



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY
COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

3:00 p.m. PT
Friday, March 20, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote.

Join by Video:

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Meeting ID: 975 3414 5331

Meeting Password: 846516

In-Person Location: Creston and District Community Complex – Erickson Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at ____ p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the March 20, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried/Defeated/Referred

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The January 15, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1 Development Variance Permit Application - Goertzen

The Referral Package dated March 5, 2026 from Planner Zachari Giacomazzo, has been received.

Moved and seconded,

AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SUPPORT/NOT SUPPORT the Development Variance Permit Application to Roderick and Lorena Goertzen for the property located 301 36 Avenue South, Erickson and legally described as LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 10845 (PID: 012-856-088)

Carried/Defeated/Referred

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at ____ p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting has not been scheduled yet.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,

AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at ____ p.m.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY
COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

1:30 p.m. PST

2:30 p.m. MST

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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312 19 Avenue North

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Randy Meyer

Electoral Area B, Chair

Commissioner David Mutch

Electoral Area B

Commissioner Dean Eastman

Electoral Area C

Commissioner Dale McNamar

Electoral Area C

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Commissioner Owen Edwards

Electoral Area B

Commissioner Larry Rast

Electoral Area C

DIRECTORS

Roger Tierney

Electoral Area B, Director

STAFF

Zachari Giacomazzo

Planner 1

Robin Baril

Meeting Coordinator

PUBLIC

John Purdy
Eugene Wiebe

Representative for Applicant
Applicant

4 out of 6 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Tierney called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF THE CRESTON VALLEY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (CVAAC) CHAIR

Director Tierney announced the nomination for Commissioner Meyer.

Director Tierney called for nominations a second and third time.

No further nominations.

Commissioner Meyer was declared the Chair for the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission for 2026 by acclamation.

3. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Meyer invited others to step forward to take on more of leadership role. He also inquired if there could be additional Commissioner(s) added in the future from Area A.

4. COMMENCEMENT OF THE CVAAC MEETING

5. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the January 15, 2026 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of Item 9.1 Invitation to Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop and Item 9.2 Referral Packages as circulated.

Carried

7. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 27, 2025 Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission minutes, have been received.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Agricultural Land Reserve Referral - Wiebe

The Referral Package dated November 28, 2025 from Planner Rishab Gaba, has been received.

- The Commission had a site visit at 1:00 p.m. today at: 5324 Whimster Road
- Applicant wishes to subdivide the 12.18-hectare parcel into a 10-acre parcel and a larger 20-acre parcel. The larger parcel will be maintained by applicants for the purpose of animal husbandry.
- Commissioners asked detailed questions about water supply for both parcels. There is a drilled well on 20-acre parcel of land, the 10-acre parcel has an existing North Canyon Water District water connection.
- Commissioners debated the gain of splitting this designated agricultural land into two pieces. Applicant pointed out that the proposed subdivision meets RDCK subdivision mandate, as well as stays uniform with the lot sizes that are in the area.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission SPLIT DECISION the Agricultural Land Reserve Referral to Eugene & Bertha Wiebe for the property located 5324 Whimster Road, Erickson and legally described as BLOCK 1 PLAN 1493 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT PARCEL 2.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Agricultural Advisory Committee Workshop Invitation

The Commission would like to attend the workshop via Zoom as a group on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

9.2 Referral Packages

The Commission has stated that they would like to receive the referral packages at least two weeks in advance of future meetings.

10. PUBLIC TIME

Chair Meyer called for questions from the public at 3:30 p.m.

