

# AGRICULTURAL POLICY REVIEW



## LOT SIZES

Larger parcels usually allow farmers greater flexibility to expand or change their type of operation as the economy and markets change. Some types of agriculture can be successful on small parcels, (e.g. intensive market gardens, nurseries, poultry), however, the number of viable farming options generally decreases with a reduced parcel size. The RDCK Agriculture land Use Inventory shows the average parcel size of land in the ALR used for farming with residential is 11 hectares while the average parcel size of land in the ALR used residential with no farming is 4 hectares.

Minimum lot sizes in RDCK agricultural zones range from 2 hectares (5 acres) to 60 hectares (15 acres). The tables below show the range of minimum lot sizes within RDCK.

RDCK's Agriculture Plan recommends that the RDCK continue to use land use planning tools to discourage subdivisions of agricultural land and to encourage the consolidation of contiguous smaller agricultural lots provided they do not result in additional residences (resulting in higher land values for the farm).

### Electoral Area A

Zone	Minimum Lot Area
Agriculture (AG)	3 hectares (7.4 acres)

### Electoral Area B

Zone	Minimum Lot Area
Agriculture 1 (AG1)	4 hectares (9.9 acres)
Agriculture 2 (AG2)	8 hectares (19.8 acres) within ALR 4 hectares (9.9 acres) outside ALR
Agriculture 3 (AG3)	30 hectares (74.1 acres) within ALR 8 hectares (19.8 acres) outside ALR

## Electoral Area C

Zone	Minimum Lot Area
Agriculture 1 (AG1)	4 hectares (9.9 acres)
Agriculture 2 (AG2)	8 hectares (19.8 acres) within ALR 4 hectares (9.9 acres) outside ALR
Agriculture 3 (AG3)	60 hectares (148.3 acres) within ALR 8 hectares (19.8 acres) outside ALR

## Electoral Area G

Zone	Minimum Lot Area
Agriculture (AG)	4 hectares (9.9 acres)

## Electoral Areas F, I, J & K

Zone	Minimum Lot Area
Agriculture 1 (AG1)	4 hectares (9.9 acres) within ALR 2 hectares (4.9 acres) outside ALR
Agriculture 2 (AG2)	8 hectares (19.8 acres) within ALR 2 hectares (4.9 acres) outside ALR
Agriculture 3 (AG3)	60 hectares (148.3 acres) within ALR 2 hectares (4.9 acres) outside ALR
Agriculture 4 (AG4)	2 hectares (4.9 acres)

Note that Electoral Areas D, E & H do not have agricultural zones.



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