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TO: District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council

FROM: Finlay Sinclair, Development Services Department, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

DATE: 12/9/02

SUBJECT: Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan Designation Descriptions

This report is intended to give Mayor and Council some further details regarding the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan map designations and their definitions.

The following designations appear in the plan and will be defined as part of this report:

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| 1 | ADA: | Agricultural Development Area (with and without improvements) |
| 2. | SRA: | Community Settlement Reserve Area. |
| 3. | CWR: | Community Watershed Reserve |
| 4. | NEA: | Greenway – Natural Environment Area |
| 5. | IND: | Industrial Reserve |
| 6. | IFMA: | Integrated Forest Management Area |
| 7. | MISC RES: | Miscellaneous Reserve |
| 8. | NEA: | Natural Environment Area |
| 9. | RESERVE: | Mugaha Marsh |
| 10. | RCMA: | Recreation and Conservation Management Area. |
| 11. | RRDA: | Rural Reserve Development Area |
| 12. | SGR: | Sand and Gravel Reserve |
| 13: | SRA: | Settlement Reserve Area |

ADA: Agricultural Development Area (with and without improvements)

Crown land considered most suitable for agricultural production and necessary for the expansion and development of the agricultural industry.

Certain areas within this designation have a potentially high capacity for agricultural use for crop production; however, given the location and associated access constraints there should not be any residential habitation in the area. Therefore the lands are being recommended for agricultural use only with no improvements to the land.

SRA: Community Settlement Reserve Area

Crown Land with suitability for a range of future settlement orientated uses and which should be reserved until development for an appropriate use is considered desirable.

Crown land in this area is deemed not developable due to the potential impacts that development of these lands could have on Morfee Lake and more specifically on the potable water source for the District of Mackenzie.

NEA: Greenway – Natural Environment Area

Crown lands that are suitable to support a community greenway that will serve intercommunity connectivity and will act as a buffer from uses on Crown land that may not be completely compatible with existing residential development. These areas do not require the land to actually be developed as they are intended to be leave strips.

IND: Industrial Reserve

Crown land that is considered most suitable for industrial uses.

IFMA: Integrated Forest Management Areas

Crown land considered most suitable for timber production that should be managed in an integrated and coordinated fashion to maximize the long-term environmental, social, and economic benefits of these resources for local residents.

MISC. RES.: Miscellaneous Reserve

Crown land whose use is yet to be determine; however, given its close proximity to existing residential development it is important to review any potential uses in full consultation with Mayor and Council of the District of Mackenzie.

NEA: Natural Environment Area

Crown lands that are deemed to be sensitive from a watershed and habitat perspective.

RESERVE: Mugaha Marsh

Crown land that is deemed as a sensitive habitat that has no development potential and is to be left in its current natural state.

RCMA: Recreation and Conservation Management Area

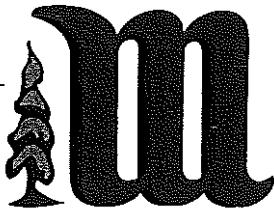
Crown land that is considered suitable for outdoor recreation and natural uses. These lands may be required to meet the future outdoor recreational and conservation needs of the District of Mackenzie.

RRDA: Rural Reserve Development Area

Crown land that is considered suitable for future large acreage residential development that will not have municipal water or sewer provided as part of the development of these lands.

SGR: Sand and Gravel Reserve

Crown land considered to have high capability for aggregate resource extraction.



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February 28, 2005

Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management
Northern Interior Region
325 – 1011 Fourth Avenue
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Attention: Herb Langin

Dear Mr. Langin:

Thank you for your letter of February 18, 2005 addressing our concerns in regards to whether Provincial Government agencies, such as BC Timber Sales, are bound by Crown Land Plans.

Although it is encouraging to hear that BC Timber Sales staff has been made more aware of the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan, it is somewhat disconcerting to learn that the plan is considered simply as policy guidance and does not carry any legitimacy.

The District of Mackenzie requests that they be advised of the timelines of the upcoming project to assess and develop the required legal objectives. Council would appreciate having as much lead in time as possible.

Sincerely,

A.T. (Tom) Briggs,
Mayor

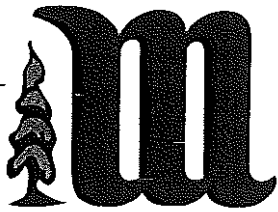
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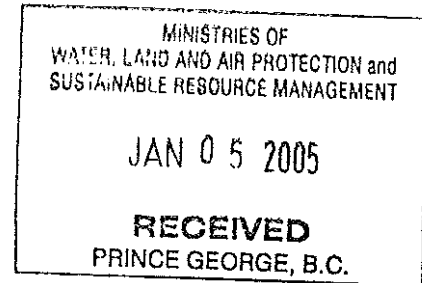
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December 7, 2004

Mr. H. Langin,
Director, Strategic Initiatives,
Resource Management Division,
Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management,
P.O.Box 9352, Station Provincial Government,
Victoria B.C.
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Dear Sir:

Re: Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan. (Crown Land Plan)

Commencing in February 2002, the British Columbia Assets and Land Corporation, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the District of Mackenzie entered a process that provided for joint land management planning.