There was no public online or in person.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting has not been scheduled.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Creston Valley Agricultural Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

Randy Meyer, Chair



Development Variance Permit Application

Referral Form – RDCK File V2601B

Date: March 5, 2026

You are requested to comment on the attached DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT for potential effect on your agency’s interests. We would appreciate your response WITHIN 30 DAYS (PRIOR TO APRIL 6, 2026). If no response is received within that time, it will be assumed that your agency’s interests are unaffected.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION & GENERAL LOCATION:

301 36TH AVE SOUTH, Erickson, Electoral Area ‘B’
 LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 812 KOOTENAY DISTRICT PLAN 10845 (PID: 012-856-088)

PRESENT USE AND PURPOSE OF PERMIT REQUESTED:

The subject property is located approximately 2 km east of the Town of Creston in the community Erickson and is within the ALR. The property is 2.4 hectares in size, fronts directly on 36th Ave South and is zoned Agriculture 1 (AG1). The property is presently vacant, however there was previously a single detached dwelling in approximately the same location where the new dwelling is proposed. There are existing services (e.g. concrete septic tank, water service lines, hydro pole for FortisBC overhead electrical service) from 36th Ave South to the proposed homesite. Access to the property is provided by a gravel driveway that is shared with the property directly to the south.

The purpose of this Development Variance Permit (DVP) is to authorize the farm residential footprint to be a maximum of 120 metres from the front property line whereas the bylaw requires that the maximum depth of the Farm Residential Footprint shall not exceed 60 metres from the Front Lot Line.

AREA OF PROPERTY AFFECTED	ALR STATUS	ZONING	OCP
2.4 ha (6 acres)	Within the ALR	Agriculture 1 (AG1) in Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316, 2013	Agriculture (AG) in Comprehensive Land Use Bylaw No. 2316, 2013

APPLICANT: Roderick E. Goertzen and Lorena C. Goertzen

Please provide your response via email. If your agency’s interests are ‘Unaffected’ no further information is necessary. In all other cases, we would appreciate receiving additional information to substantiate your position and, if necessary, outline any conditions related to your position. Please note any legislation or official government policy which would affect our consideration of this permit.

**ZACHARI GIACOMAZZO, PLANNER
 REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

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- RDCK Streets
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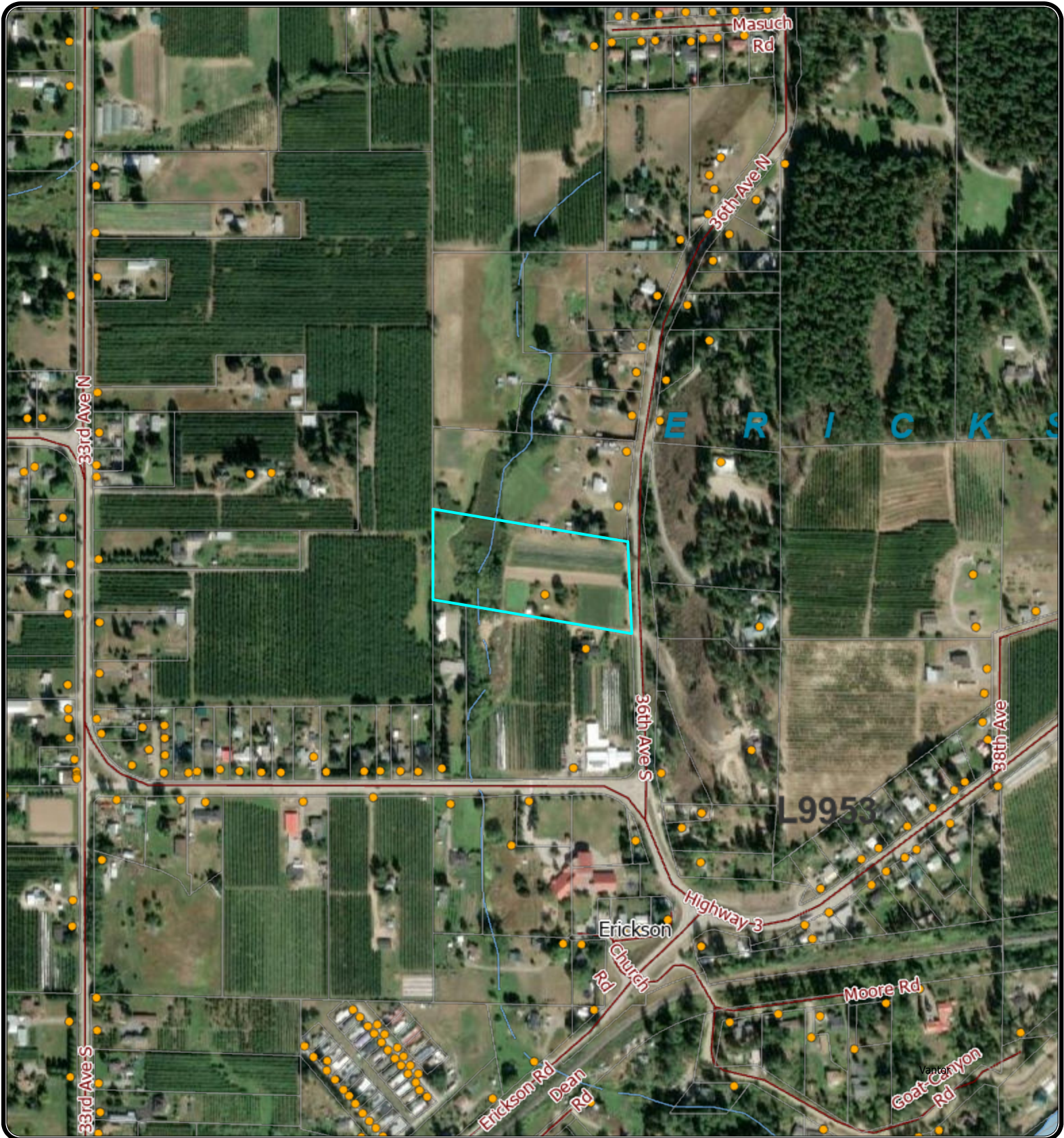
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





