

2012-01-30

Attn: Janna Widmer, Planning Officer, Parkland County

SUBJECT: Redistricting and Subdivision Request, SE 31-54-6-5

We the undersigned are requesting your approval for the redistricting and subdivision of the subject property, as outlined in the attached plan package. Our reasons for this request are as follows:

History

This property was purchased by our family in 1973 for use as a recreation retreat. The land was held in trust by Adriaan opderHeijde and Jack opderHeijde, on behalf of the family. The family was at that time comprised of the following: Adriaan and Gezina opderHeijde (parents) and their children Mieke, Tineke, Jack and Frans. Since 1973 each of the children has married and they collectively now have twenty children and fifteen grandchildren between them, all of whom have enjoyed the use of this property as a camping retreat from time-to-time.

Over this time, development has been limited to the construction of a seasonal cabin, the clearing of approximately 1 acre for a camping area, and the clearing and maintenance of approximately 2.5 kilometres of walking/riding trails. No services have been installed.

Because Adriaan and Gezina are now of advanced age, and two of their four children have stated that they have no interest in the property, a deal was struck whereby ownership of the property has been transferred to the two siblings whose families are the primary users; Mieke (Bill) Spaans and Tineke (Len) Lillo.

Future Use

All are in agreement that the property should be preserved, as much as possible, in its present form – that is, largely as a well treed environmental reserve which we can hopefully enjoy for many generations to come. However, for the practical reasons of succession planning, and for the orderly and equitable transition of ownership within our family, we wish to pursue the option of further subdivision with the following in mind:

- Tineke and Len would like to build a home on the property; a building site for a house, some outbuildings and a small horse pasture would be cleared on their portion. For their own estate planning purposes, they would like the assurance that the parcel where their home is located is deeded in their name.
- Mieke and Bill would like to retain their portion of the property for continued recreational purposes, for use by themselves and their children. This would involve the maintenance of the existing trail system and the clearing of a small area for a (seasonal) cabin site and camping area.

Considerations

On May 03, 2011, we had a consultation with Janna Widmer at the County Office. After reviewing our presentation with us she advised that, since our land is zoned Agricultural/Nature Reserve, we would probably be better off to apply for redistricting (to Agricultural only) first, then to proceed with the sub-division request. We, the joint owners, thought we may have had a strong enough case to apply directly for subdivision, but our subdivision request was subsequently turned down by the County. We now have chosen to proceed with the redistricting/subdivision option.

Please find attached the application form, along with the required tentative plans.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Lillo", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Len Lillo