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RURAL RESIDENTIAL

Land Application Policy

OBJECTIVE

To facilitate provision of land for rural residential purposes in outlying areas, where the site will be the <u>principal residence</u>. Land for recreation purposes will not be provided under this policy.

Purpose

This policy is intended to provide clear direction regarding the review of rural residential applications outside of municipal boundaries. The purpose of the policy is to:

- ✓ Allow people to acquire land, where existing road access facilitates rational rural residential development;
- ✓ Ensure community interests are protected with respect to the management and disposition of public land;
- ✓ Meet development standards as defined in the Subdivision Act and Regulations, planning schemes (see definitions), other regulatory authorities, and resource management plans and policies.

BACKGROUND

The desire to reside in a rural environment is recognized as a legitimate land use activity. Historically, the policy has specified criteria under which individuals could apply for land and addressed government's responsibility to facilitate orderly development in outlying areas. In some situations, rural residential subdivisions developed as a consequence of individual applications, (e.g., Mendenhall and Upper Liard).

This policy is intended to facilitate access to land for rural residential purposes outside municipal boundaries in conjunction with the Department of Community Services local area planning and planned subdivision programs. Direction regarding development around communities is provided through local area plans, development regulations and preliminary screening processes in keeping with integrated resource management objectives.

Rural residential applications that include minor commercial or non-commercial agricultural pursuits are accepted under this policy.

To ensure consistency with the Yukon Government agriculture and commercial land policies, rural residential applications are considered outside of municipal boundaries in accordance with local area plans. In the absence of local area planning, e.g. around outlying communities, applications will be reviewed in accordance with this policy.

This policy continues the practice of limiting its application on waters with high recreational value. In order to facilitate communication regarding application of this criterion, these waters have been defined in Appendix B: Waters with High Recreation Value. It is anticipated that any development occurring on these high use waters would occur in planned nodes in conjunction with the Department of Community Services.



DEFINITIONS

Residential

For the purpose of this policy, residential means a location that serves as a principal residence. A residential designation may allow for bed and breakfast, home occupation or minor agricultural pursuits. Other commercial uses are not normally permitted under a residential designation.

Bed and Breakfast

Bed and breakfast means an accessory use of a residence to provide temporary overnight accommodation and meals for tourists and visitors.

Home Occupation

Home occupation means any occupation, trade profession, or craft carried out as a use incidental and subordinate to, and compatible with the residential use, and carried out by the resident of the property.

Minor Agricultural Pursuits

Minor agricultural pursuits may include small-scale commercial or non-commercial agricultural operations which can be carried out on a small tract and are secondary to and compatible with the residential use. Typical uses include, however are not limited to the following: nurseries, greenhouses, market gardens, beekeeping and keeping livestock for personal use.

Compatible

Compatible means a building, structure, activity or use that visually blends with the neighbourhood, conforms to the intent of the policy, is in keeping with the surrounding environment and minimizes nuisance between land users.

Preliminary Screening Process

Interdepartmental / governmental process coordinated by the Lands Branch, Yukon Government, to identify areas suitable and unsuitable for specific kinds of development (e.g., rural residential). Screening processes are normally initiated in response to pressure for development (land applications) where there are known land use conflicts. Once areas of potential suitability are identified, applicants who have applied in unsuitable areas are directed to re-apply in identified areas.

Planning Scheme

Includes a regional plan, sub-regional plan, district plan, community plan, local area plan, or land use policies and regulations made, under the *Area Development Act*, *Highways Act*, *Lands Act* or the *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act*.

Clad to the Weather

Exterior walls shall be protected with cladding, including flashing, trim, and other special-purpose accessory pieces required for the cladding system being used, to restrict the entry of rain and snow into the wall assembly.

Municipalities

There are eight municipalities incorporated under the *Municipal Act* in the Yukon:

Village of Carmacks
City of Dawson
Town of Faro
Village of Mayo
Village of Teslin
Town of Watson Lake
Village of Haines Junction
City of Whitehorse



Unincorporated Communities

Un-incorporated communities are communities that are not incorporated under the *Municipal Act* but which have basic community facilities (e.g. post office, school and police).

