritage?
- When we have moved beyond revitalization and reclamation, what are the new relationships?
- Similarly, what grant programs and supporting systems will be needed to safeguard and maintain their Indigenous cultural heritage and to build better relationships?

Conversation leaders include:

Kamala Todd, Indigenous Arts and Culture Planner, City of Vancouver; Indigenous City Media

Angie Bain, Researcher, Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs

Karen Aird, Heritage Manager, First Peoples' Cultural Council; Indigenous Heritage Circle

Natalie Bull, Executive Director, National Trust for Canada

Katharine Turvey, Programme Officer, Culture, UNESCO

Heritage Tours

Five Corners

Central to the rejuvenation of Chilliwack's city centre is the creation of a sustainable and walkable district with a mix of businesses, cafés, shops and residences that reflect the area's historical significance. Five Corners is a project that promises to transform the historic downtown core by recapturing the past while creating a new vision for the future. While exploring this new development, this tour considers the implications of placing heritage at the centre of a rejuvenation project, explores the past influences design and planning, and even touches on the financing models and communications plans. Five Corners is a project that has garnered the enthusiasm of the public and the support of government and, by any measure, it should be considered a success story.

The Heritage Tours are sponsored by Ravenstone Masonry Conservation Inc.



Conference Workshops

Mapping Heritage: Uncovering Community

Providing value and stimulating interest, Heritage BC's cultural maps continue to be among the most visited pages on its website. The process of mapping heritage is more than putting pins on a map – it provides a way to bring communities together, while revealing a rich array of meaning and significance. In this workshop, we explore how cultural heritage maps not only interpret and document a community, but how the process is a social tool to bring people together to learn and to share values and to celebrate diversity and distinctiveness.

Imogene L. Lim, Anthropology, Vancouver Island University
Christina Reid, Executive Director, Heritage Abbotsford Society

Succession: Working With Youth Interns

With the ageing of the sector, young workers are essential to long-term sustainability. Without investing in young talent, the heritage sector will inevitably experience talent and knowledge gaps in the future. Internships are so much more than cheap labour and a means to funding. Instead, internships provide professional experience, leadership development, cultural support, and professional, cultural, and social network through the intern cohort. For the employer, there is an investment in the organization's future and diversity, but also the future and diversity of the sector. To encourage more diverse voices in the heritage sector is to recognize heritage for what it can be.

Panel includes:

Christina Reid, Executive Director, Heritage Abbotsford Society
Lorisa Williams, Collections Manager, Heritage Abbotsford Society

Anna Irvin, Curator, Chilliwack Museum and Archives

Karen Dearlove, Curator, North Vancouver Museum & Archives

Chris Wiebe, Manager, Heritage Policy & Government Relations,
National Trust for Canada

Other Voices: Loss, Memory And The Evolution Of Cultural

Heritage

It was not that long ago that cultural heritage was not provided with the space to be part of heritage conversations. But that has been changing in recent years as the topics have evolved, and new faces, and voices have been invited to participate. Today, we recognize that memory institutions (archives, libraries, museums, schools, and historic sites) have responsibility for inclusivity, as well as for preserving and interpreting the cultural record. In this workshop, we welcome new voices, as we explore loss, memory and the evolution of cultural heritage.

Panel includes:

Angela Clarke, Museum Director and Curator, Il Museo, Italian Cultural Centre

Fran Morrison, BC Black History Awareness Society

Silvia Mangué, BC Black History Awareness Society

Building Communities With Social Purpose Real Estate & Heritage Partnerships

Rising rents and taxes, neighbourhood revitalization and densification, and shifting government priorities make access to housing and property one of the most discussed topics in our society. From community hubs and mission-minded co-working spaces to art centres and family service centres, not-for-profit and social purpose organizations are leaders in driving community solutions, and heritage is very much a part of the spaces in which vital programs are delivered. This session provides an opportunity to learn about leading creative approaches to social purpose real estate, partnerships with communities, and the activation of heritage properties. From successful case studies, latest research findings, and opportunities for mission-based collaborations, social purpose real estate and heritage is a relationship rich with opportunity.

Panel includes:

Jacqueline Gijssen, Project Director, Social Purpose Real Estate Collaborative

Jennifer Johnstone CEO, Central City Foundation

From The Ground Up: Program Design With Inclusivity

So often, programs and projects are offered to engage stakeholders, but they are developed, adopted and implemented without the participation of those people who will be affected. With this workshop, we can explore program design from the ground up. We can explore the question: “How do we connect with marginalized communities that have not been part of the mainstream heritage and how do we involve them in the early stages of program design?”

