

**FOOTHILLS COUNTY**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with Land Use Bylaw No. 60/2014, a Development Permit application has been approved subject to conditions (attached) and a 21-day appeal period, for a parcel of land that is located within one half mile of your property. The details of the Development Permit application are as follows:

Development Permit Application File#: 25D 172**Legal Description: SW 35-22-05 W5M****Approval Description: Arena, Private and Relaxation of Setbacks for an Existing Structure****Applicant/Owner Single Tree Ranch Ltd.****Location: Located at the east end of 154th Avenue West, just east of 416th Street west and one-half mile to the south of Highway #66 / the northern boundary of Foothills County**

Pursuant to Section 685(2) of the Municipal Government Act, a person affected by this decision has a right of appeal. Notices of Appeal, including payment of the appeal fee are to be filed with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days from the date of the development permit decision (attached). Notices of Appeal and payment of the appeal fee are to be received **no later than September 18, 2025**. Notices of Appeal received after the 21-day notification period will be invalid.

The form required for the Notice of Development Appeal is available on the Foothills County website. To access the form, please visit the following link: <https://www.foothillscountyab.ca/resources/notice-development-appeal>. For further assistance or if you would like us to email you the form, please contact our Planning and Development Department at **403-652-2341** or via email at Planning@FoothillsCountyAB.ca.

You should not rely on Notices of Appeal filed by other persons as giving you the right to be heard at an appeal hearing, as only the appellant, applicant or authorized representative of either party is guaranteed the opportunity to be heard at an appeal hearing. If you choose to submit an appeal, please complete the 'Notice of Development Appeal' form found on our website and return the completed form with payment of the required appeal fee to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk by email at appeals@FoothillsCountyAB.ca or by fax at 403-652-7880.

The appeal fee will be returned 2 to 3 weeks after the appeal hearing if there is record that the appellant or someone authorized to act on behalf of the appellant was in attendance at the time of the scheduled appeal hearing.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or require clarification on the appeal process, please contact the undersigned.

**NOTE: APPEAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS ARE OUTLINED ON THE
'NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPEAL' FORM**

Yours truly,
FOOTHILLS COUNTY

Original Signed By...

Brenda Bartnik
Development Officer

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Encl. – Development Authority Decision



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DECISION

DATE OF DECISION: August 27, 2025

THIS IS NOT A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT OR BUILDING PERMIT. PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTES SECTION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

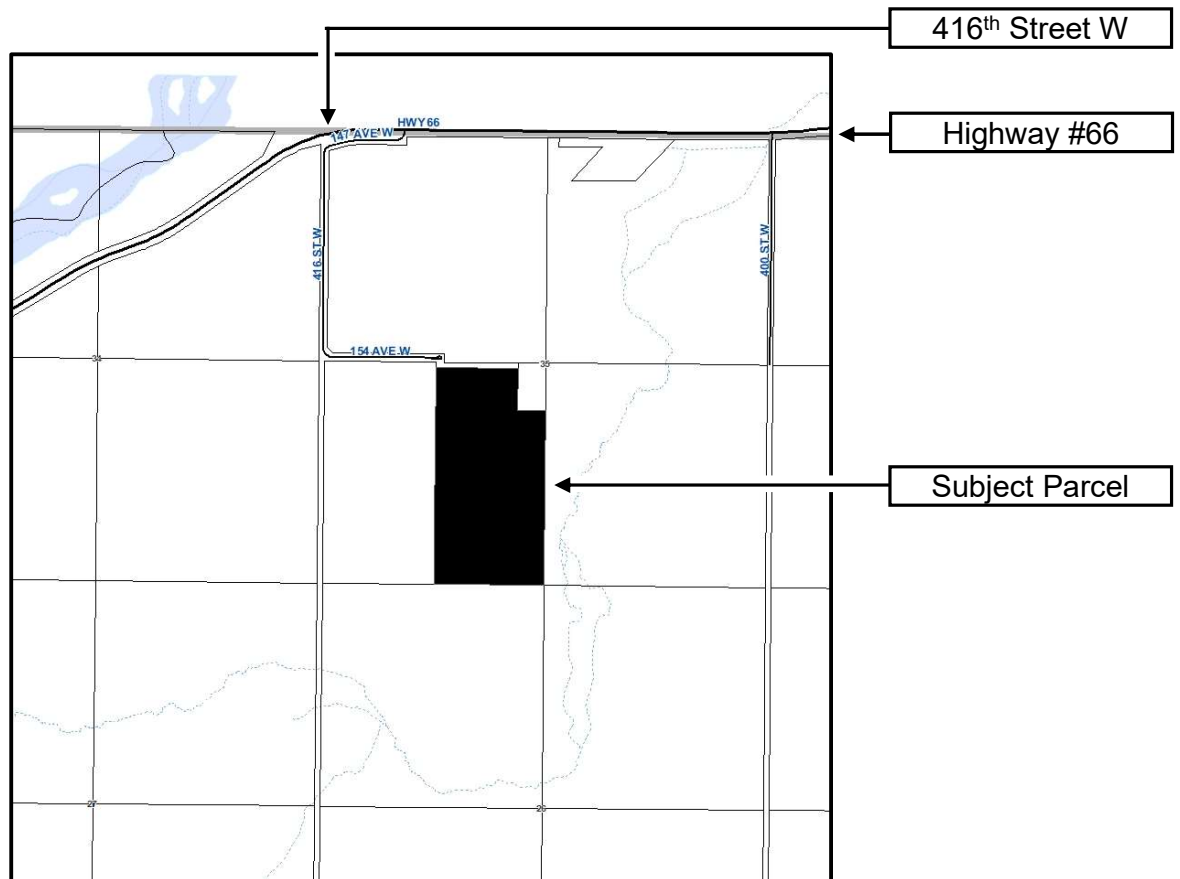
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: 25D 172