Unincorporated communities include the following:

Beaver Creek Upper Liard
Burwash Pelly Crossing
Carcross Old Crow
Destruction Bay Ross River

Development Areas

Under the *Area Development Act*, regulations may be made for the orderly development of a specified area. Regulations are in place for the following areas:

Bear Creek Klondike Valley
Carcross Robinson
Dempster Highway Ross River
Destruction Bay Teslin

Golden Horn Whitehorse Periphery
Grizzly Valley Hotsprings Road
M'Clintock Place Jackfish Bay

Mayo Road

Local Advisory Areas

Under the *Municipal Act*, local advisory areas may be established. Hamlets, previously established, are considered as local advisory areas under the act. Area development regulations may be developed for local advisory areas. They include the following:

Carcross Area Advisory Planning Committee
Deep Creek Local Advisory Area
Hamlet of Ibex Valley
Hamlet of Mount Lorne
Tagish Local Advisory Area

Note: Where there is a difference between definitions in this policy and definitions within an applicable

Act or regulation, the definition in the Act or regulation would prevail.

PRINCIPLES

Land tenures must comply with existing and proposed planning schemes (see definitions).

Land tenures are only authorized in an amount reasonably necessary to satisfy the purpose for which the land is needed. Land parcels will normally be 2 to 3.99 hectares (4.94 to 9.8 acres) unless otherwise required by existing zoning.

Land applications in rural areas will be directed to nodes to provide for the rational delivery of services and to minimize the impact on other resource users and the environment. In areas with planned development, this would include areas designated for further development.

Land required to facilitate public recreation and multiple use of land and natural resources will normally be retained for public use rather than alienated for private use.



POLICY PARAMETERS

A. Form of Tenure

- 1. Tenure will be provided under a five (5) year agreement for sale.
- 2. The following conditions would apply:
 - ✓ Agreement for sale entered into on basis of field staking and map description.
 - ✓ Legal survey completed by a Canada Lands Surveyor within one year of entering into an agreement for sale. Subdivision approval is required prior to survey.
 - ✓ Five years to construct residence clad to the weather.
 - ✓ Minimum building requirement, (i.e., 182 square metres 600 square feet) residence built to the requirements of the *Building Standards Act* and *Regulations*.
 - ✓ Development to meet existing planning schemes.
 - ✓ Title provided when building conditions have been met, survey registered and payment of purchase price received.

B. Cost of Land

- ✓ Land will be sold at market value.
- ✓ Cost of survey will be deducted from market value to establish purchase price.

C. Area of Tenure

- ✓ Land parcels will normally be 2 to 3.99 hectares (4.94 to 9.8 acres) as provided for in the *Subdivision Act* and *Regulations* unless otherwise indicated in existing and proposed planning schemes (Maximum parcel size of 3.99 prevents subdivision into 2 hectare parcels i.e. minimum size allowed under the *Subdivision Regulations*).
- ✓ Land parcels of 4 to 6 hectares may be provided where required by zoning regulations or planning schemes.

D. Site Criteria

- 1. Applications will be considered if they:
 - ✓ Are suitable for their intended purpose, including having regard to the evaluation criteria outlined in Section 8, Subdivision Regulations (See Appendix C).
 - ✓ Comply with existing or proposed planning schemes.
 - a) Local area plans (where they exist) are the primary screen for the review of applications.
 - b) When an application is conditionally approved in an area where zoning does not conform to the approved use, a zoning amendment will be required prior to final approval.
 - c) Where no rural residential areas have been identified in a local area plan, applications may be accepted in areas designated hinterland in the plan.
 - d) Applications will not be considered in areas designated either in a local area plan or zoning regulation for Future Development (FD).



