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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	57
COUNCIL MEETING	1979 08 27

RE: LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM N. VANDER ZALM
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C. V8V 1X4
AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN PREPARATION
OF OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANS

Appearing on the Agenda for the 1979 August 27 meeting of Council is a letter from the Honourable William N. Vander Zalm, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding community plans relating to Agricultural Land Reserves. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to The Honourable William N. Vander Zalm, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1979 AUGUST 22
OUR FILE: 02.120.1

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN
PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLANS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

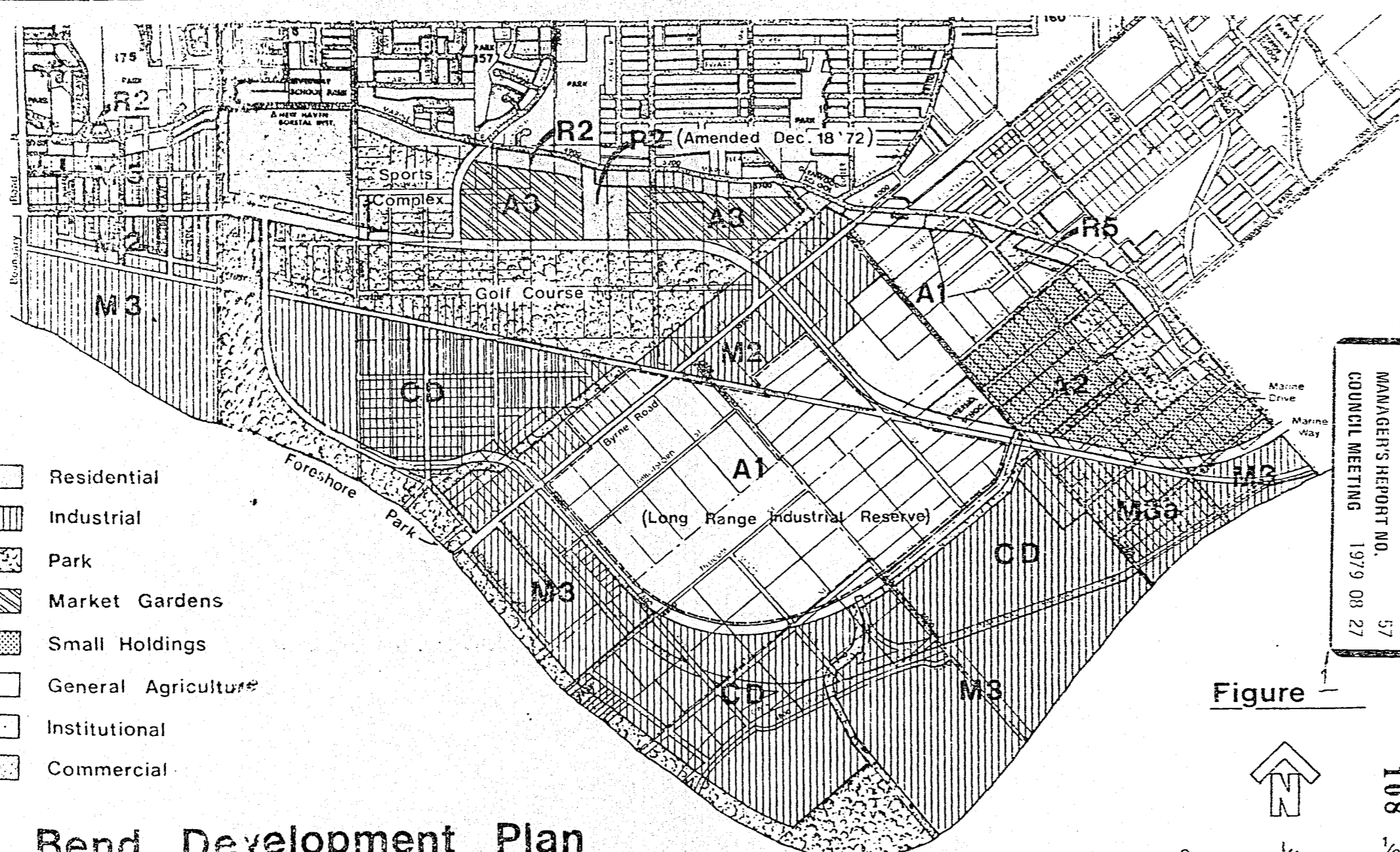
REPORT

Appearing on the agenda for the 1979 August 27 Council meeting is a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs. This letter requests all Municipalities to consult the Agricultural Land Commission at an early stage when preparing official community plans containing policies respecting Agricultural Land Reserves.

At the present time, development within the A.L.R. is guided by the Big Bend Development Plan which was adopted prior to the enactment of the Agricultural Land Reserve. This plan does not, however, conflict with the Reserve as the A.L.R. boundaries are consistent with the General Agriculture, Market Garden and Park (Golf Course) designations as shown on the attached Figures 1 and 2. With respect to possible revisions to THIS development plan and the A.L.R., staff is currently preparing recommendations to be submitted to Council and the Land Commission in concert with staff from the Commission. It is, therefore, our policy to involve the Commission in all matters relative to the Agricultural Land Reserve.