Panel includes:

Nav Nagra, Communications and Events Manager, Vantage Point

Sarah Ling, Principal, Saltwater City Consulting

Taking Action 1: Creating Diversity On Your Board And Organizations

Diversity and inclusion equip organizations and boards with tools to create a culture that actively embraces a spectrum of voices and lived experiences. Learn key concepts and strategies, explore the concepts, implications, and benefits of diversity, and understand how you can embed diversity into policies and practice. This presentation is for organizational and community leaders (from institutions both large and small) who want to increase diversity and inclusion but are not sure where to start.

Panel includes:

Nav Nagra, Communications and Events Manager, Vantage Point

Taking Action 2: What Have We Learned

This we know: our communities are diverse, and heritage must include the diverse stories of all people. We also know that developing relationships and shared visions is tricky and sometimes even elusive. But we take our role as community leaders seriously, taking on the challenges and building upon successes. This workshop asks those leaders to pass along their direct knowledge, helping us develop a culture of sector learning. The projects discussed in this workshop were funded through the Taking Action and Indigenous Partnership streams of the Heritage Legacy Fund.

Panel includes:

Lucas Hung, BC Heritage Fairs

Justine Nelson, Rivershed Society of BC

Kathryn Gagnon, Curator/Manager, Cowichan Valley Museum & Archives

Karen Dearlove, Curator, North Vancouver Museum & Archives

Laura Saretsky, Heritage Program Manager, Heritage BC

Heritage: Larger Than Life

Murals are increasingly becoming community centrepieces that celebrate the history and heritage. Whether the artistic expression is abstract, photorealistic, surrealist, expressionist or graffiti, the artwork helps to create vibrant neighbourhoods that people want to visit, live in, and care for. Passersby are encouraged to slow down and admire their surroundings, providing moments of conversation and reflection, and local artists and businesses are brought together in new and creative connections. This workshop explores recent projects as we examine large-scale public artworks as a means to promote the values of awareness, education, community, and reconciliation.

Panel includes:

Carrielynn Victor, mural artist

Judith Mosley, Executive Director, Vancouver Heritage

Foundation

Wilco van Bommel, CEO, Dunefield

Adrian Sinclair, Vancouver Mural Festival

Recognizing Places That Are Not Places

That may sound like an oxymoron, but not all places of importance can actually meet the criteria for ‘official’ recognition as laid out in our province’s legislation. These include water vessels, trains, and other types of rolling stock. Some vessels, like the S.S. Moyie, a national historic site, obtain recognition by literally moving to higher ground. But, anchoring to the ground is not always possible or desirable for these types of artefacts. In this workshop, we explore the significance and value of the ‘places that are not places’, their contributions to BC’s history, and the ways we can recognize other forms of heritage.

Panel includes:

Robert Allan, principal, Robert Allan Ltd.

John MacFarlane, co-director, The Nauticapedia Project

Katherine Carlson, Executive Director, Central BC Railway & Forestry Museum

Ray Ramey, President, Atchelitz Threshermen's Association

Jennifer Dunkerson, Heritage BC Heritage Planner, Columbia Basin Region

Cultural Landscapes And Resilience: Moving From Threat To Opportunity

Climate change is a significant threat to the sustainability of cultural landscapes all over the world. With each year, the urgency increases for the heritage sector to face the challenges posed by climate change, and to develop and adopt mitigation strategies and bolder planning for the protection of our heritage assets utilizing the inherent sustainability of cultural landscapes. In this session, the panel explores approaches and case studies to promote enhanced

conservation practices and increased preparedness that will contribute to the future wellbeing of our natural and cultural heritage.

Wilco van Bommel, CEO, Dunefield

Gaining Community And Political Buy-In

What do you do when your next great project/idea gains no traction? How do you improve understanding and support from local organizations, government, and your community at large? How do you argue a case for new infrastructure and space that will support creatives? Join this round table with Amanda Shatzko, an elected politician and arts and culture nonprofit leader who works at the intersection of business, government, and society. Here she will review a case study from a recent Okanagan Cultural Centre referendum, and discuss important information that funding, and policy decision-makers want to hear. Provide you with hand-outs full of resources to help with your next pitch, and concepts to attract support. Amanda will guide us through sharing some of our successes and failures, discovering our common-threads, and helping us to leave with actionable steps.

Amanda Shatzko, Vice Chair, Electoral Area "C", Director, Regional District of the North Okanagan, BC

Breakfast Club for Peers

Consultants • Planners And Local Governments • NFP Organizations

Networking, conversation and food - the perfect way to start a day. We will provide the breakfasts and the space. You bring your appetites and your favourite conversation topics.

Complimentary breakfasts will be provided on Friday and Saturday mornings. We will designate three conversation areas for consultants, planners and local governments and not-for-profit organizations. Join any group or start your own conversation table.

All times, programs and speakers are subject to change at any time.

