File No. A24-01 A Request to Exclude Lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

May 28, 2024 Public Hearing

Statutory Context – Agricultural Land Commission Act

- Agricultural Land Commission Act amended in 2019 private property owners no longer able to apply for the exclusion of lands from the ALR
- Exclusion applications can only be submitted by local governments, First Nations governments, prescribed bodies, and Provincial/Federal governments
 - These bodies may make exclusion applications for lands owned by the respective government/prescribed body, <u>and lands within that government's</u> jurisdiction (e.g., privately-owned lands)

Statutory Context – Agricultural Land Commission Act (cont.)

 Agricultural Land Commission Act further requires that an applicant (i.e., the respective government body) give notice of the application and of a public hearing respecting that application

Previous Council Consideration

 April 23rd, 2024 – Council resolved to initiate an application to the ALC to exclude the subject property from the ALR and directed staff to schedule and notify of the associated public hearing



Location: 4704 Main Street OCP: Agriculture Zoning: Agricultural (AG) Other Relevant Information:

- Current boundaries of the parcel a result of a previous homesite severance
- Previous ALC exclusion applications (refused)
- Not used for farm purposes
- Parcel connected to municipal water/sewer

Request

- That the Town initiate an application to exclude the property from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to develop the property for multifamily residential use.
- If exclusion is successful, the applicant has tentatively proposed the following to facilitate the multi-family residential development:
 - Amend the OCP designation from Agriculture to Low-Medium Density Residential (or other similar designation) and request inclusion within the Growth Containment Area;
 - Amend the zoning from Agricultural (AG) to Low Density Residential (R3) (or other similar zoning)