

# Public Information Meeting

## Official Community Plan Amendments

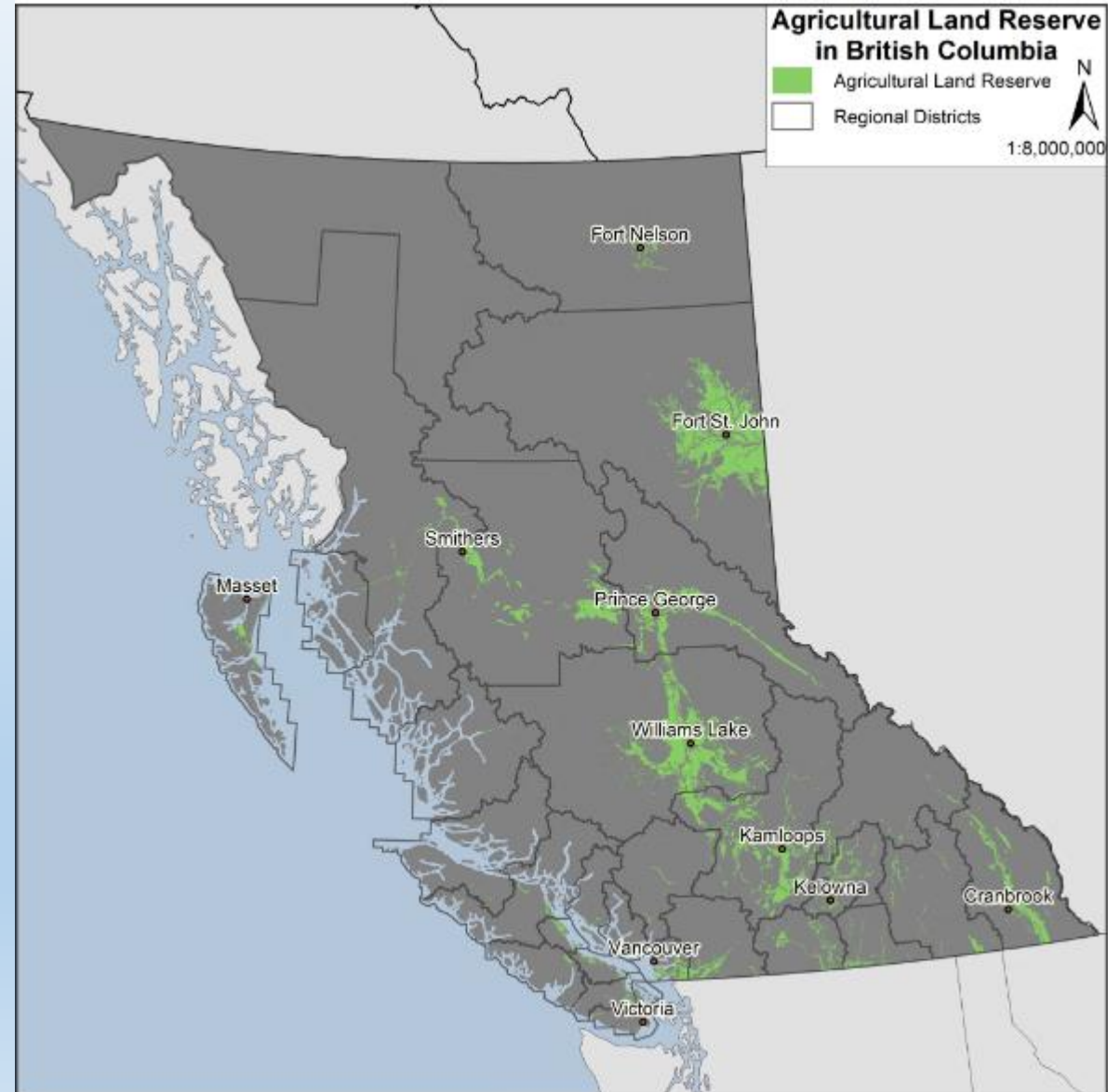
Electoral Areas: “A”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”,  
“H” and “I”

Purpose: Introduce policies for ALR  
exclusion applications by the RDOS



# Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) Exclusions

- **Agricultural Land Commission Act amendments, effective September 30, 2020**
- **Private landowners no longer able to make an ALR exclusion application**
- **Only the Province, local government, First Nation or prescribed bodies can apply**
- **Public hearing requirements**



# Previous ALR exclusion application process

- Private landowner submits application to ALC
- Private landowner submits proof of advertising (notification sign, newspaper ads) with application
- RDOS reviews the application
- RDOS Board forwards to ALC or denies the application
- Newer OCP Bylaws include policy to require ALR exclusion applications be accompanied by an agrologist assessment





# New application process

- RDOS now responsible for submitting ALR exclusion applications within its jurisdiction
- Public hearing now required
- Burden of application requirements shifts to RDOS
  - hard costs – ads, signage, reports
  - soft costs – administration/staff resources



