

# Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Applicant Submission

**Application ID:** 64746 **Application Status:** N/A

**Applicant:** PRT Growing Services Ltd **Agent:** PRT Growing Services Ltd

Local Government: Columbia Shuswap Regional District

**Local Government Date of Receipt:** 03/08/2022

**ALC Date of Receipt:** This application has not been submitted to ALC yet.

**Proposal Type:** Non-Adhering Residential Use - Additional Residence for Farm Use

Proposal: PRT is requesting the approval of Temporary Farm Worker accommodation for up to 18

workers to help the company meet its production and harvesting requirements.

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#### **Agent Information**

**Agent: PRT Growing Services Ltd** 

#### **Parcel Information**

#### Parcel(s) Under Application

 Ownership Type: Fee Simple Parcel Identifier: 025-503-090

Legal Description: BLOCK H OF SECTIONS 13 AND 14 TOWNSHIP 21 RANGE 11 WEST

OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN KAMLOOPS DIVISION YALE DISTRICT

Parcel Area: 44.4 ha

Civic Address: 935 Platt Road, Tappen, BC

**Date of Purchase:** 09/14/2017 **Farm Classification:** Yes

**Owners** 

1. Name: PRT Growing Services Ltd

Address: 935 Platt Road Tappen, BC V0E 2X3 Canada

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#### **Current Use of Parcels Under Application**

#### 1. Quantify and describe in detail all agriculture that currently takes place on the parcel(s).

PRT Growing Services currently manages 36 greenhouses and a 9 bay gutter connected greenhouse along with two outdoor compounds which allows us to grow approximately 20 million forestry seedlings annually.

PRT accommodates a 5000 tree Christmas tree operation

#### 2. Quantify and describe in detail all agricultural improvements made to the parcel(s).

Expansion of our outdoor compounds, adding an additional 30,000 blocks of irrigated land to increase our annual production by 3 million seedlings to meet industry demand.

#### 3. Quantify and describe all non-agricultural uses that currently take place on the parcel(s).

There are no non agricultural operations

#### **Adjacent Land Uses**

#### North

Land Use Type: Residential Specify Activity: Private homes

#### **East**

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: Forested land

#### South

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: Forested Land

#### West

Land Use Type: Agricultural/Farm Specify Activity: seed orchards

#### **Proposal**

#### 1. What is the purpose of the proposal?

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# 2. Describe the necessity for an additional residence for farm use and how it will support agriculture in the short or long term.

Having farm workers live in on-site accommodation would allow flexibility in our work schedule as we manage the seasonal requirements of growing 20 million seedlings as well as maintaining 45 greenhouses.

Our Tappen location is in a very rural area, we have not been successful in recruiting sufficient labour to

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fill our production needs in the past few years. The closest community with hotels is a minimum of 20kms away, TFW workers would be challenged to commute to our location on a regular basis as they often do not hold an international drivers License and there is no public transit available.

Rental housing within a 20 km radius of the site is extremely limited, if there is accommodation it is very expensive.

PRT Growing Services is a leader in the reforestation industry in North America, Ministry and industry clients as well as reforestation companies rely on PRT to consistently produce tree seedlings to fulfill their reforestation obligations.

## 3. Describe the size, type and number, as well as occupancy of all residential structures currently located on the property.

There is currently a two bedroom trailer measuring 15' x 70' on site which accommodates a PRT employee who works as our main Grower as well as site security.

# 4. What is the total floor area of the proposed additional residence in square metres? $266 m^2$

#### 5. Describe the rationale for the proposed location of the additional residence.

The worker housing will be located to the rear of our compound, away from the main traffic areas to allow for safety and comfort. The housing units will be within the existing nursery compound, no productive agricultural land will be impacted.