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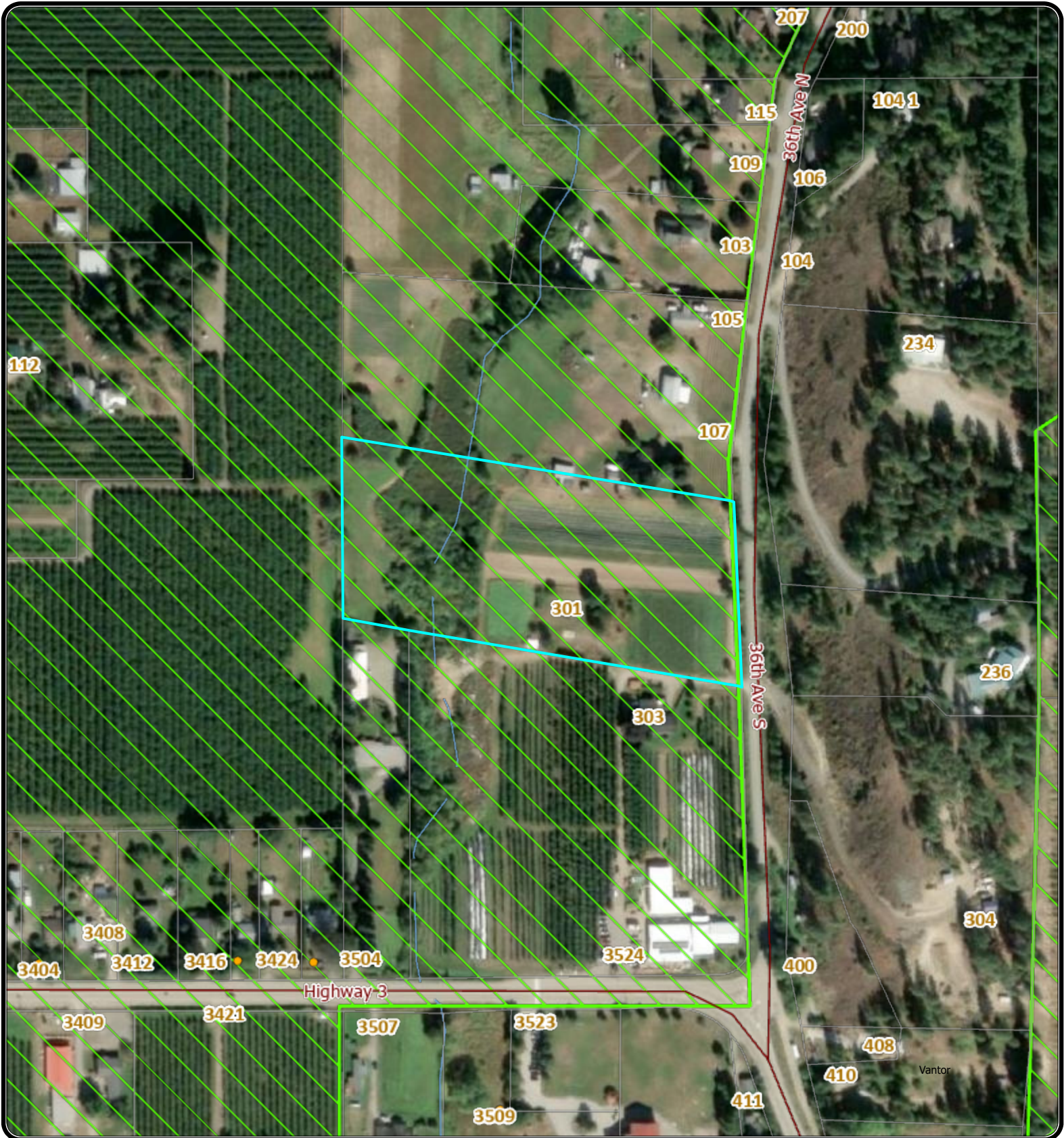
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- Cadastre - Property Lines
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Official Community Plan

