

Relevant Excerpts from
Ranchero/Deep Creek Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 750
Ranchero/Deep Creek Zoning Bylaw No. 751

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1.4 COMMUNITY VALUES

Ranchero/Deep Creek is made up of distinct neighbourhoods that have a diverse range of activities and interests but share many common values. The combination of temperate climate, spectacular natural environment, outdoor recreation opportunities, water resources, entrepreneurial spirit, and the progressive attitude of residents has resulted in a highly desirable and vibrant community. The area accommodates a broad mix of: agricultural, rural, residential, recreational, limited tourism, small scale commercial, small scale industrial, home businesses and resource uses with an emphasis on mutual respect and diversity.

The residents of Ranchero/Deep Creek recognize that there will be pressure for change and development in their neighbourhoods. Residents are seeking to define a level of compatible development, while at the same time maintaining the values that are fundamental to the health and prosperity of the community.

These following values have been generated from the input and priorities of the residents who make up the neighbourhoods of Ranchero/Deep Creek and will be used to help guide future decisions on development proposals, environmental protection initiatives, and infrastructure development for the community, by the CSRD and senior government agencies. These values include:

1. Protection of the Plan Area's rural character and containment of urban development;
2. Identification and protection of watersheds and aquifers from degradation, inappropriate development and pollution to ensure a continued safe water supply;
3. Recognition that the sustainable development of the Plan Area must be linked to groundwater quality and quantity for all residents;
4. Protection of environmentally sensitive areas, natural hazard lands, aquifer recharge areas and natural, environmental and geographic features;
5. Recognition that a comprehensive approach to managing sewage is required;
6. Recognition of the benefits afforded to the community through the continued existence of agriculture and rural lifestyles;
7. Recognition of the importance of agriculture in the local economy;

8. Support for economic diversity in new and existing small scale developments that complement the rural integrity of Rancho/Deep Creek;
9. Recognition of the importance of small scale commercial and home-site or home-based businesses in the growth and diversification of the Plan Area;
10. Consultation with First Nations, in accordance with statutory requirements, to develop approaches to issues of mutual interest;
11. Protection of resource lands for suitable resource uses;
12. Minimization of encroachment of land uses that are incompatible with these community values;
13. Recognition of Gardom Lake as a unique environmental resource;
14. Recognition of Gardom Lake area parks and the Benches identified on Schedule 'E' as the primary recreational resources in the Plan Area;
15. Support for environmentally responsible recreational and silvicultural uses;
16. Preservation and enhancement of green space, access to public lands and integrated trails;
17. Recognition of the need and continued support for local schools and community centres;
18. Support for bylaw recognition of existing and legal manufactured home parks, multiple housing units, and suites;
19. Support for more affordable housing;
20. Recognition and support for efficient and safe rural local transportation;
21. Recognition that storm water management should be initiated;
22. A requirement for comprehensive public consultation with respect to decisions about the future development of all lands, including Crown land and services within our communities.

3.1 DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

In the Rancho/Deep Creek plan area, when considering an application to amend the OCP, rezone or subdivide land to accommodate a development, an applicant must show that the proposal:

1. reflects the Community Values Statement (Section 1.4) and objectives and policies of the Official Community Plan;
2. preserves and protects the rural character of the area and directs higher density development to the Rancho and Shaw Road areas;
3. protects watersheds and aquifers from degradation and pollution;
4. protects and promotes natural, environmental, and geographic features;

5. preserves, enhances, and provides useable parkland that provides access and linkages to public lands where appropriate;
6. proposes a comprehensive approach to the management and disposal of sewage and septage;
7. proposes a comprehensive approach to drainage including management of storm water, and prevention of slope instability – in accordance with Provincial best management practices;
8. preserves archaeological areas through adherence to the Provincial Heritage and Conservation Act, and;
9. includes best practice interface forest fire mitigation techniques for building and landscaping.

3.2 GENERAL PLANNING POLICIES

1. Prior to supporting any OCP redesignation or rezoning that will increase water use on a property, the CSRD may require a hydro-geological impact review and assessment on the quantity and quality of water resources as specified in the CSRD Development Approval Information Bylaw. A qualified professional engineer or geoscientist with proven knowledge and experience in groundwater management must provide a written statement, through a hydro-geological impact assessment, verifying the long term reliability of the water supply for the proposed development. The assessment must also verify that there will be no significant negative impacts on other water supplies and properties.
7. One dwelling unit shall be permitted per lot and one secondary dwelling unit may be considered in the Rural Holdings, Agriculture, Medium Holdings, and Rural Residential designations subject to zoning. The size of the parcel and size of the secondary dwelling unit will be subject to zoning restrictions. The secondary dwelling unit will be subject to special provisions, including but not limited to: (a) setbacks from buildings and property lines; (b) the provision of required parking and access; and (c) the provision of adequate servicing that meets Provincial water and sewer regulations.