- ✓ Are located directly off a highway maintained on a year-round basis (within 1 kilometre, including un-serviced connector roads). Highways receiving year round maintenance are listed in Schedule 1 Maintained Highways, *Highways Regulations* (See Appendix A).
- ✓ Are located on secondary roads intersecting with maintained highways (within 1 kilometre of intersection) where nodal development may be appropriate or already existing.
- ✓ Are located in areas identified for rural residential purposes through preliminary screening processes (see definitions).
- ✓ Are not located in areas identified in Section 7, below.
- 2. Applications located directly off the:
 - a) Alaska and Klondike Highways are considered on a case-by-case base but are normally directed to existing nodes.
 - b) Haines Road are directed to identified nodes at Quill Creek, Kathleen Lake and the north end of Desadeash Lake (Map of nodes may be viewed in the Whitehorse Lands Office or the Haines Junction Client Services and Inspections Office).
- 3. Applications requiring a new highway access road will be subject to approval of access permit by the Department of Highways & Public Works.
- 4. Land management factors such as the ability to extend the road to service additional rural residential lots, and facilitate nodal development, will be considered in the review of applications.
- 5. The interests of adjacent land owners will be considered in the review of any application that restricts the enlargement capability of adjacent lots.
- 6. As a general rule, road, lake or river frontage shall not be more than 25% of the overall parcel boundary.
- 7. Applications will not be considered if they:
 - ✓ Are located within the boundaries of municipalities.
 - ✓ Propose to access from a highway that is not maintained on a year-round basis by Yukon Government. Highways receiving year round maintenance are listed in Appendix A, Maintained Highways.
 - ✓ Are located in remote areas not accessible by maintained highways e.g. river corridors, remote lakes.
 - ✓ Are located within 305 metres (approximately 1000 feet) of a lake or river designated as Conservation Waters or Special Management Waters under the Fishing Regulations Summary 2005/06 or on lakes or rivers recognized as having high recreational value (See Appendix B: Waters with High Recreational Value, for description).



- ✓ Are located in areas identified as exclusion zones, (e.g., key habitat areas), through preliminary screening processes.
- ✓ Encroach on highway right-of-way and other public infrastructure corridors.
- ✓ Are on lands unsuitable for rural residential purposes, e.g. on slopes exceeding 15% or in sub-alpine/alpine areas.

E. Environmental Assessment Criteria

- 1. Parcels will normally be set back a minimum of 60 metres from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of lakes and rivers and a minimum of 10 metres from creeks.
- 2. The setback may be increased where a greater setback is required due to environmental, cultural or scenic values, or to facilitate other land uses or management considerations.
- 3. The setback may be decreased to as little as 30 metres where the reserve is not required to address the interests of existing or potential public recreation or other resource users, and is not required for environmental protection purposes.

F. Resource Management Criteria

- 1. Unique or representative landscape features, environmentally sensitive areas and archaeological sites are normally retained for public use rather than alienated for private use.
- 2. Sites needed to accommodate public access and use of land or water resources are normally retained for public use rather than alienated for private use.
- 3. Applications under this policy will comply with existing and proposed planning schemes and resource management plans e.g. forestry, wildlife where applicable.
- 4. Applications are reviewed to ensure that the needs of other public and commercial resource users are considered in an equitable manner.
- 5. Consideration will be given to the need for spatial separation between:
 - ✓ Rural residential applicants and public and commercial wilderness recreation users; and
 - ✓ Rural residential applicants and other natural resource use activities, in order to avoid land use conflicts.

ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Any individual nineteen (19) years of age or older.
- ✓ One application per household.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES

Applications for residential purposes will be reviewed as required by the *Yukon Environmental* and *Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA)* and Regulations or as required by the Yukon government land review.





AUTHORITIES Acts / Regulations

Yukon Lands Act / Regulations
Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act / Regulations
Subdivision Act / Regulations
Area Development Act / Regulations
Municipal Act / Regulations
Highways Act / Regulations
Building Standards Act / Regulations
Public Health and Safety Act
Public Health Regulations
Sewage Disposal System Regulation
YESAA / Regulations
Wildlife Act / Regulations
Waters Act / Regulations
Park & Lands Certainty Act

Policy Land Value Appeal Policy



APPENDIX A: Maintained Highways

Highways & Public Works, Maintained Roads Inventory 90 m from Centerline Alaska Highway and Haines Road 60 m other Highways

