



Miscellaneous Municipal Item
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request to Purchase an Undeveloped Road Allowance
 May 15, 2024

Letter of Request information		File: Bar U
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Undeveloped road allowance between NW ¼ 08-17-02 W5M and NE ½ 07-17-02 W5M containing 1.16 hectares (2.866 acres)		
LANDOWNER: Foothills County		
LICENCE APPLICANT: Natural Resources Canada/Government of Canada on behalf of Parks Canada		
PROPOSAL: Request to Close and Purchase a portion of the Undeveloped Road Allowance		
DIVISION NO: 2	COUNCILLOR: Delilah Miller	
FILE MANAGER: Donna Fowler, Municipal Lands Administrator		

LOCATION

The undeveloped RA is located within the Bar U Ranch National Historic Site approximately 11km South of the Village of Longview, 1.6km West of HWY 22 and just North of HWY 540 W (2698 Dr. W).

BACKGROUND

This Road Allowance was surveyed and registered as plan 231 0901 on May 3, 2023 by Natural Resources Canada, Surveyor General Branch with the understanding that Crown applications were exempt from the formal road closure process prior to registering the survey.

Further to conversations between the applicant and administration, the Applicant submitted an email letter on June 3, 2024, to request Council’s consideration to purchase the above noted undeveloped road allowance.

This request was put on hold while administration looking for guidance regarding the correct process for road allowance closures requested by the Provincial or Federal Government.

It was since decided that the regular procedure should stand so we are continuing to process this request and will require a Bylaw be passed and Ministerial approval be granted to the closure.

The applicant has secured preliminary consent to this closure from the only adjoining landowner to the west and the closure of this portion of road allowance would not restrict access to any other parcels as they all have independent access.

This RA is crossed at one point by Pekisko Creek and a private internal road was constructed across the east and west parcels, both owned by the applicant.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL

If Council is amenable to the landowner's request, direct administration to proceed with a public hearing in order to consider the road closure of the undeveloped road allowance between NW ¼ 08-17-02 W5M and NE ¼ 07-17-02 W5M for purchase. Access will be denied.