- Agriculture
- Community Services
- Suburban Residential

Legend

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Zoning Class

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- Streams and Shorelines

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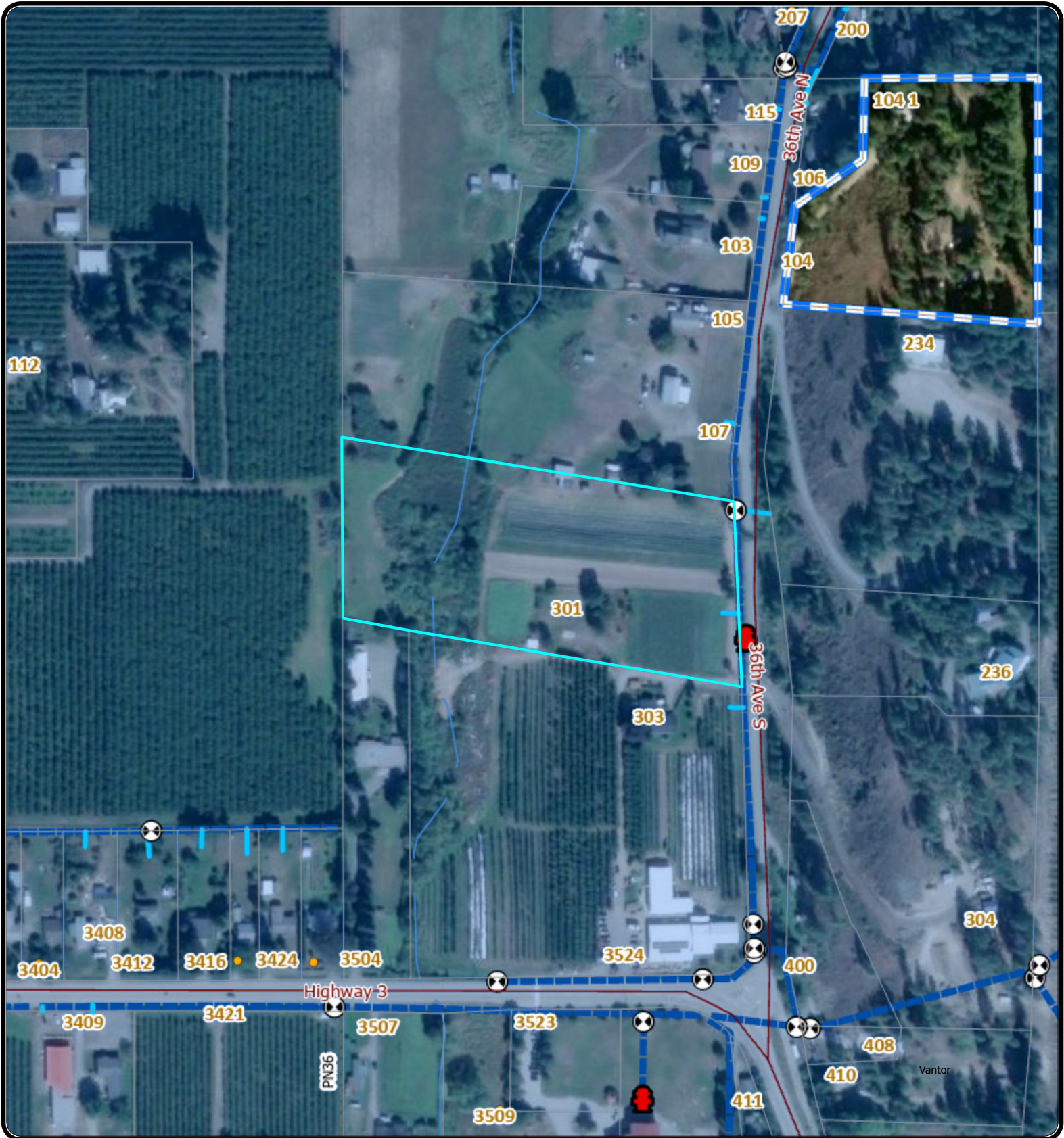
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--- Decommissioned Mainline