30 m Subdivisions

Road #	Road Name	Length (km)	Location	Maintenance Schedule
301	Aishihik Lake Rd.	43.4	Haines Junction	Summer Only
1	Alaska Hwy	944.9	South of Watson Lake to west of Beaver Creek	Year Round
108	Annie Lake Road	25	Carcross	Year Round
104	Army Beach Subd.	2.6	Whitehorse	Year Round
7	Atlin Road	41	Tagish Road to B.C. Border	Year Round
134	Bear Creek Subd.	1.8	Dawson	Year Round
607	Beaver Crk. Com. Rds	3.6	Beaver Creek	Year Round
153	Blind Creek Road	10.2	Drury Creek	Year Round
302	Bonanza Rd.	17.6	Dawson	Summer Only
115	Braeburn Lake Subd.	2	Carmacks	Year Round
154	Brooks Brook Road	0.7	Teslin	Year Round
155	Burma Road	1.9	Whitehorse	Year Round
605	Burwash Com. roads	2.7	Destruction Bay	Year Round
4	Campbell Hwy	582.9	Watson Lake to Carmacks	Year Round
6	Canol Road	454.7	Johnson's Crossing to NWT Border	Summer Only
604	Carcross Comm. Roads	12	Carcross	Year Round
110	Carmacks By-Pass Road	1.1	Carmacks	Year Round
37	Cassiar Hwy.	3.4	Watson Lake	Year Round
199	Champagne Access Rd.	15.4	Haines Junction	Year Round
128	Chootla Subd.	2.9	Carcross	Year Round
304	Clear Creek Rd.	40	Stewart Crossing	Summer Only
303	Clinton Creek Rd.	35	Dawson	Summer Only
121	Constabulary B. Subd.	3.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
149	Cookies Road	1.1	Whitehorse	Year Round
151	Cormier Creek Road	1.4	Watson Lake	Year Round
189	Cousins Airstrip Rd.	0.7	Whitehorse	Year Round
111	Cowley Lake Road	2.5	Carcross	Year Round
195	Cranberry Point	0.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
186	Cranberry Road	0.7	Watson Lake	Year Round
190	Creek Rd.	0.7	Whitehorse	Year Round
305	Dalton Post Rd.	5.7	Blanchard	Summer Only
157	Deep Creek Road	3.1	Whitehorse	Year Round
158	Deep Creek South Rd	1.9	Whitehorse	Year Round
5	Dempster Hwy.	465	Klondike Highway to NWT Border	Year Round
606	Dest. Bay Com. Rds.	2.2	Destruction Bay	Year Round
701	Dome Road	4	Dawson	Year Round
306	Duncan Creek Rd.	38.7	Mayo	Summer Only
103	East Point Road	1.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
132	Echo Lane	0.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
191	Echo Valley Rd.	0.7	Whitehorse	Year Round
307	Ethel Lake Rd.	27.2	Stewart Crossing	Summer Only
319	Faro Mine Access Road	22.1	Drury Creek	Summer Only
106	Fish Lake Road	9.4	Whitehorse	Year Round





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308	Five Mile Lake Rd.	1.6	Mayo	Summer Only
127	Five Mile Rd. Subd.	6.2	Carcross	Year Round
125	Five Mile Road	1.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
159	Fossil Point Road	1.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
309	Freegold Road	62.9	Carmacks	Summer Only
310	Frenchman Lake Rd.	50	Carmacks	Summer Only
161	Gartner Road	0.2	Whitehorse	Year Round
160	Gentian Road	2.4	Whitehorse	Year Round
119	Golden Horn Subd	7	Whitehorse	Year Round
192	Grayling Place	0.8	Whitehorse	Year Round
105	Grizzly Valley Road	1.8	Whitehorse	Year Round
3	Haines Road	174.8	Alaska Border to Haines Junction	Year Round
101	Hakonson Subdivision	1	Dawson	Year Round
311	Hansen/McQuesten Rd.	20.8	Mayo	Summer Only
185	Henderson Corner Sub	2	Dawson	Year Round
162	Hett/Hase Drive	0.3	Teslin	Year Round
163	Horse Creek Road Hunker Granville Sulpher	2.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
312	Loop	98.3	Dawson	Summer Only
164	Ingo's Road	0.9	Carcross	Year Round
113	Jackfish Bay Road	4.4	Whitehorse	Year Round
129	Jackson Lake Road	4.7	Whitehorse	Year Round
193	Jackson Rd.	0.8	Whitehorse	Year Round
114	Johnson Crossing East Road	1.5	Teslin	Year Round
183	Johnson Crossing West	0.8	Teslin	Year Round
194	Johnston Rd.	0.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
120	Judas Creek Subd.	9.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
601	Keno City Com. Rds.	3.6	Mayo	Year Round
2	Klondike Hwy.	657.9	Alaska Border to Dawson	Year Round
313	Klukshu Rd.	1.5	Blanchard	Summer Only
131	Kookatson Lake Road	0.8	Carcross	Year Round
314	Kusawa Lake Road	24	Whitehorse	Summer Only
165	Lebarge Tower Rd/ Vista Rd	3	Whitehorse	Year Round
136	Lewes Dam Road	1.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
166	Lewes Lake Road	1.6	Carcross	Year Round
188	Little Chouta Sub	0.5	Carcross	Year Round
152	Little Salmon Subd.	1.5	Drury Creek	Year Round
138	Marshall Creek Road	1	Haines Junction	Year Round
139	Mayo Firebreak Rd.	0.2	Mayo	Year Round
315	Mayo Lake Rd. Mayo Subd. & Mayo Grp	9.6	Mayo	Summer Only
133	Home	2.9	Mayo	Year Round
177	McClintock Valley Road	6.1	Whitehorse	Year Round
122	McClintock Place Sub.	0.9	Whitehorse	Year Round
187	Meadow Road	0.7	Carcross	Year Round
140	Mendenhall Roads	8.6	Whitehorse	Year Round
317	Minto Lake Rd.	18.4	Mayo	Summer Only
15	Mitchell Rd.	10.8	Drury Creek	Year Round
197	Mitchie Rd.	0.5	Whitehorse	Year Round