A. L. Parr
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

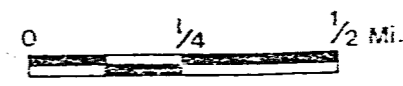
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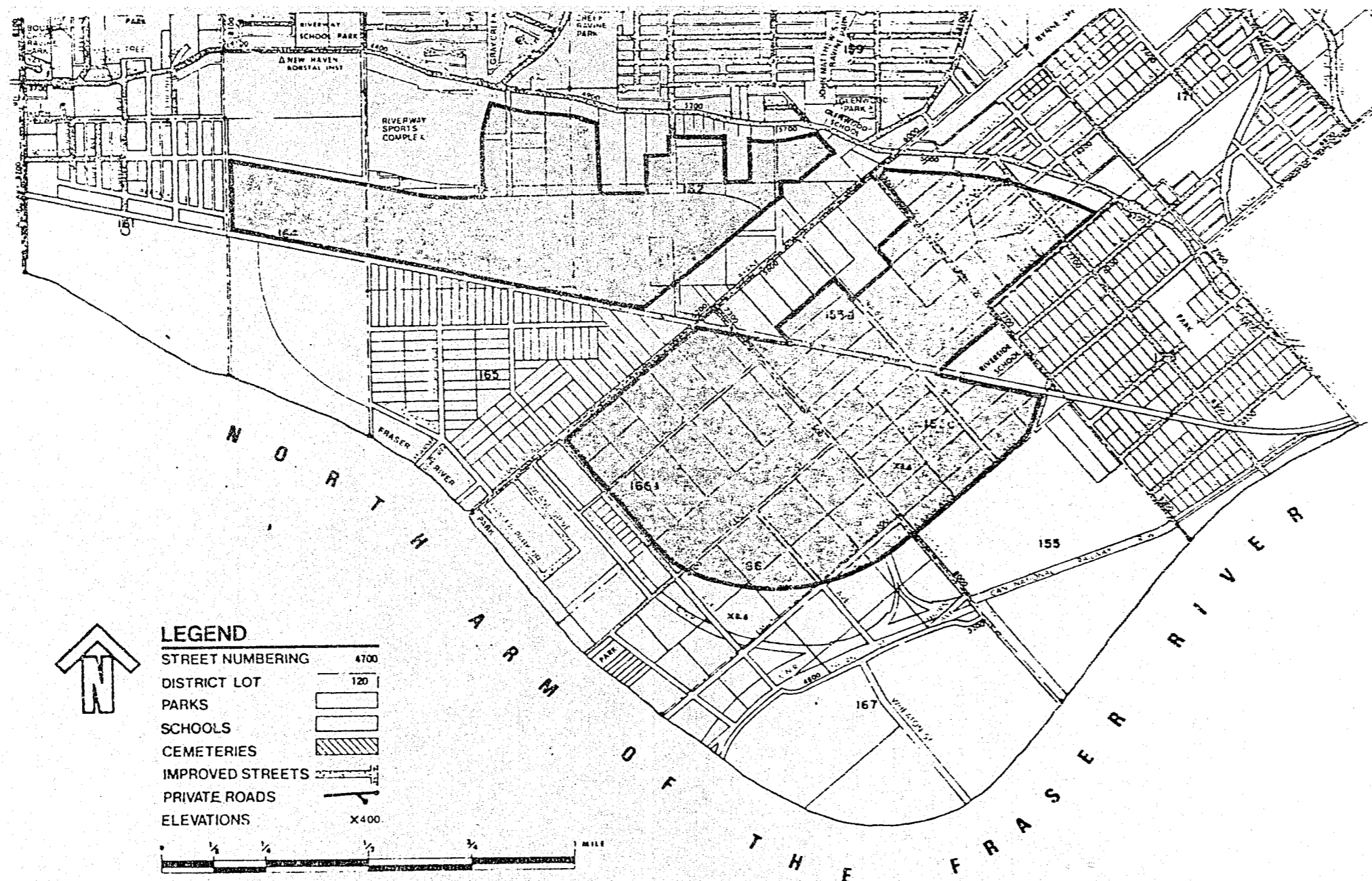
Big Bend Development Plan

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FIGURE 2

Boundaries of Agricultural Land Reserve



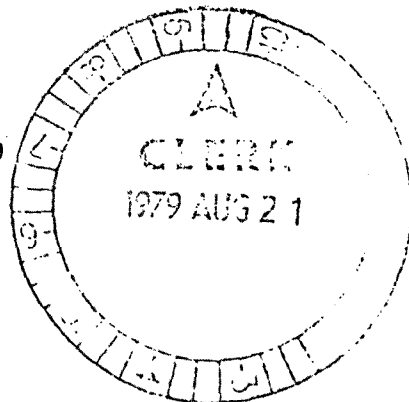
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August 14, 1979



TO: MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Re: Agricultural Land Commission Participation
in the Preparation of
Official Community Plans

It has come to my attention that some municipalities have prepared official community plans containing policies respecting Agricultural Land Reserves without having consulted the Agricultural Land Commission. It is essential, in my view, that all affected provincial agencies as well as regional districts and adjacent municipalities become involved early in the process of preparing community plans.

With particular reference to Agricultural Land Reserves, there is the possibility that an official community plan prepared without the participation of the Agricultural Land Commission may contain policies that conflict with the Commission's legislation. In such cases, municipalities should not expect to use their community plan as a basis for requesting the release of lands from the Agricultural Land Reserve. Similarly, there is a risk that time-consuming and costly changes will have to be made to plans that have already been adopted and then submitted to the Commission for endorsement but that have not been referred to the Commission earlier for comment.

To avoid revisions to adopted plans and to enable these plans to serve as the basis for applications for release of lands from the Agricultural Land Reserves, I would urge that the Agricultural Land Commission be consulted at an early stage in the plan preparation process, preferably before completion of the first draft.

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Sincerely yours

William N. Vander Zalm
Minister