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Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management

AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION CHAIR APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Erik Karlsen has been appointed as the new chair to the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), Sustainable Resource Management Minister George Abbott announced today.

A professional land use planner, Erik Karlsen has over 35 years of experience in a wide range of advisory through to management rank positions in federal, provincial, regional and local levels of the government and the private sector.

In recognition of his contribution to sustainable development planning and management, Mr. Karlsen has received numerous public service awards from the Province of British Columbia for partnership and change management, and from the Fraser Basin Council for leadership in sustainable development. In 2004, he was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners for his contribution to planning practice in Canada.

The process for the selection of the ALC Chair involved a series of three separate interview sessions by a committee of stakeholders representing farm and local government. They forwarded their recommendation to the minister of sustainable resource management. The final appointment was made through a Cabinet Order-in-Council.

The appointment is effective April 1, 2005 – April, 2008.

In April 2004, the roles of chief executive officer and the chair of the Provincial Agricultural Land Commission were separated. In recent years, the positions were held by the same individual.

The ALC is an independent agency responsible for administering the province's agricultural land reserve. The commission's mission is to preserve agricultural land and encourage and enable farm businesses throughout B.C.

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