

## ALR Application Fees

As of August 1, 2023 and as per the ALC BC website: <https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/application-and-notice-process/applications/fees-and-payment/>

- **Non-Adhering Residential Use—\$900**
- **Soil Use to Place Fill and/or Remove Soil—\$1500**
- **Non-Farm Use—\$1500**
- **Subdivision—\$1500**
- **Exclusion (Gov't bodies only) - \$1500**
- **Inclusion—n/a**
- **Transportation, Utility & Recreational Uses—\$1500**
- **Notice of Intent—\$150**

*Ensuring development does not create negative impact to agriculture is a top priority!!*



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## AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE APPLICATIONS





## What is the Agricultural Land Reserve?

The Provincial government introduced BC's Land Commission Act on April 18, 1973 in order to protect prime farm land in BC. The Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) was created to administer the Act and the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) was established. The ALC is an independent body appointed by the Province.

Within the ALR, agriculture is recognized as the priority use. Farming is encouraged and non-agricultural uses are regulated. The ALR includes private and public lands that may be farmed, forested or vacant. The ALR takes precedence over, but does not replace other legislation and bylaws that may apply to the land.

Most development applications received for properties within the ALR require approval of the ALC prior to ACRD approval. More common applications include, but are not limited to:

- Subdivision of land within the ALR.
- Non-farm use.
- Non-adhering residential use.

Development application exceptions include building permits for structures that are supported by ALC regulations (ie. agriculture buildings etc).

The following procedure outlines the basic steps of the ALR application process. Each application is unique and has the potential for various requirements to be satisfied prior to completion. It is recommended that all property owners who are considering development of property within the Regional District consult with the ACRD Planning Department prior to application in order to identify any additional steps that may be required.

### PROCEDURE:

1. **All applications to the ALC are now done electronically.** In order to proceed with an ALR application, you must first obtain a BCeID account and create a username and password required to login to the ALC website. Register at [www.bceid.ca](http://www.bceid.ca).
2. Application instructions and information is available on the ALC website at: [www.alc.gov.bc.ca/application-and-notice-process/applications/making-an-application/](http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/application-and-notice-process/applications/making-an-application/). Once the application is submitted to the ALC, it will be forwarded to the ACRD.
3. After you have submitted your online application, you will receive an email with instructions to determine the acceptable form of payment of the applicable fee.
4. Once the fee has been received, the proposal will be reviewed by the Planning Department. A planning report is prepared and will include recommendations and requirements to ensure compliance with all relevant regulations.
5. A documentation package (including report and application documents) will be submitted to the Agriculture Advisory Committee (AAC) for their review. The AAC meeting is an informal public meeting of local volunteers who provide their recommendations to the Regional Board and the ALC. It is recommended that the applicant attend this meeting.
6. The documentation package is then forwarded to the Regional Board of Directors' meeting for their consideration. The Board authorizes whether to allow your application to proceed to the ALC or not. If authorization is not granted, your application proceeds no further and, in some cases, the Regional District returns a portion of the original fee.
7. If authorization is granted, the application process continues. A full package of related documents, including your application and all recommendations (as required by the ALC), is sent to the ALC for their decision.
8. The applicant will receive a notice from the ALC advising them that their application has been received. The ALC will then continue with their process and will be in direct contact with the applicant. The applicant will be able to view the status of the application by logging into the ALR portal. Approval or denial will be sent directly to the applicant.

**IMPORTANT! Please Note:** If at any stage during the ACRD process, the proposal is not supported, the applicant would be notified immediately and given the opportunity to amend the proposal and/or provide justification for the proposal as submitted.

