



**MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL ITEM
REPORT TO COUNCIL
REQUEST TO RENEW MUNICIPAL PARCEL LICENSE**
June 11, 2025

Application information		File: Macklin
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Municipally owned parcels located within: A) NE 32-18-29 W4M containing 127.89 acres more or less; B) Ptn N 33-18-29 W4M containing 13.1 acres more or less and; C) SE 03-19-29 W4M containing 105 acres more or less		
LANDOWNER: Foothills County		
LICENCE APPLICANT: Mike Macklin		
PROPOSAL: Renewal of Municipal Parcel Licenses		
DIVISION NO: 2		COUNCILLOR: Delilah Miller
FILE MANAGER: Donna Fowler, Municipal Lands Administrator		

LOCATION

The municipally owned parcels are located approximately 3 km west of the Town of High River and 1.6km South of Coal Trail

BACKGROUND

History:

Foothills County purchased these agricultural parcels in 2019 from Western Feedlots, with the intention to mine them for gravel in the future.

December 2020:

Council instructed administration to accept bids to license these parcels for the purpose of cultivation. We received 5 bids and the licenses were awarded to Mike Macklin for 5 years at a rate of \$106/acre (\$26,074.94 per year). This license expires **November 30, 2025**.

May 28, 2025:

The applicant submitted a letter, to request Councils consideration to renew the license for a further five-year term at the rate of \$121.90/acre (\$29,986.18/year).

An internal circulation to Foothills County Departments was conducted with the following comments:

Public Works Advisor: The County intends to begin the mining process on NE 32 as early as this summer, so this parcel is unsuitable for license. The remaining 2 parcels can be licensed.

Community Services: No concerns.

Agricultural Services: No concerns.

After we received the internal feedback, the applicant was contacted and informed that the 127.89-acre NE 32 (Parcel A) was unavailable for license, and he indicated that he would still be interested in licensing the other 2 parcels (N 33 & SE 3) at the same rate of \$121.90/acre (\$14,396.39) should Council support it.

The two available parcels are accessed via a registered and surveyed Easement and Right of Way Agreement (191 2508) along the western boundary of NW 2-19-29W4.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL

Council may wish to consider one of the following motions:

OPTION A:

If Council is amenable to the applicant's request, direct administration to accept the applicants request to license the Municipal Agriculture parcels, being legally described as Ptn N 33-18-29W4M containing 13.1 acres more or less and SE 03-19-29W4M containing 105 acres more or less, for cultivation and stewardship with the following conditions:

Proposed Term: _____ years

Yearly Licensing Fee: \$14,396.39 (\$121.90/acre)

Purpose: Cultivation and Stewardship only.

Proposed Management Plan: Weed Management

Access will be denied.

OPTION B:

If Council is amenable to the applicant's request, direct administration to proceed with advertising to accept bids to license the Municipal Reserve parcels being legally described as Ptn N 33-18-29W4M containing 13.1 acres more or less and SE 03-19-29W4M containing 105 acres more or less, for cultivation and stewardship with the following considerations that bid submissions are to also include:

Proposed Term

Purpose: Cultivation and Stewardship only.

Proposed Management Plan

Access will be denied.