LANDOWNERS / APPLICANTS: SINGLE TREE RANCH / GRANT & NICKY MATHESON

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: ARENA, PRIVATE &
RELAXATION OF SETBACKS FOR AN EXISTING STRUCTURE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ptn. SW 35-22-05 W5M

LOCATION: The subject property is a 73.49 acre Agricultural District property located at the east end of 154th Avenue west, just east of 416th Street west and one-half mile to the south of Highway #66 / the northern boundary of Foothills County.



INTENT OF APPLICATION:

The applicants have applied to construct an Arena, Private having an area of 16,000 sq. ft., on the subject property.

In reviewing the application, it was noted that an existing building, identified as *barn #3* on the site plan is located 12.19m from the east property line, when it is required to be located 15m from that side yard property boundary.

As per section 10.3 of the Land Use Bylaw 60/2014, a Development Permit is required for all riding arenas. Private Arenas are to be used solely by the occupants of the residence(s) located upon the lot on which the arena is located and/or by no more than four non-resident users per day.

Section 5.6.2 of the Land Use Bylaw 60/2014 allows the Development Authority to offer a variance on existing development, on any yard setback to a maximum of 90% of the setback required by this Bylaw, as a Discretionary Use.

The application for a Development Permit in accordance with the provisions of Land Use Bylaw 60/2014 of Foothills County in respect of the proposed Arena, Private, and a Relaxation of Setbacks to an Existing Building; on the subject property, being Ptn. SW 35-22-05 W5M, has been considered by the Development Officer and is **APPROVED** subject to the following:

APPROVAL DESCRIPTION

This approval will allow for:

- one private use equestrian arena; having a total cumulative area of not greater 16,146 sq. ft.; on the subject property;
- a relaxation of setbacks for the existing *barn #3*, as depicted on the site plan submitted with this application for Development Permit. This building is permitted to remain no closer than 12.19 from the east property line.

This approval in addition to, and does not replace the prior Board Order D43/01 respecting the keeping of livestock on the property.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The following requirements must be completed within the twenty-four (24) month completion period for this Development Permit unless a time extension is issued under agreement between the Development Authority and the Applicant. Failure to complete the conditions of approval will see the Development Permit be deemed null and void.

- 1. The development shall be executed in accordance with all conditions of approval and plans that have been acknowledged by the municipality to be appropriate;
- 2. The applicants shall obtain all necessary building and safety code permits and inspections from the County, to the satisfaction of the County’s Safety Codes Officer;
- 3. The applicants are responsible to contact the County’s GIS department to obtain and properly post any required additional County address (emergency addressing sign);
- 4. The applicant shall be responsible for payment of any professional costs including legal fees that may be incurred by Foothills County with respect to the implementation of this permit.

ADVISORY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements are provided by Foothills County to inform applicant(s) and landowner(s) of their necessity. It is the responsibility and liability of the applicant(s) and landowner(s) to ensure adherence with these requirements for the life of the development.