⊗ Valves

Water Systems

RDCK OWNED

Main Line

Service Connections

Hydrants

Hydrant

Streams and Shorelines

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- Streams and Shorelines
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Proposal Summary for 301 36th Ave S, Erickson BC LOT 1 PLAN NEP10845 DISTRICT LOT 812
KOOTENAY LAND DISTRICT (GOERTZEN)

The depth of the FRF in this site plan would require a variance as it would be 120m rather than the 60m permitted by regulation 23(5). We request a variance to section 23(5) of the bylaw to permit the FRF to not exceed 120m from the front lot line. This allows a house to be built upon the previous house location and the submission has the intent to maintain the existing yard site as it existed upon our 1993 purchase of the property. There would be no impact to the adjacent properties. The current yard site has a concrete septic tank, a power pole which Fortis allowed power to be maintained, and there are existing underground water/irrigation lines from the property front to the yard site. Frank Wlokas (adjacent property to the south) had a natural gas line for his usage installed along our roadway/property line of sufficient size so we could connect to the gas line at a later date. Pilings and concrete slabs of the first house remain on site. The proposal continues to use the established and shared road between the properties (south side) with this proposal using the existing driveway in the yard site. No new road construction is required. The proposal also allows the current ALR land used for agricultural purposes to continue as is. An agricultural use out building on the yard site is proposed to allow storage and maintenance of the land use equipment and materials so the long term ALR land usage of the property can continue.



23.0 AGRICULTURE 1 (AG1)

Permitted Uses

1. Subject to the *British Columbia Agricultural Land Commission Act, Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation* and Orders, land, buildings and structures in the Agriculture 1 (AG1) zone shall be used for the following purposes only:

Agriculture

All activities designated as “Farm Use” as defined in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* and Part 2 of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation* as amended or replaced from time to time

Kennel

Micro Cultivation, Cannabis

Micro Processing, Cannabis

Nursery, Cannabis

Nursery, Greenhouses and Florist

Single Detached Housing

Standard Cultivation, Cannabis

Standard Processing, Cannabis

Veterinary Clinic (*may require ALC non-farm use approval*)

Accessory Uses:

