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Name	Address	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
1. M. Bamberg		Friend		
2. K. THOMLINSON		N/A		
3. Kelt Jones				
4. A. Karr				
5. Renee Matheson		Naramata Community		
6. London Galt				
7. Breck Frohlick		Community member		
8. Caroline Rankin		BCWS		

For any questions, call Hannah [REDACTED]

Thanks, Ashley!

Address	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
Newitz	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
Wynn	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
1005 Gov. Ctr.	Uncertain		[REDACTED]
1000 SWOPE	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
MIKE MEANY [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
1. Jarrin Beck	[REDACTED]	Narration Property visitor	with the current housing shortage and options slow
15. KILBANE Curtis	[REDACTED]		
16. Catherine McLary	Gardener		This is not a problem to our comm
17. STEPHAN TOKUDOME	[REDACTED]		
18. Megan O'Grady	[REDACTED]	worker community	
19. Emma Abate	[REDACTED]		
20. Albert Warkent	[REDACTED]		leave them alone.
21. HARVEY Dovell	[REDACTED]	employee	
22. Karin Olson	[REDACTED]	retired	Keep the trailers there

23.	[REDACTED]	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
Jillian Buchanan	[REDACTED]	Community member		[REDACTED]
24. KILER	[REDACTED]	Community		[REDACTED]
SALLMARE	[REDACTED]	Member		[REDACTED]
25.	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
26.	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
27.	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
28.	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
29.	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
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36.	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]

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1. PAT WOOD		STORE FRIEND CLERK		
2. MICHEL MARTEL		RETIRED		
3. Michael Sutherland		Winemaker		
4. Darcy Wilson		Manager		
5. Maritsa Savić		Retired		
6. Janet Giunlo		Retired		
7. Terry HART		orchardist	in this case only for farm workers not everyone	
8. Norma Hancock		retired		

Name	Address	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
9. RENEE CHAMBERLAND	[REDACTED]	RETIRED		[REDACTED]
10. Luke Robertson	[REDACTED]	Housekeeping Manager	Hannah is a great asset to our beautiful comm	[REDACTED]
11. Hannah Robertson	[REDACTED]	Housekeeper		[REDACTED]
12. Margaret Holme	[REDACTED]	Editor	we need affordable housing	[REDACTED]
13. Justin + Perry Cobbler	[REDACTED]	Retired its not their fault we only want rich people	Everyone at Mox's are forced to Naramata	[REDACTED]
14. Jake Van Wester Dr	[REDACTED]	farmer	no low income housing, need farm employ	[REDACTED]
15. Phyllis Madge	[REDACTED]	Retired	Lack of housing Respectful People leave old	[REDACTED]
16. Alvaro Mendes	[REDACTED]	Landscaper	Housing should be a human right	[REDACTED]
17. Catherine Lawoie	[REDACTED]	Landscaper		[REDACTED]
18. Lila Tanzler	[REDACTED]	Farmer	we need more affordable housing so we need to allow alternative options	[REDACTED]
19. Amylis Bortler	[REDACTED]	Landscaper		[REDACTED]
20. Jack Lewko	[REDACTED]	Orchardist Vinyard owner	Please allow the people to stay.	[REDACTED]
21. Tim Ponwiece	[REDACTED]	Butcher	Need more low income housing	[REDACTED]
22. Jim Simpson	[REDACTED]	Retired		[REDACTED]

Name	Address	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
23. Allison Fekstad	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
24. Amalicia Reunert & Vestig	[REDACTED]	Student		[REDACTED]
25. Sophie Reunert	[REDACTED]	Biologist		[REDACTED]
26. Gord Oaker	[REDACTED]	Program Faculty of Naramata Centre	The housing crisis is real in Naramata. Cost, seasonal houses.	[REDACTED]
27. Phil Saxsons	[REDACTED]	HUMAN SERVICES IN B.C.	Money as debt.	[REDACTED]
28. Claire Bernard	[REDACTED]	Orchard Worker		[REDACTED]
29. Dominic Pellerin	[REDACTED]	Farmer	Leave them Alone	[REDACTED]
30. Pierre Gehom	[REDACTED]	Chief owner	Real estate is changing, we need this kind of relation	[REDACTED]
31. Teri Cohen	[REDACTED]	Local farmer	no more no stress	[REDACTED]
32. Odean Borgstad	[REDACTED]	LABOR	GOOD PEOPLE	[REDACTED]
33. Rowina Salvia	[REDACTED]	FRIEND	GREAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY	[REDACTED]
34. Kelly Winder	[REDACTED]	LOCAL FARM WORKER	GREAT PEOPLE.	[REDACTED]
35. Kevin Carless	[REDACTED]	BEACHVIEW EXCAVATING		[REDACTED]
36. Jake Gunter	[REDACTED]	PUB OWNER	GREAT ASSET TO COMMUNITY	[REDACTED]

Name	Address	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
37. Brian Danjou	[REDACTED]	Forester/ Diner worker		[REDACTED]
38. Ashley Selwood	[REDACTED]	BUSINESS OWNER.	*Need Staff * Housing	[REDACTED]
39. Deb Selwood	[REDACTED]	BUSINESS OWNER		[REDACTED]
40. J. Fox	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]
41. Mitchell JAWA	[REDACTED]	Paint Contractor		[REDACTED]
42. Roy Garfield	[REDACTED]	Retired		[REDACTED]
43. Kathleen Jarvis	[REDACTED]	Pub		[REDACTED]
44. Grace Dabrymple	[REDACTED]	Pub		[REDACTED]
45. Sto Harper	[REDACTED]	Retired	Help these folks!	[REDACTED]
46. CHRIS BLANN	[REDACTED]	RETIRED		[REDACTED]
47. Janyce EVANS	[REDACTED]	Retired.		[REDACTED]
48. Kathy Harper	[REDACTED]	Retired		[REDACTED]
49. Paul Meinardis	[REDACTED]	Retired		[REDACTED]
50. Michelle Rochon	[REDACTED]	Friend		[REDACTED]
51. Louise Meinardis	[REDACTED]	Friend		[REDACTED]