- 1. The development must be maintained as per the issued approval, and as per this application for development permit and those conditions and requirements contained herein. **Any revisions and/or additions to use of this land shall not proceed except under benefit of appropriate approvals and permits;**
- 2. Development shall comply with the requirements of the applicable Building, Safety and Fire codes at all times;
*If the proposed Arena is constructed as a low occupancy farm building under the current building and safety codes, occupancy and use of the building would be limited to attendance by residents of the subject property and/or by a maximum of four personal guests of the resident on any given day.
The appropriate permits, reviews, and inspections will need to be obtained in order to allow for occupancy by any non-resident employee(s), trainer(s) and/or visitor(s). You are encouraged to contact the County’s Safety Codes Officer to review requirements;*
- 3. All installation(s) of exterior lighting must adhere to the guidelines and technical specifications as outlined within the Dark Sky Bylaw;
- 4. No soils are permitted to be removed from the subject parcel. It is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that natural drainage on the property is maintained. When placing materials and conducting operations on the land, the applicant shall ensure that measures are taken to contain those materials and mitigate effects with respect to dust, erosion, runoff and weeds;
- 5. A relaxation of setbacks from the east property line for the building shown as *barn #3* on the site plan has been provided under this decision. All other development is required to comply with setback requirements as are provided for in the Land Use Bylaw;
- 6. No portion of the arena building is permitted to be used as a residence or living unit at any time - this includes for the purposes of overnight accommodations – unless all appropriate approvals and permits are first obtained from the County;
- 7. Attendance at the property in conjunction with use of the Arena, Private shall result in no more than 4 vehicle trips to the property on any given day;
- 8. The issuance of a Development Permit from the County does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of complying with all other relevant bylaws and requirements, nor excuse the violation of any provincial or federal regulation or act which may affect use of the land.

NOTES:

- 1. **This is not a Building Permit.** Construction practices and standards of construction of any building or any structure authorized by the Development Permit, once signed, and issued, must be in accordance with the Building and Safety Codes Permits. An application must be made for all required Building and/or Safety Codes Permits.
- 2. **This is not a Development Permit.** The Development Permit may be signed and issued upon completion of the 21-day appeal period; should no appeals be received, and completion of all Pre-Release Conditions (if any). Development cannot proceed until this permit has been signed and issued.
- 3. Notification of this Development Permit Decision will be advertised in two issues of the Western Wheel and circulated to area landowners (according to County Records at this time) within the subject quarter-section and for one-half mile surrounding the subject parcel. Development Permit Notices can also be viewed on our website, www.foothillscountyab.ca.
- 4. This Development Permit Decision is subject to a 21-day appeal period. Pursuant to Section 685(2) of the Municipal Government Act, a person affected by this decision has a right of appeal.
- 5. The Development Permit, once signed and issued, shall thereafter be null and void if the development or use is abandoned for a period of six months.
- 6. The conditions of this Development Permit Decision must be met and adhered to at all times. Fines and/or Enforcement action may occur if operating outside of the Development Permit Decision.



Notice of Appeal

Subdlvislon and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)
Foothills County www.foothillscountyab.ca

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APPELLANT INFORMATION (e.g. Landowner or Affected Party)			
Name of Appellant(s)			
Mailing Address		Province	Postal Code
Main Phone #		Alternate Phone #	
I consent to receive documents by email: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Email Address:			
AGENT INFORMATION & CERTIFICATION (complete section if applicable)			
Name of Organization:			
Contact Name:			
Mailing Address		Province	Postal Code
Main Phone #			
I consent to receive documents by email: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Email Address:			
I (We)_____hereby authorize _____ to act on my (our) behalf on matters pertaining to this appeal.			
_____ Signature of Appellant(s)		_____ Date	_____ Signature of Appellant(s)
_____ Date		_____ Date	
SITE INFORMATION			
Municipal Address (house and street number):			
Legal Land Description: Quarter-Section	Plan Township	Block Range	Lot Meridian

I AM APPEALING (check only one)		
Development Authority Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions of Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal <u>Development Permit #</u> Date of Decision: (Y/M/D) _____	Subdivision Authority Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions of Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal <u>Subdivision Application #</u> Date of Decision: (Y/M/D) _____	Decision of Enforcement Services <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Order <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance Order <u>Enforcement Order #</u> Date of Decision: (Y/M/D) _____
REASON FOR APPEAL (attach separate page(s) if required)		
All appeals should contain the reasons for the appeal, including the issues in the decision or the conditions imposed in the approval that are the subject of the appeal.		