- Accessory Buildings or Structures
- Accessory Tourist Accommodation
- Home Based Business
- Farm Product Processing of farm product from another parcel in the Regional District of Central Kootenay (*may require ALC non-farm use approval*)
- Farmworker Dwelling Unit
- Portable Sawmills for processing of material harvested on site only
- Secondary Suite
- Temporary Farmworker Housing (*may require ALC non adhering residential use approval*)

Development Regulations

2. The minimum lot area shall be 4 hectares.
- 2b. The maximum density is 2 Dwelling Units not including a Farmworker Dwelling Unit.
3. The maximum site coverage permitted shall be 35 percent of the lot area unless an area not larger than 60 percent of the lot is covered with greenhouses.
4. The maximum Farm Residential Footprint shall be a maximum of 2000 square meters where one dwelling unit is permitted plus 500 square meters per additional permitted dwelling unit.
5. The maximum depth of the Farm Residential Footprint shall not exceed 60.0 metres measured from the Front Lot Line or Exterior Side Lot Line.
6. The Maximum Gross Floor Area of the Single Detached Housing is 300.0 square metres.
7. A Farmworker Dwelling Unit is permitted on a lot provided that all of the following apply:

- a. The maximum Gross Floor Area is 90.0 square metres;
 - b. The lot is classified as a farm under the Assessment Act;
 - c. The lot is larger than 2 hectares; and
 - d. The Farm Business has been operation for at least 3 years.
8. Temporary Farmworker Housing is permitted on a lot provided that all of the following apply:
- a. The lot is classified as a farm under the Assessment Act;
 - b. The lot is larger than 1.2 hectares;
 - c. The minimum setback is 6.0 metres from the Front Lot Line and Exterior Lot Line and 15.0 metres from other lot lines; and
 - d. The minimum setback from the nearest exterior wall of a dwelling unit on another lot is 30.0 metres, or where a landscape screen comprised of a thick hedge of hardy shrubs or evergreen trees not less than 1.8 metres in height and 1.5 metres in width and maintained in a healthy growing condition is provided, the minimum setback from the nearest exterior wall of a dwelling unit shall not be required.
9. No building, structures or enclosures used for housing farm animals; no drinking or feeding troughs and no manure piles may be located within 5 metres of a lot line.
10. Section (9) does not apply to fences adjacent to lot lines that are used for enclosures for the grazing of farm animals.
11. Farm Product processing that involves processing livestock:
- a. must be located on a minimum 2 hectare site outside the Agricultural Land Reserve; and
 - b. must be located at least 30 meters from the nearest business or residence on another parcel.
12. The minimum setback for a kennel building shall be 30 metres from any lot line. All kennel operations shall ensure that dogs are held within the kennel building between the hours of 8 pm and 7 am.

Cannabis Regulations

- 13. Any building or structure for the purposes of cannabis micro cultivation, cannabis micro processing or cannabis nurseries shall be a minimum of 15 metres from all property lines, with the exception of a structure that has a base entirely of soil which may be located within 7.5 metres of a property line.
- 14. Any building or structure for the purposes of cannabis standard cultivation or cannabis standard processing shall be a minimum of 30 metres from all property lines, with the exception of a structure that has a base entirely of soil which may be located within 7.5 metres of a property line.
- 15. The maximum height of any building or structure for the purposes of cannabis standard cultivation, cannabis standard processing, cannabis micro cultivation, cannabis micro processing or cannabis nurseries shall be 15 metres.
- 16. The maximum footprint of any building or structure for the purposes of cannabis standard cultivation, cannabis standard processing, cannabis micro cultivation, cannabis micro

processing or cannabis nurseries shall not exceed 250 square metres.

17. The maximum gross floor area of any building or structure for the purposes of cannabis standard cultivation, cannabis standard processing, cannabis micro cultivation, cannabis micro processing or cannabis nurseries shall not exceed 600 square metres.

Information Note: Cannabis Facilities may require the submission of a Notice of Intent to the ALC for the removal of soil or placement of fill.