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318	Mount Nansen Rd.	60	Carmacks	Summer Only
10	Nahanni Range Road	134	Campbell Highway to NWT Border	Year Round
142	North Fork East Rd.	13.2	Dawson	Year Round
169	North Fork West Rd.	3.3	Dawson	Year Round
123	North McClintock Road	2.1	Whitehorse	Year Round
143	Nygren Subd.	1.2	Haines Junction	Year Round
107	Old Alaska Highway	6.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
170	Old Constabulary Sub.	1.5	Whitehorse	Year Round
603	Old Crow Comm. Roads	8	Old Crow	Year Round
141	Papineau	0.2	Blanchard	Year Round
702	Pelly Ranch Rd.	15.5	Stewart Crossing	Year Round
702	Pelly Ranch Rd.	35.7	Stewart Crossing	Summer Only
602	Pelly X-ing Com. Rds.	6.4	Stewart Crossing	Year Round
118	Pilot Mountain Subd	3.2	Whitehorse	Year Round
144	Pine Lake Road	3.7	Haines Junction	Year Round
145	Policemans Point Road	2	Whitehorse	Year Round
320	Quartz Creek Rd.	20	Dawson	Summer Only
179	Rivendel Farm Road	2.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
130	River Valley Road	1.6	Whitehorse	Year Round
172	Robinson Subd.	5.8	Carcross	Year Round
135	Rock Creek Subd.	2.4	Dawson	Year Round
173	Ross River Access Rd.	9.9	Ross River	Year Round
608	Ross River Com.Rds.	8.6	Ross River	Year Round
184	Scott Road	0.4	Whitehorse	Year Round
198	Scout Bay Rd.	0.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
174	Scout Lake Road	2	Whitehorse	Year Round
126	Shallow Bay Road	1.6	Whitehorse	Year Round
146	Silver City Road	4	Haines Junction	Year Round
11	Silver Trail	110	Klondike Highway to Keno City	Year Round
321	Simpson Lake Road	1.6	Tuchitua	Summer Only
322	Sixty Mile Rd.	11	Dawson	Summer Only
137	Smiths Road	1.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
323	Snafu Lake Rd.	2.4	Carcross	Summer Only
324	Snag Road	27.4	Beaver Creek	Summer Only
124	South McClintock Rd.	3.3	Whitehorse	Year Round
325	South McQuestion Rd.	25.6	Mayo	Summer Only
102	Stewart Xing Subdivision	2.4	Stewart Crossing	Year Round
326	Sunnydale Road	5.3	Dawson	Summer Only
156	Tagish Estates Road	4.1	Carcross	Year Round
116	Tagish Lake Subd.	4.5	Carcross	Year Round
109	Tagish River Subd.	3.5	Carcross	Year Round
8	Tagish Road	54	Alaska Highway to Klondike Highway	Year Round
14	Takhini Hot Springs	9.2	Whitehorse	Year Round
147	Takhini River Road	10.7	Whitehorse	Year Round
117	Taku Subd.	10.5	Carcross	Year Round
328	Tarfu Lake Rd.	4.1	Carcross	Summer Only
148	Ten Mile Road	0.8	Whitehorse	Year Round
167	Teslin Airport Sub.	0.9	Teslin	Year Round