Submitting an Appeal – Subdivision Authority Decisions

Appeals of decisions on subdivision applications are covered by [sections 678 to 682 of the Municipal Government Act](#).

A decision on an application for subdivision may be appealed by the applicant, by a Government department (if that department is required to be circulated on the application) or by the School Authority (with respect to matters related to municipal reserve or school reserve lands).

Appeals must be made by filing a notice of appeal within **14 days** of receipt of the decision with either the local Subdivision and Development Appeal Board or the Land and Property Rights Tribunal. Which board is the appropriate board to hear the appeal will depend on certain factors with respect to the land involved. The Land and Property Rights Tribunal hears subdivision appeals where there is a provincial interest. Otherwise, the appeals are heard by the local SDAB.

Notice of appeal should be filed with the Land and Property Rights Tribunal when the subject property is:

- within Alberta’s "Green Area"
- ‘adjacent’ to or contains a body of water
 - adjacent means contiguous or would be contiguous if not for a railway, road, utility right of way or reserve land
- adjacent to or contains (either partially or wholly) land identified on the Listing of Historic Resources or public land set aside for use as historic resource
- the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission
- the subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas
- within the following distances:
 - 1600 metres of a provincial highway
 - 450 metres of a hazardous waste management facility
 - 450 metres of the working area of an operating landfill
 - 300 metres of the disposal area of any landfill
 - 300 metres of a wastewater treatment plant
 - 300 metres of the working area of a non-hazardous waste storage site

Some of the distances may be varied in writing by a provincial government department, in which case the SDAB will hear the appeal.

Submitting an Appeal – Development Authority Decisions

Appeal of development authority decisions are covered by [Sections 684 to 687 of the Municipal Government Act](#).

A decision on an application for development may be appealed by the person applying for the permit or by any person affected by an order, decision or development permit made or issued by a development authority.

An order issued under a decision of Enforcement Services, being a Stop Order or Compliance Order, may be appealed by the person affected by the order.

Appeals must be made by filing a notice of appeal within **21 Days** after the date on which the written decision is given with either the local Development Appeal Board or the Land and Property Rights Tribunal. Which board is the appropriate board to hear the appeal will depend on certain factors with respect to the land involved. The Land and Property Rights Tribunal hears development appeals where there is a provincial interest. Otherwise, the appeals are heard by the local Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Notice of appeal should be filed with the Land and Property Rights Tribunal when the subject property is:

- The subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission
- The subject of a license, permit, approval or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

THE APPEAL FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THE NOTICE OF APPEAL FORM

**Appeal fees are set in the County’s Fee Bylaw, which is generally reviewed and amended annually.*

Appeal Type	Fee
Development Authority Decision (fee refunded if appellant appears before the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board)	\$100
Development Authority Decision – Automatic Refusal	\$575
Stop Order	\$575
Subdivision Authority Decision (paid at time of subdivision application and used as a credit on endorsement fees except where the owner/agent appeals the subdivision decision or a condition of the subdivision)	\$2,000

How to submit your appeal and pay your fee

Completed Notice of Appeal forms may be submitted by mail, in person or by email. Your Notice of Appeal must be received on or before the final appeal deadline and must include the applicable fees as outlined above.

Mail or deliver to:

SDAB Clerk, Foothills County
Box 5605, 309 Macleod Tr. S., High River, AB T1V 1M7

Email to:

appeals@foothillscountyab.ca

Please make cheques payable to "Foothills County"

To pay by Credit Card, please use the Credit Card Authorization section found on page 2 of the Notice of Appeal Form.

****NOTE FOR EMAIL SUBMISSIONS ONLY: IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION NOTIFYING YOU OF RECEIPT OF YOUR APPEAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SDAB CLERK IMMEDIATELY****

What happens after my appeal is submitted?

Once your completed Notice of Appeal form is submitted on time and with the required fee, the appeal will be heard by the SDAB within 30 days. The SDAB Clerk will provide you with additional information regarding the appeal hearing.

If the appeal is against the decision of a Subdivision Authority, notice will be sent to you and to landowners adjacent to the subject property. If the appeal is against the decision of a Development Authority, notice will be sent to you and to landowners located within the half mile surrounding the subject property.

More information

For more information about filing an appeal or SDAB procedures, please contact the SDAB Clerk at:

Phone: 403-652-2341

Email: appeals@FoothillsCountyAB.ca