APPENDICES

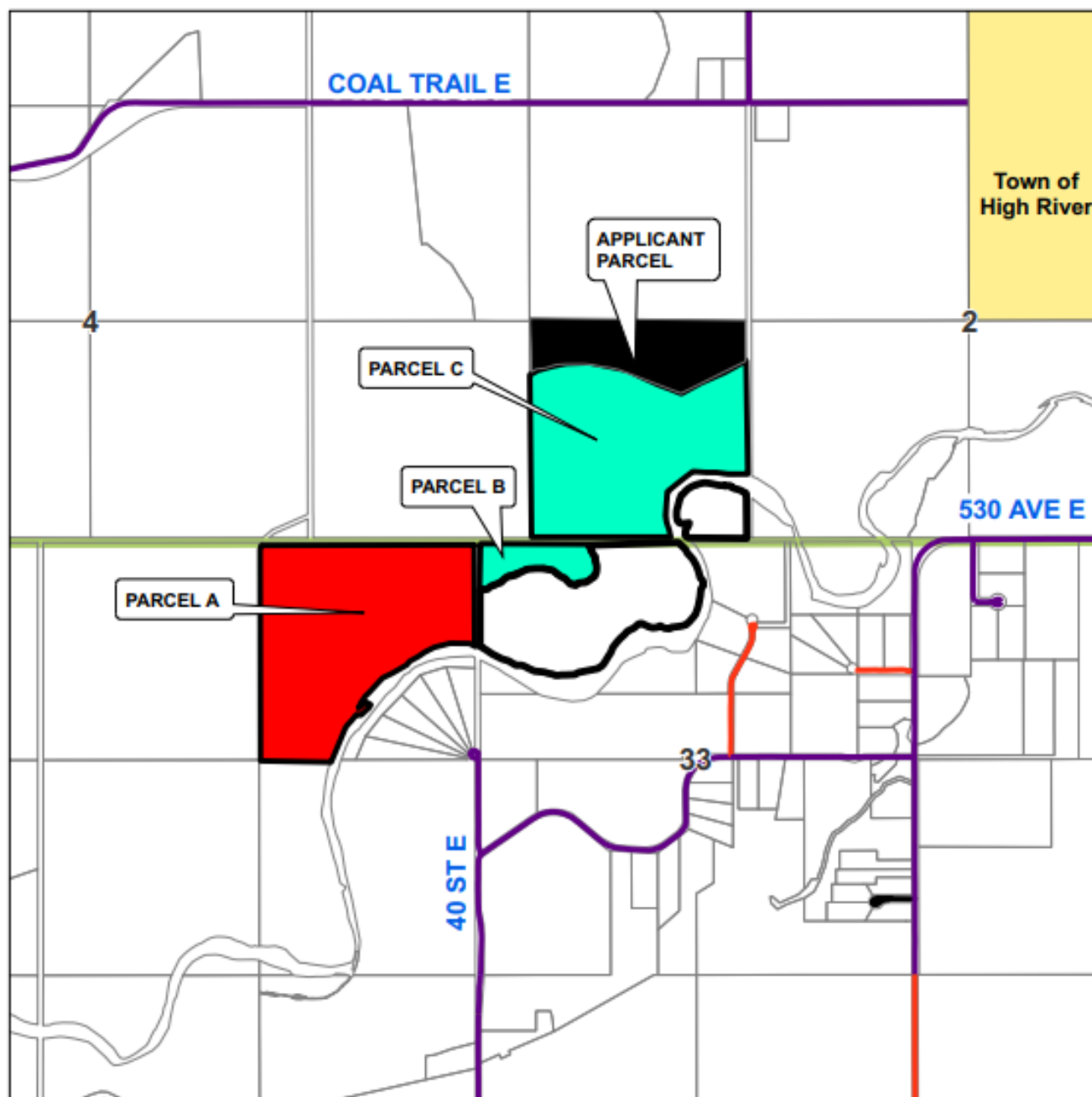
APPENDIX A - MAP SET:

LOCATION MAP

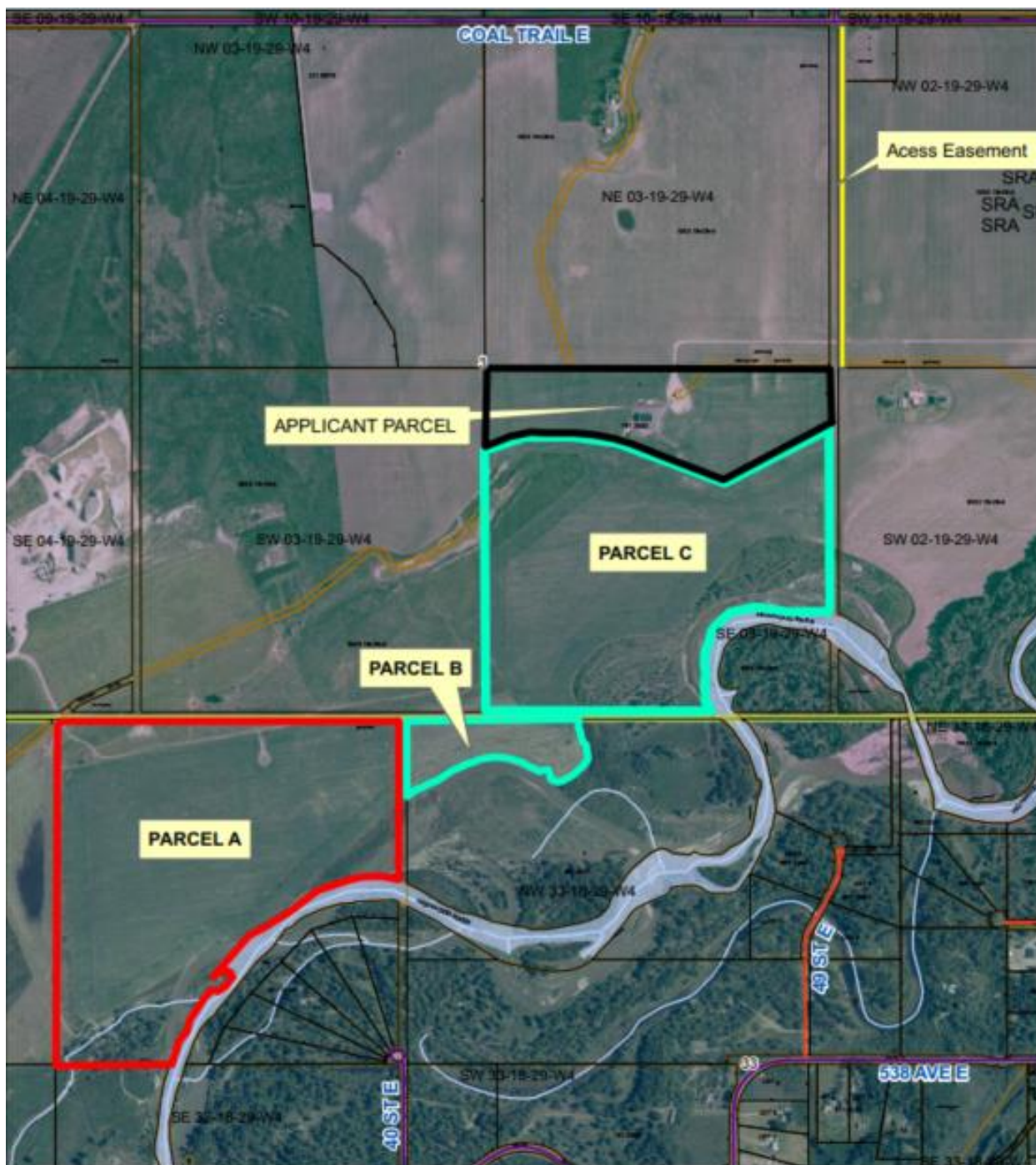
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**APPENDIX A:
LOCATION MAP**



ORTHOPHOTOS & PHOTOS





Parcel C, looking east



Parcel B, looking south

APPENDIX B:
Request Letter M.Macklin

LEASING OF MUNICIPAL RESERVE PARCELS

I respectfully request that the council consider extending my current lease agreement. For the past five years, I have leased the following three parcels:

- NE 32-18-29-W4M: 127.89 acres
- NE 33-18-29-W4M: 13.1 acres
- SE 03-19-29-W4M: 105 acres

In total, I have leased 245.99 acres at a rate of \$106.00 per acre, amounting to \$26074.94

In the first year of the lease, I added compost to all cultivated areas to counteract the thick layer of silt left by the flood. In the fall of 2024, I added more compost to the 127-acre parcel, due to its low fiber content, at a cost of \$16,000. This improvement should enhance the soil quality for the next 4 to 5 years without needing additional nitrogen.

My own land borders the north side of these three parcels, and together with the leased land, I farm a total of 1,100 acres.

To continue the lease, I propose an increase of 15% over the next five years, raising the rate to \$121.90 per acre.

The total cost for the 245.99 acres would increase to \$29,986.18.

Thank you for your consideration.

MIKE MACKLIN

