



October 27, 2022

Adrienne Fedrigo, Director  
Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen  
101 Martin Street  
Penticton BC V2A 5J9

Reference: 313127

**Re: Proposed Subdivision of Lot 3, District Lot 3474, SDYD, Plan EPP60812,  
3480 Arawana Road, Naramata, B.C.**

Dear Adrienne Fedrigo:

I am responding to the letter of September 26, 2022, sent by your predecessor, Karla Kozakevich, sharing with me the Regional District's concerns about subdivision application file 2018-03237 in the Naramata area.

This application is in the preliminary stage, and the ministry has provided the applicant with a list of criteria that must be met to proceed to the next steps. One of these is the provision of a hazard report, which may lead to additional requirements. Other criteria include a drainage report, approval from the Ministry of Environment for wastewater connections and a design for the upgrade of Arawana Road.

While the applicant is not required to obtain approval from the ministry to complete works on private property, such as removing trees, they must comply with any applicable regional district bylaws.

The current standard practice for new road construction is through the Engineer of Record (EOR) process. This places the responsibility for monitoring all construction activity on the engineering firm that signed off on the documents and was hired by the developer.

Incidents where neighbouring land is negatively affected during development can lead to increased requirements for the developer to reach final approval to ensure these incidents do not occur following the development. Ministry staff have spoken with the developer about the negative impacts to adjacent land, including ministry infrastructure, to ensure they are aware of the importance in addressing these concerns. The ministry may also exercise authority under the Transportation Act to take remedial action to protect ministry infrastructure if the developer does not take action to prevent this from happening.

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The ministry's local Approving Officer, Bill Sparkes, would be pleased to answer questions regarding the ministry's involvement in the subdivision approval process and can be reached at 778 622-7014 or [Bill.Sparkes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bill.Sparkes@gov.bc.ca).

I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "F".

Rob Fleming  
Minister

Copy to: Premier John Horgan