ATTACHMENT 3

11.1 AG – AGRICULTURE DISTRICT

.1 General Purpose

This district accommodates traditional agricultural operations and the supportive services that are essential to grow and sustain the agricultural industry. This district distinguishes between major, minor and residential where:

AG-Major are tracts of land 16ha (39.5ac) or larger in size; AG-Minor are *parcels* between 4ha and 15.9ha (9.8ac and 39.3ac and AG-Residential are *parcels* smaller than 4ha (9.8ac).

.2 Uses

Permitted Uses	Discretionary Uses	
Accessory, building*	Accessory, building *	
Accessory, use*	Accessory, use*	
Bed and breakfast	Auctioneering establishment**	
Dugout	Community garden	
Dwelling, single detached	Equestrian facility***	
Family day home	Group home, major	
Group home, minor	Guest ranch	
Home-based business, level 1 (office)	Home-based business, level 3	
Home-based business, level 2	Kennel and animal boarding	
Intensive agriculture	Secondary dwelling****	
	Temporary asphalt plant**	
	Temporary concrete batch plant**	
	Topsoil screening	
	Veterinary clinic	

*Please refer to Section 6.1 for further clarification.

**Only allowed on AG-Major parcels

***Only allowed on AG-Major and AG-Minor parcels

****Please refer to Section 6.23 for further clarification.

(a) Development Regulations

Front yard and flanking front yard setbacks	Dwelling	35m (114.8ft)
	Accessory building or accessory, agricultural building	20m (65.6ft)
Side yard and rear	Dwelling	6m (19.7ft)
	Accessory building or accessory, agricultural building	3m (9.8ft)

(b) Additional Development Regulations for AG-Minor parcels

Maximum floor area	Accessory building	465m ² (5,005.2ft ²)

Maximum parcel	15%
coverage	13%

(c) Additional Development Regulations for AG-Residential parcels

Maximum floor area	Accessory building and accessory, agricultural building	230m ² (2,475.7ft ²)
Maximum <i>parcel</i> coverage	15%	

.3 Subdivision Regulations

- (a) Unless otherwise indicated within a *planning document*, a *quarter section* in the AG district of 64.7ha (160ac) shall contain a maximum combined *density* of four *parcels*, comprised of:
 - (i) two AG Major *parcels* of approximately 32.4ha (80ac) each or alternative sizes necessary due to *land fragmentation*; and
 - two AG Residential *parcels* (one of which may be subdivided from each AG Major *parcel* having a minimum size of 32.4ha (80ac) in accordance with Paragraph 11.1.5(e) of this Bylaw).
- (b) The Subdivision Authority shall not consider the subdivision of a second AG Residential or AG Minor parcel from the same 32.4ha (80ac) AG – Major parcel pursuant to Policy 2.2.2 of the Municipal Development Plan.
- (c) Where an AG Major *parcel* is either smaller or larger than the conventional 64.7ha (160ac) and/or 32.4ha (80ac) *parcel* size (e.g. due to the presence of a redistricted *parcel*(s), or surveying anomalies due to river lots or *land fragmentation*), the *subdivision* regulations are as follows:
 - (i) AG Major *parcels* between 16ha (39.5ac) and 47.9ha (118.4ac) shall be considered equivalent to a 32.4ha (80ac) AG *parcel* (i.e. half a *quarter section*); and
 - (ii) AG Major *parcels* between 48ha (118.5ac) and 79.9ha (197.5ac) shall be considered equivalent to a 64.7ha (160ac) AG *parcel* (i.e. a full *quarter section*).
 - (iii) AG Major *parcels* of 80ha (197.6ac) or larger shall be considered equivalent to a 64.7ha (160ac) AG *parcel* (i.e. a full *quarter section*) plus any additional *subdivision* potential beyond 64.7ha (160ac) in accordance with the proportions referenced in Subparagraph 11.1.5(c)(i), (ii) or (iii).
- (d) AG Minor *parcels* shall be considered equivalent to an AG Residential *parcel* and therefore have no further *subdivision* potential.
- (e) The maximum size of an AG Residential *parcel* shall be 1ha (2.47ac), unless a larger area is essential to:
 - encompass mature shelterbelts, existing buildings or any other related features associated with an existing farmstead (however, additional farmland will not be compromised to accommodate a septic system, the setback distances associated with a septic system, a dugout or an extensive area of fencing); and/or
 - (ii) mitigate any site constraints which could otherwise significantly limit the *development* potential of a 1ha (2.47ac) *parcel* or create land *use* conflicts such as but not limited to *setback* distances from pipelines, low-lying or steep topography, inaccessible portions of land or *land fragmentation* (however, additional farmland will not be compromised when a site constraint could equally be addressed by modifying the location and/or dimensions of the proposed 1ha (2.47ac) *parcel*).

- .4 Additional Development Regulations
 - (a) All *development* in this district is subject to the regulations stated in Parts 5 through 9 of this Bylaw.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the variance provisions in Section 2.8 of this Bylaw, the *Development Authority* shall not accept a variance to the *uses* within this district based on *parcel* size.