APPENDICES

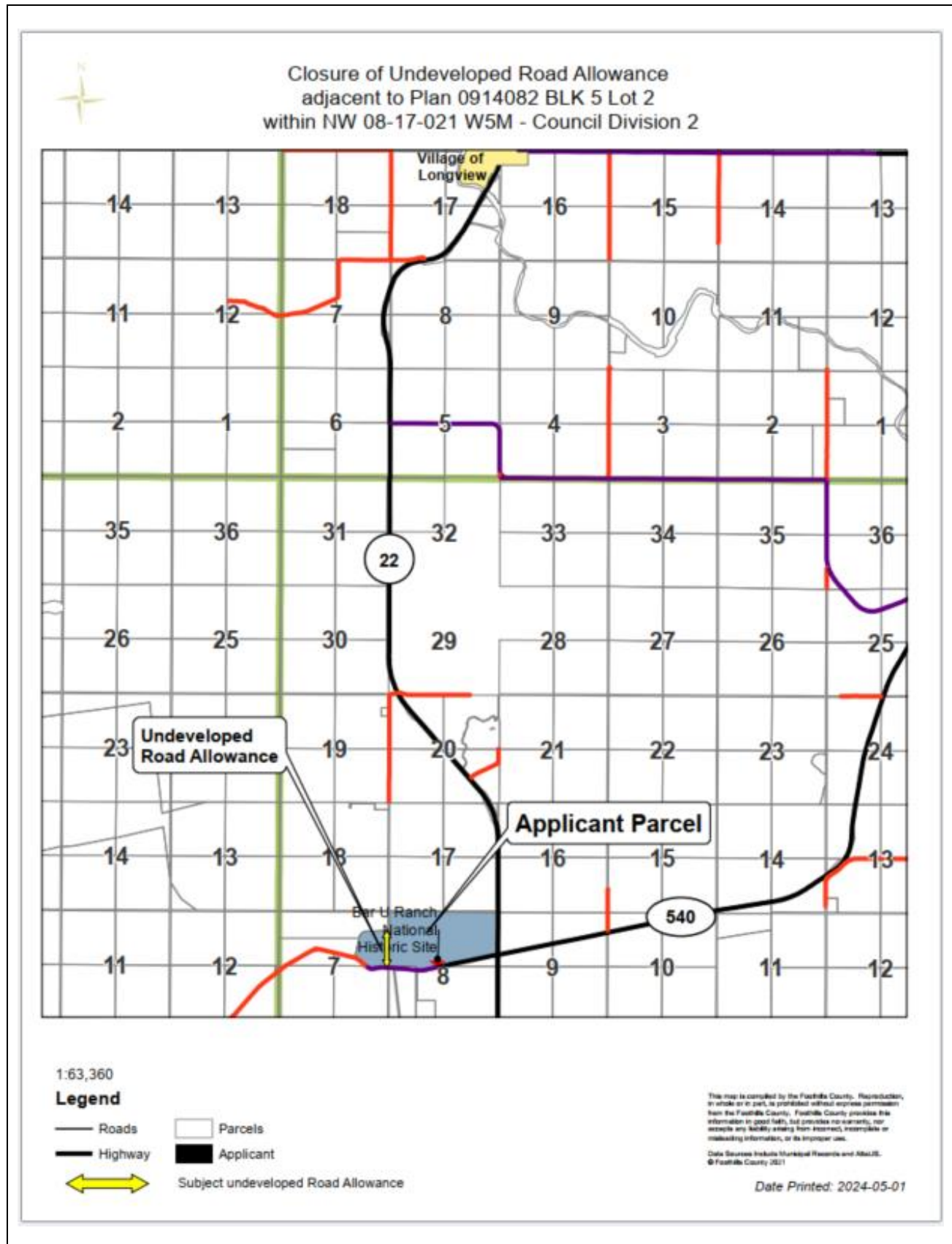
APPENDIX A – Location Maps

APPENDIX B – Applicant Request Letter

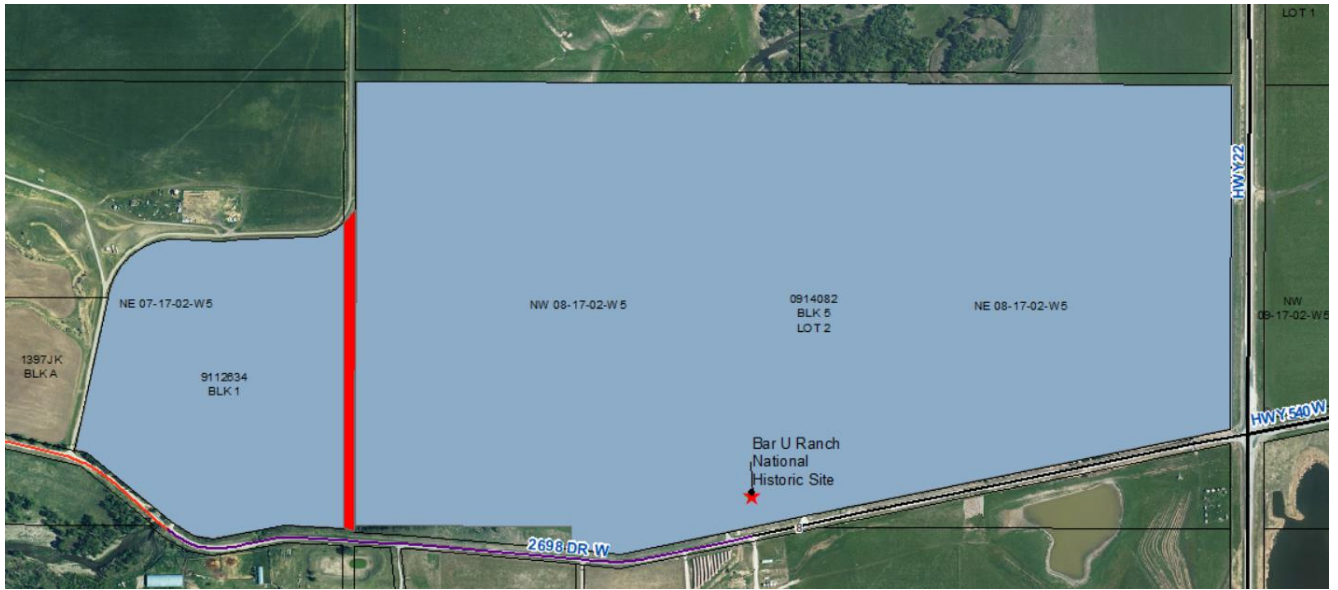
APPENDIX C – Neighbouring Landowner Consent Letter

APPENDIX D – Registered Survey

**APPENDIX A:
LOCATION MAP**



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APPENDIX B: APPLICANT REQUEST LETTER

*Public Lands, Community and Recreation Department, Foothills County
309 Macleod Trail SW, Box 5605, High River, AB, T1V 1M7*

Attn: Council of Foothills County, Alberta

Re: Proposed Road Closure (Plan 231 0901) at Bar U Ranch Historic Site

Enclosed is a copy of Survey Plan 231 0901 within the West ½ of Section 8, Township 17, Range 2, West of the 5th Meridian.

A portion of an undeveloped government road allowance separates two parcels owned by His Majesty the King in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of the Environment for the Parks Canada Agency. In between these parcels is a portion of a road allowance whose title is still vested in the province.

Please be advised that I am proposing to close this portion of the road allowance and that the land will later be consolidated into the titles of the two adjoining parcels.

A road currently exists that goes around the edge of the western parcel and adjoins the government road allowance going to the north, so not access issues will be created as a result of this road closure.

In order to proceed with the closure, I request on behalf of Parks Canada that you consider the closure and purchase of the portion of the undeveloped government road allowance.