The objective of the plan was to provide for coordinated, sustainable growth and diversification opportunities for the Province of British Columbia and the District of Mackenzie.

The public planning process undertaken, a resolution of the District of Mackenzie Council to endorse the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan land designation and the land use mapping was passed on October 15, 2002.

We are advised that the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan has not yet been raised to a higher level and this is very problematic, particularly in discussions with agencies such as B.C. Timber Sales. We understand that B.C. Timber Sales is an agency of the Provincial Government, and would like clarification as to whether they are bound by Crown Land Plans, as are other agencies and Ministries.

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The District of Mackenzie entered into this planning process in good faith, recognising the pressure the pine beetle epidemic would place on land use decision-making in the short-term, and the subsequent community liveability issues that would follow the epidemic, particularly in the protection of watershed, riparian and recreational values.

In this regard we are deeply concerned that the plan seems to have stalled at a low level within Provincial Ministries. We respectfully request that the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management undertake a lead role in assuring that the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan be moved to a higher level plan as soon as practicable, providing the District of Mackenzie and others with a document in which we can be confident when discussing land use in this area both now and into the future.

We look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.T. Briggs".

A.T. (Tom) Briggs,
Mayor



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December 13, 2004

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Dear Mr. Langin:

RE: Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan

The Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan was a cooperative planning process between the Provincial Government, the District of Mackenzie and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

The intent of the project was to create a land use plan for the District of Mackenzie that accurately reflects the community goals and objectives of the District of Mackenzie with that of the land use needs of the Province and the Regional District.

Previously the Province, District of Mackenzie and the Regional District would undertake independent planning processes for Crown and private lands within the District boundaries. The Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan integrated these two processes to allow for one plan to guide development for all lands within the District boundaries.

The process to complete this project relied heavily on the cooperation of local government, Provincial Ministries, First Nations and the industrial business community of Mackenzie.

The Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan (MILUP) is a process that offers a sustainable solution to land development in Mackenzie.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George supports the need for the Provincial Government to immediately adopt the MILUP as the core land use-planning document for the development of Crown land in the Mackenzie region.

Yours truly,


Colin Kinsley
Chairman

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c.c. - Mayor Tom Briggs

February 18, 2005

Colin Kinsley, Chairman
Regional District Fraser-Fort George
155 George Street
Prince George BC V2L 1P8

Dear Mr. Kinsley:

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 2004, in which you state your concerns regarding the status of the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan (MILUP).

Our office is aware of the benefits of the integrated nature of the MILUP and the broad agreement developed through the planning process provides. Since the MILUP was completed, the regulatory regime guiding forest harvesting operations has changed to a more results based regime under the Forest and Range Practices Act. Under this act only legally established objectives are required to be addressed in harvesting plans. As we adjust to this change, ministry staff are working with other resource agencies to identify which values are at highest risk and where we need to direct our efforts. The concern related to Crown land plans in our region has been identified as a significant issue and we are currently initiating a project to assess and develop the needed legal objectives.

As we move forward on the initiative to establish legal objectives we will be consulting with the municipalities (including the District of Mackenzie) and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, to ensure the needs of the communities are addressed.

Yours truly,



Herb Langin, R.F. Bio.
Regional Director
Northern Interior Region

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pc: Bill Warner, Timber Sales Manager, BC Timber Sales- Prince George Unit
Egon Weger, Manger, Land and Water Operations Division, Omineca Region, Land and Water BC
Marc Imus, Manager, Inter-Agency Management Committee, Northern Interior Region



February 18, 2005

His Worship Mayor Tom Briggs
and Councillors
District of Mackenzie
PO Bag 340
Mackenzie BC V0J 2C0

Dear Mayor Briggs and Councillors:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Mackenzie Land Use Plan.

In your letter you indicate that the District of Mackenzie participated in the Mackenzie Integrated Land Use Plan (MILUP) as a means of providing coordinated, sustainable growth and diversification opportunities for BC and the District of Mackenzie. I also understand from your letter, that you are concerned that implementation of the plan is uncertain due to the proposed operations by BC Timber Sales and the lack of established legal objectives requiring forestry operations to follow the MILUP.

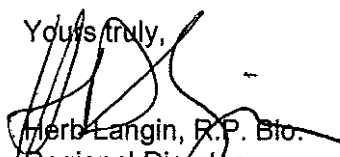
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In the short term, I am hopeful that continued communications between you and BC Timber Sales, the Forest District and other forest licensees will build an understanding of the plan and its importance. In talking to our colleagues in BC Timber Sales (BCTS), I believe their staff are more aware of the plan than previously and that the agency will work towards addressing the issues despite the fact that the plan is simply policy guidance and is not legally binding.

As we move forward on the initiative to establish legal objectives, we will be consulting with the municipalities and regional district, including the District of Mackenzie, to ensure the needs of the communities are addressed.

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

Yours truly,



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