3.6 MEDIUM HOLDINGS (MH)

This land use designation applies to large lots, not presently located within the ALR, and generally 8.0 ha or more in size as shown on Schedule 'B'.

These lands are intended to provide for traditional rural pursuits and serve as a buffer between Rural and Resource, Rural Holdings, and Agricultural lands and the more densely developed Rural Residential lands of the Plan Area. In this land use designation, larger residential parcel sizes are the typical form of development and residents in the area promote the retention of large parcel sizes to protect each individual property's privacy and rural quality of life. Medium Holdings lands are characterized by the suitability to accommodate un-serviced rural activities. These parcels typically have an adequate water supply and wastewater can be treated and disposed of through on-site ground disposal systems.

OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve the rural character of lands within the Plan Area.
2. Encourage farm activities on productive or potential agricultural lands including suitable agritourism opportunities and value-added agriculture.
3. Contain the extent of growth of urban and suburban lands.
4. Support development that is compatible with the Community Values (Section 1.4) and Development Criteria (Section 3.1).

POLICIES

1. Lands within the Medium Holdings designation are shown on as "MH" on Schedule 'B'.
2. Lands within the Medium Holdings designation shall have a minimum permitted parcel size of at least 8.0 ha.
3. Residential development in the Medium Holdings designation shall be permitted at a maximum density of 1 principal dwelling unit per ha. One secondary dwelling unit may be considered in the Medium Holdings designation, subject to zoning and proof of adequate water and sewer services that meet Provincial regulations.

5.1 Natural Resource Management – Agriculture

GOAL

To protect agricultural land both within and outside the ALR for agricultural based activities.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect the agricultural land resources of the Plan Area for present and future food production and other agricultural purposes.
2. Recognize and protect the needs and activities of agricultural operations when considering development on adjacent lands.
3. Support farming practices that protect soil and water resources.
4. Encourage protection of the quantity and quality of the water supply, seek to improve water availability for irrigation purposes, and encourage the use of current best practices with respect to irrigation.
5. Encourage non-agricultural development away from agricultural lands.
6. Support development that is compatible with the Community Values (Section 1.4) and Development Guideline Criteria Statements (Section 3.1).
7. Encourage farmers in the Plan Area to follow the measures described in the British Columbia Farm Practices Guidelines as outlined by the Ministry of Agriculture.

POLICIES

1. This Plan supports the Agricultural Land Commission's mandate of preserving and encouraging the development of lands for agricultural purposes.
2. The CSRD encourages the retention of large land holdings within the Plan Area, including the ALR, to maintain future opportunities for farm use.
3. The CSRD discourages encroachment and fragmentation of farmland by non-farm related uses.
4. The location and construction of new roads, trails, utility or communication rights-of-way should be sited to avoid Agricultural lands wherever possible. Where unavoidable, these rights-of-way should be sited in a manner that will cause minimal impact on agricultural operations. Alignments should be established in consultation with affected landowners and the ALC.
5. Encourage adjacent property owners to cooperate in the establishment of fencing or buffers.
6. In the case of new developments adjacent to Agriculture lands, the CSRD strongly encourages the provision of adequate vegetative buffers to protect agricultural values and prevent encroachment.

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3.17 Home Occupation

A home occupation is subject to the following regulations:

- (a) The *home occupation* shall only be carried out in a *zone* that permits *residential use*;
- (b) The *home occupation* shall be carried out accessory to and on the same *parcel* as the *dwelling unit* to which the *home occupation* relates;
- (c) A maximum of one (1) *home occupation* shall be permitted per *parcel* unless otherwise permitted in this *Bylaw*;
- (d) All activities, including the storage of materials, equipment, and products, must be completely enclosed within a *dwelling unit*, *accessory building*, or an area completely screened from adjoining properties and *highways* at a minimum height of 1.8 m, with the exception of daycares and parking;
- (e) The maximum area of all *home occupation use* on a *parcel* shall be no greater than:
 - (i) 150 m² on *parcels* less than or equal to 0.4 ha;
 - (ii) 200 m² on *parcels* greater than 0.4 ha, but less than or equal to 2 ha;
 - (iii) 250 m² on *parcels* greater than 2 ha, but less than or equal to 8 ha;

