Crown Land Tenure Application Block B District Lot 2886 ODYD Bathville Road, Summerland, BC

The District of Summerland operates the electrical distribution utility within the boundaries of the municipality. The District currently has two electrical substations; one in the downtown area and the other in the southern portion of the community. The main substation in the downtown area is reaching its operating capacity and with recent growth in the western portion of the community, it has become necessary to plan for the addition of a third substation that will serve the needs of the western portion of the community.

The District has looked at various options for the site of the new substation and this piece of Crown land meets the criterion the best. The site is adjacent to land that is already owned by the District and is currently operated as a sanitary landfill. The Crown land is within a 300 meter buffer area of the landfill that prevents the construction of any permanent habitable structures. The construction of a substation on the property would be allowed. Depending on rates of growth within the community and in particular the western portion of the District, the main substation in the downtown area will reached its peak load capacity and part of the load will have to be moved onto the third substation. It takes two to three years to plan and construct the substation and the connecting transmission line. Our expectation is that construction will have to commence within two years. It is important for the community to finalize the site of the future substation.

The District of Summerland would like to purchase Block B District Lot 2886 ODYD on a fee simple basis. While the site has been contaminated from its prior use as an asphalt plant, the District will undertake the steps necessary to bring it to a useable state.