# Proposed OCP Amendments

- Removes policy statement under Agriculture to require agrologist report
- Applies to “D”, “F”, “H”, and “I”

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# Proposed OCP Amendments

- Will consider requests for the Regional District to initiate an exclusion application only within context of an OCP review
- No ad hoc applications
- Based on comprehensive review, not individual interests

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# Proposed OCP Amendments

- Encourage property owners to seek alternative approvals, as an alternative to exclusion
- This could include a non-farm use, non-adhering residential use, subdivision, depending on what the property owner wishes to do

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# Proposed OCP Amendments

- Generally supports maintaining the integrity of the ALR and its existing boundaries

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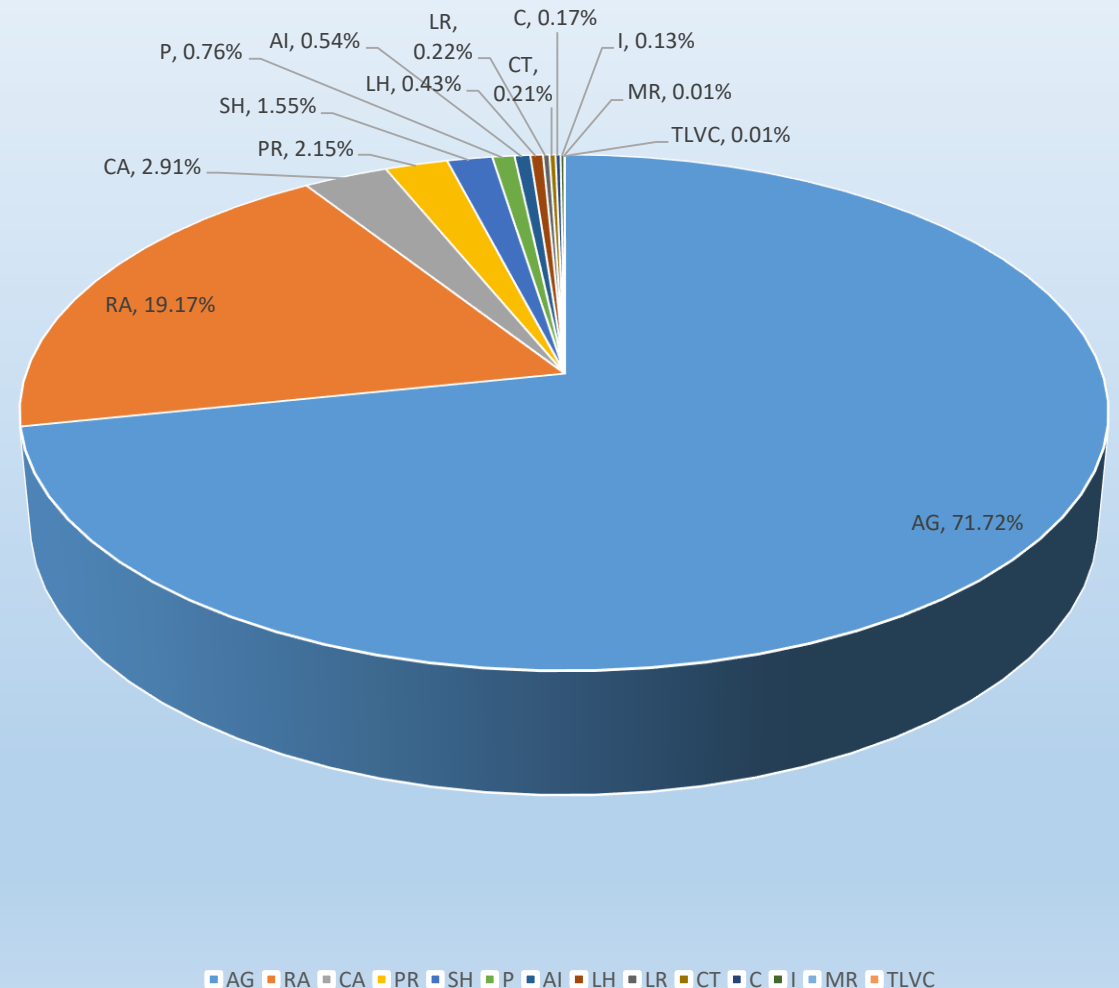
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# Supporting the ALR

- Supports RGS Objective to “protect the agricultural land base”
- Supports OCP Policies that “maintain the integrity of agriculture in the area, by preserving land most suitable for agriculture and preventing fragmentation of large agricultural areas”
- Over 90% of ALR lands in areas with an OCP are either Agriculture (71%) or Resource Area (19%)



# Summary

- Addresses concerns with limited staff resources being used for ad hoc requests
- Supports using exclusion as a “last resort”
- Supports reviewing potential exclusions as part of a broader land use review
- Aligns with Commissions’ mandate to protect and enhance the size, integrity and continuity of the land base of the ALR



# Questions?

- Will take questions in turn
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