- (iv) 300 m² on *parcels* greater than 8 ha;
- (f) Only persons residing in the *dwelling unit* associated with the *home occupation* may be involved in the *home occupation* plus:
 - (i) A maximum of two non-resident employees on *parcels* less than or equal to 2 ha;
 - (ii) A maximum of three (3) non-resident employees on *parcels* greater than 2 ha, but less than 8 ha;
 - (iii) A maximum of four (4) non-resident employees on *parcels* greater than 8 ha;
- (g) The *home occupation* shall not produce, discharge or emit: smoke (except smoke produced from the heating of the *home occupation* space), dust, litter, vibrations; odorous, toxic or noxious matter or vapours; heat; glare; radiation; electrical or television interference; or sufficient noise, congestion or traffic to constitute a nuisance offensive to the community;
- (h) The *home occupation* shall limit the area used for the display and sale of retail goods on a *parcel* to 25% of the *gross floor area* used for the *home occupation* and must be auxiliary and incidental to the *home occupation*;
- (i) *Home occupation* expressly prohibits:
 - (i) *aggregate sales* or processing;
 - (ii) asphalt or concrete batch plant;
 - (iii) *cannabis production facility*;
 - (iv) *cannabis* retail;
 - (v) *eating and drinking establishment*;
 - (vi) *event venue*;
 - (vii) *kennel*;
 - (viii) *saw mill* (unless zoned MH on a *parcel* greater than 8 ha)
 - (ix) *vehicle wrecking yard*; or
 - (x) *wholesale* activity;
- (j) All parking and access associated with the *home occupation* shall be located on-site. Parking and access requirements for *home occupations* are set out in Part 5 of this *Bylaw*;
- (k) The *home occupation* shall limit total signage (excluding framing) used for the purpose of advertising the *home occupation* on each *parcel* to 0.6 m² in area (two-sided) and 2 m in height if free standing. *Signs* shall have a minimum *setback* of 1 m from *parcel boundaries*, and

- (l) A *home occupation* located on ALR land is subject to the requirements of the ALC Act.

4.7 Medium Holdings Zone

.1 Intent

To accommodate single detached dwellings and agricultural uses on medium-sized parcels.

.2 Principal Uses

The uses stated in this subsection and no others are permitted in the RH zone as principal uses, except as stated in Part 3: General Regulations:

- (a) agriculture (on parcels 2 ha and greater)
- (b) forestry
- (c) single detached dwelling

.3 Secondary Uses

The uses stated in this subsection and no others are permitted in the RH zone as secondary uses, except as stated in Part 3: General Regulations:

- (a) accessory use
- (b) agriculture, limited (on parcels less than 2 ha)
- (c) agri-tourism (on parcels 2 ha and greater)
- (d) bed and breakfast
- (e) childcare facility, in-home
- (f) home occupation
- (g) residential campsite
- (h) secondary dwelling unit

.4 Regulations

On a parcel zoned MH, no land shall be used; no building or structure shall be constructed, located or altered; and no plan of subdivision approved; that contravenes the regulations stated in this subsection, except as stated in Part 3: General Regulations and Part 5: Parking and Loading Regulations. All agricultural uses must have a setback of at least 5 m from any parcel boundary and be contained by a fence.

| COLUMN 1 MATTER REGULATED | COLUMN 2 REGULATION |
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| (a) Minimum <i>parcel</i> size created by <i>subdivision</i> | 8 ha |
| (b) Minimum <i>parcel width</i> created by <i>subdivision</i> | 30 m |
| (c) Maximum <i>parcel coverage</i> | 25% |
| (d) Maximum number of <i>single detached dwellings</i> per <i>parcel</i> | One |
| (e) Maximum number of <i>secondary dwelling</i> units per <i>parcel</i> (subject to Section 3.16 of this <i>Bylaw</i>) | One |
| (f) Maximum <i>height</i> for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>principal buildings and structures</i> ▪ <i>accessory buildings</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11.5 m ▪ 10 m |
| (g) Maximum <i>habitable floor space</i> of <i>secondary dwelling unit</i> | 90 m ² |
| (h) Maximum <i>gross floor area</i> of <i>accessory building</i> | 200 m ² on <i>parcels</i> less than or equal to 2 ha |
| (i) Maximum <i>gross floor area</i> of an <i>home occupation</i> | Shall be in accordance with Section 3.17 |
| (j) Minimum <i>setback</i> from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>front parcel boundary</i> ▪ <i>rear parcel boundary</i> ▪ <i>rear parcel boundary</i> for an <i>accessory building</i> (excluding, <i>secondary dwelling unit</i> or <i>home occupation</i>) ▪ <i>interior side parcel boundary</i> ▪ <i>exterior side parcel boundary</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4.5 m ▪ 5 m ▪ 3 m ▪ 2 m ▪ 5 m |