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Road #	Road Name	Length (km)	Location	Maintenance Schedule
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150	Teslin Lake Subd.	2.4	Teslin	Year Round
168	Three Mile Road	0.8	Whitehorse	Year Round
9	Top of the World	105	Dawson to Alaska Border	Summer Only
178	Triple Cross Road	1.1	Carcross	Year Round
175	Two Horse Creek Rd.	1.8	Carcross	Year Round
329	Upper Bonanza Rd.	28	Dawson	Summer Only
609	Upper Liard Com. Rds	4.4	Watson Lake	Year Round
182	Watson River Subdivision Rd.	2.4	Carcross	Year Round
181	West Dawson Subdivision	2.2	Dawson	Year Round
112	Windid Lake Road	1	Watson Lake	Year Round
180	Woodland Road	0.6	Whitehorse	Year Round



APPENDIX B: Waters with High Recreational Value

- A. Waters with high recreational value include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 1. Conservation Waters as defined in the *Fishing Regulations Summary* 2005/06.

Aishihik Lake	Drury Lake	Jim Cook Lake	North Lake	Tshawsahmon Lake
Alligator Lake Bennett Lake Big Salmon Lk Big Salmon R (Quiet Lake to Big Salmon Lake including Sandy Lake)	Ethel Lake Fire Lake Frances Lake Frank Lake	Jojo Lake Kluane Lake Little Wolverine Long Lake	Pleasant Lake Poisson Lake Quiet Lake Sandy Lake	Ten-Mile Lake Tin Cup Lake Whitefish Lakes Wolf Lake
Blind Lake Chain Lake Claire Lake Coglan Lake	Frederick Lake Frenchman Lake Glenlyon Lake Grass Lakes	Marsh Lake McEvoy Lake Morley Lake Morris Lake	Sekulmun Lake Sekulmun River Tagish Lake (including Windy Arm) Tay Lake	Wolverine Lake

2. Special Management Waters as defined in the *Fishing Regulations Summary* 2005/06.

Atlin Lake Braeburn Lake Caribou Lake	Laidlaw Lake Little Atlin Lake Little Fox Lake	Six Mile River Snafu Lakes Swift River and tributaries	Twin Lakes Watson Lake Wellesley Lake
Chadburn Lake Dezadeash Lake Duo Lake East Aishihik R Kathleen River System (Crescent Lk, Granite Lk, Granite Ck, Kathleen R, Lower Kathleen Lk, Quill Ck, Rainbow Lk)	Lubbock River Mandanna Lake McLean Lakes Pine Lake Rancheria River & tributaries	Tagish Bridge Tarfu Lake Tatlmain Lake Teslin Lake Teslin River at Johnson's Crossing	

3. Waters recognized as having high recreational value due to their recreational potential, environmental and scenic characteristics and accessibility. These lakes include, but are not be limited to, the following:

Emerald Lake Kusawa Lake Fox Lake Laberge Fish Lake Little Teslin

B. Rural residential applications may be considered in the vicinity of Destruction Bay and Burwash Landing on Kluane Lake, Teslin on Teslin Lake and Johnson's Crossing on Teslin River in order to provide for rural residential potential in the vicinity of these communities.



APPENDIX C: Section 8, Subdivision Regulations, Application Evaluation Criteria

In making the decision required by paragraph 7(c), the approving officer shall consider comments submitted pursuant to paragraph 7(b) and the suitability of the land having regard to:

- (a) its topography;
- (b) its soil characteristics;
- (c) its surface and subsurface drainage;
- (d) any potential hazards such as flooding, erosion, subsistence, landslides, wildland fires, avalanches, or similar risks:
- (e) quality of the water and availability and adequate supply;
- (f) availability and adequacy of sewage disposal system and solid waste disposal;
- (g) existing and prospective uses of the land proposed for subdivision and land in the vicinity;
- (h) provision for and number of existing and proposed accesses to a highway;
- (i) layout and lighting of roads and accesses from lots to roads;
- (j) design and orientation of the subdivision including the size and shape of each lot;
- (k) anticipated need for school sites, recreational facilities and parks;
- (I) protection of sensitive environmental areas and critical fish and wildlife habitat;
- (m) protection of significant natural, historical and heritage features;
- (n) protection against pollution and other environmental and public health risks;
- (o) the completed development checklist; and
- (p) compliance with applicable planning scheme.