



**Agricultural Land Commission**

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Dear Mr. Pachal:

**Re: Freedom of Information Request – ALR Decision Minutes and Land Area**  
**Our Ref: #292-30/2009-7**

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter received in our office on July 21, 2009 requesting records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Your request includes the following:

*“Allow as Requested” and “Allow With Conditions” Minutes of Resolution/Commission Decisions on applications filed with the ALC between 2000 and 2005 within the Greater Vancouver Regional District.*

*Total land in the ALR in the Corporation of Delta, City of Surrey and Township of Langley as of the end of 2008.*

Please be advised that Section 75 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that a fee may be charged for certain limited costs of providing you with the requested information. With respect to the first part of your request, please be advised that the fee is estimated to be \$1381. We have calculated the amount as follows:

Search and retrieve records	42.5 hours (less first 3 hours @ N/C)	\$1185
Photocopying charge	784 pages @ 00.25	196
Shipping		N/C
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>		<b>\$1381</b>

Due to the anticipated amount of work to provide the records and the amount of the estimate, we will require a deposit of \$700. Please send a cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations to the above address. The Commission will not proceed further with your request until we receive the deposit. Please be advised that the estimated cost is approximate and may be adjusted once all of the requested records have been retrieved and compiled. The balance of the fee will be payable prior to shipment of the documents and you will be advised of the exact amount at that time.

With respect to the records you are seeking concerning Commission decisions, we have determined that there are approximately 200 files that contain the records of interest. Of those files, we estimate that approximately 60 files may have an electronic copy of the decision document that is computer readable. These electronic documents are predominantly confined

to the time period from November 2004 to December 2005. To assist the Commission in responding to your request, we are advising that if the request was amended to focus on electronic documents we would be in a position to re-estimate the cost of providing the requested information and be in a position to respond in a more timely manner.

In regard to the portion of your request that requests the total area of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) in Delta, Surrey and Langley on December 31, 2008, please be advised that the following figures are determined as of October 31, 2008;

- Delta – 9964 ha
- Langley City – 45 ha
- Langley Township – 23423 ha
- Surrey – 9298 ha

While the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* imposes an obligation on the Commission to respond to your request within 30 days, the period of time that elapses while we are waiting for the deposit will not be included in the calculation of our response time.

If we have not heard from you by September 30, 2009, the Commission will consider this request to have been abandoned.

Yours truly,

PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

Per:

Erik Karlsen, Chair

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