#### 6. What is the total area of infrastructure necessary to support the additional residence?

3 cement pads each measuring 10' x 40' to allow for covered decking

3 cement pads each measuring 10' x 15' to hold storage units for workers

3 housing units each measuring 14' x 68' blocked and leveled on aggregate pads

Total infrastructure area needed is 845 sq meters

### 7. Do you need to import any fill to construct the additional residence or infrastructure? No

#### **Applicant Attachments**

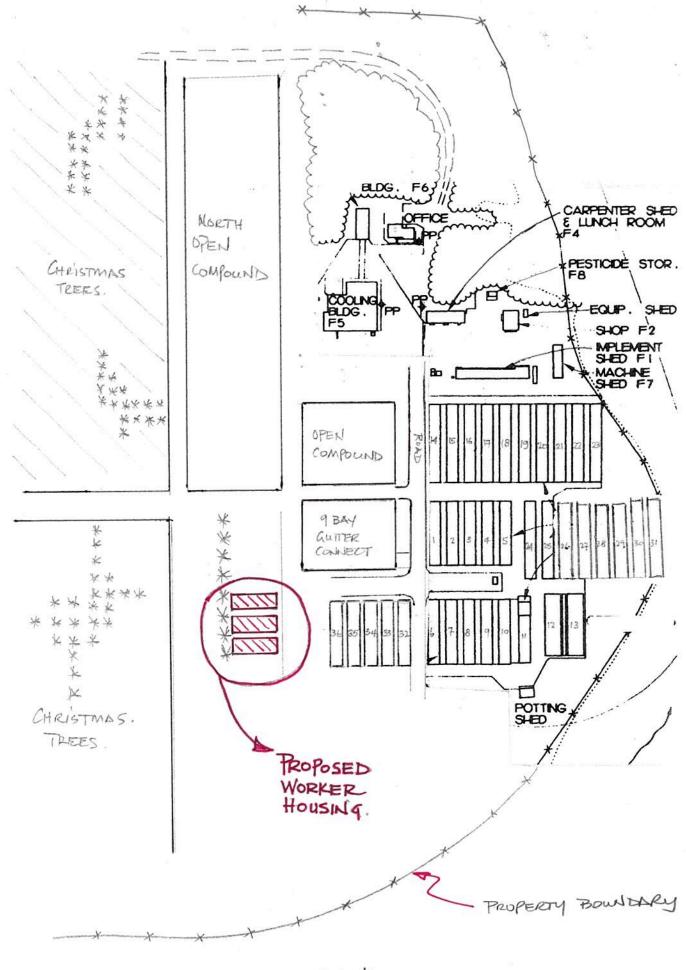
- Agent Agreement-PRT Growing Services Ltd
- Proposal Sketch-64746
- Site Photo-Google Map
- Other correspondence or file information-Building drawings
- Certificate of Title-025-503-090

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None.

#### **Decisions**

None.



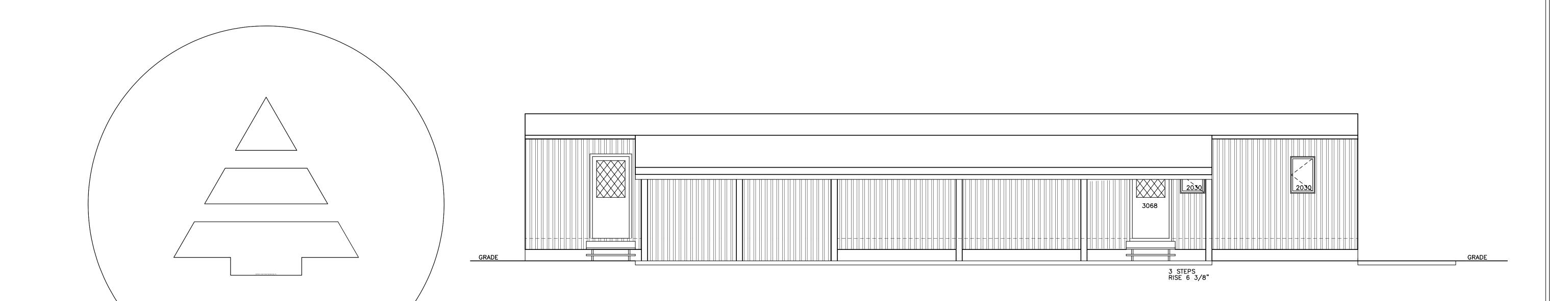
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# PROPOSED FOREIGN WORKER HOUSING

# PRT GROWING SERVICES LTD.

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A5 = DETAILS
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