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Reply to the attention of Gordon Bednard  
File: 46563

Bill Brown  
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Dear Mr Brown

**Re: Draft OCP First Reading March 26 2018  
Your correspondence of April 6, 2018**

Thank you for forwarding a revised draft of the Township of Esquimalt Official Community Plan for the Agricultural Land Commission's (the ALC's) review and comment. The ALC would also like to thank the Township for the opportunity to comment on the earlier draft forwarded in 2017. The purpose of the review is to ensure that OCP is consistent with the goals of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALC Act) and Regulation, as per Section 46 of the *ALC Act* and previous decisions of the ALC.

It is noted that the ALC's previous comments and recommendations (ALC letter of June 26, 2017) have been incorporated into the draft OCP. The ALC thanks the Township for its responsiveness. In view of the amendments the ALC has no objection to the draft OCP, and considers it consistent with the purposes of the ALC Act and the decisions of the ALC (as per Section 46 of the Act).

However, the ALC advises that a declaration of consistency does not bind or fetter the ALC's discretionary decision making on individual subdivision, exclusion and non-farm use applications. The ALC is not compelled to make decisions on applications which are consistent with bylaw policies.

If you have any further questions about the above, please contact Gordon Bednard 604-660-7011.

Yours truly,  
Provincial Agricultural Land Commission

Gordon Bednard  
Regional Planner