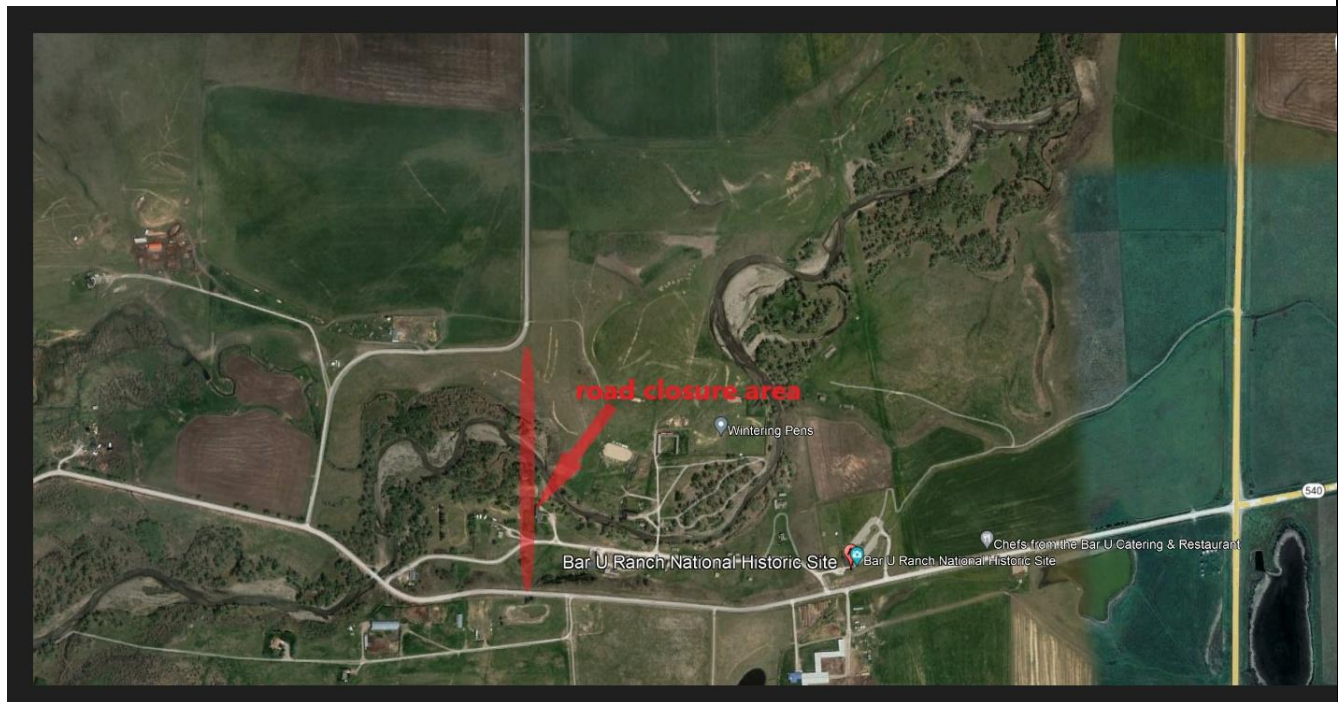
Thank you,

Noelle Machon, ALS, CLS

Senior Surveyor, Alberta Regional Office

Surveyor General Branch

Natural Resources Canada / Government of Canada



**APPENDIX C:
NEIGHBORING LANDOWNER CONSENT LETTER**

June 9, 2023

Attn: Nelson Brothers Lazy H Ranches Ltd.

Re: Proposed Road Closure (Plan 231 0901) at Bar U Ranch Historic Site

Enclosed is a copy of Survey Plan 231 0901 within the West 1/2 of Section 8, Township 17, Range 2, West of the 5th Meridian.

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Please be advised that I am proposing to close this portion of the road allowance and that the land will later be consolidated into the titles of the two adjoining parcels.

A road currently exists that goes around the edge of the western parcel and adjoins the government road allowance going to the north, so no access issues will be created as a result of this road closure.

In order to proceed with the closure, I request on behalf of Parks Canada that you indicate your agreement with this closure by signing and returning a copy of this letter by email. Should you have any objections, there will be an opportunity to notify the county of foothills before the first reading of the bylaw.

Thank you,

Noelle Machon, ALS, CLS

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Enclosures

- 2310901 (Portion of Gov Road Allowance to be closed)
- Titles ("Title W5-2-17-8, plan 0914082, 091270872, 38517183_0_0" and "Title W5-2-17-2-E, plan 9112634, 911295140, 38517183_0_1")
- Sketch of area (all three parcels) ("Road Closure Sketch")
- "Google Earth View"
- "Sketch on Google Earth"

I hereby certify that I have no objections to the closure of portion of the government road allowance shown on survey plan 2310901 located in the West 1/2 of Section 8, Township 17, Range 2, West of the 5th meridian.

June 16, 2023
Date

Cam Nelson
Printed Name

[Redacted Signature]
Signature

**APPENDIX D:
REGISTERED SURVEY**