Name	Address	Occupation/relation	Comment	Signature
51. BRIAN HANCOCK	[REDACTED]	RETIRED		[REDACTED]
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52 Barb Mallette		Healthcare

53 Billy Myers		Plumber
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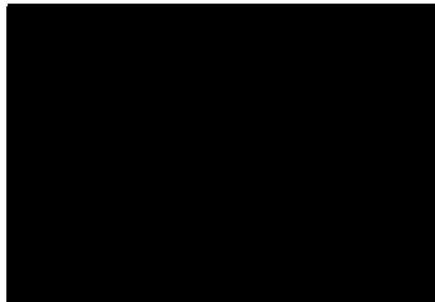
54 Martha Deane		Retired
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To whom it may concern.

I, Jack Lewko, owner of ^{Rise}Sunshine Orchards, learned that the individuals currently living at 6981 Chute Lake Rd are at risk of eviction and are now applying for a Temporary Use Permit. One of those persons at risk is currently one of the main employees for my business and three others have worked for me on and off for years. Plus I have known all of them as well as the land owner, Maxwell Wilkinson, and they have never caused any trouble. It would be a big loss for the Naramata farming community to lose those permanent workers with experience. They would be hard to replace.

Finding housing in Naramata nowadays is pretty much impossible for farm workers, as I am sure you are aware. I am asking you to grant their permit so they can keep living here, keep their jobs and I can keep my staff.

Regards,
Jack Lewko



Aug 16, 2023

Van Westen Vineyards Ltd

Naramata B.C

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August 14th, 2023

I, Robert Van Westen, am a third-generation farmer and local winery owner in Naramata at Van Westen Vineyards Ltd. I have been running a local business for 20 years in this RDOS district. This year, we were proud to be awarded 6th best small winery 18th best winery in Canada, a platinum Lieutenant Governor Award, 5 gold medals. To achieve those awards, I have learned with experience now that to make top quality wine it starts in the vineyard growing top quality grapes. This could not happen without my team or hard-working people working in my vineyards.

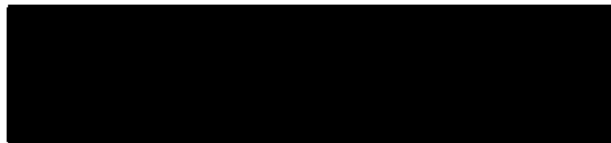
It came to my attention that someone complained about the living arrangements at 6981 Chute Lake Road. It happens that two individuals living on that property have been working for me for 10 years now, 1 being my right-hand man doing everything on the vineyard/farm for me and the other is my lead hand who runs and manages the crew. These two people are hard working individuals who have struggled with finding housing in Naramata and because of this they have moved onto the said property with permission of the owner and set up their little piece of heaven where they live. I have visited them many times and it is always clean, tidy and they treat the property as if it is their own. If I lose these two individuals because they can't afford to live in Naramata and they move elsewhere with their skills that I have taught them, it will be a great loss to my winery. To clarify they do make a living wage of \$25.00 hour but rents in Naramata are incredibly ridiculous and out of their reach.

As born and raised in Naramata, I have witnessed the housing situation degrade for working class people. If they lose their homes, there is absolutely no way for them to stay in the community, which means I will lose my main employees and they will have no choice but to relocate somewhere and lose all the skill sets I have taught them unless they go to another vineyard community.

I am asking that the RDOS gives them the Temporary Use Permit they are applying for so they can find alternative living arrangements in the community, knowing that there are very few options. Ultimately, the bylaws need to be changed to fit the current housing crisis that we all know to be dire, especially in Naramata.

I have been on that property numerous times, and I know how they live. They have made a clean, safe and respectful environment for themselves to live in, where they also built their own support system.

In closing I hope for a happy resolution to this matter as I wish for them to keep their jobs and I get to retain my employees so that we can continue to grow amazing wines together.



Robert Van Westen

Van Westen Vineyards Ltd

Lauri Feindell

Subject: FW: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

From: Naramata Fire Chief <NaramataFC@rdos.bc.ca>

Sent: October 14, 2023 10:02 AM

To: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

Hi Ben,

This proposal won't affect our service.

Thanks

Lauri Feindell

Subject: FW: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

From: FOR DOS Referrals CSNR:EX <FLNRDOSReferrals@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 20, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>
Cc: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Subject: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

Some people who received this message don't often get email from flnrDOSreferrals@gov.bc.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good day,

Ministry of Forests, Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District comments as follows:

DOS Lands Team

There is a Crown Land Tenure 3405390 Notation of Interest over this property for the purposes of Environment, Conservation & Recreation. The associated government ministries should potentially be contacted.

Regards,

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Grant

Land NR Specialist

MaryEllen.Grant@gov.bc.ca 250-558-6273



Patricia Shatzko
DOS Referrals Coordinator

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Direct Phone: VOIP: 778-943-6850

I acknowledge with gratitude that I carry out my work on the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples. I will tread lightly and with respect while doing so.

Lauri Feindell

Subject: FW: In reference to E2023.029-TUP

-----Original Message-----

From: Annika Lane

Sent: October 20, 2023 11:07 AM

To: Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>

Subject: In reference to E2023.029-TUP

Hello,

I am writing in support of the E2023.029-TUP, submitted by tenants living in RVs whose housing is under review by RDOS. The immediate eviction of these tenants with a penalty of 500\$ a day is, frankly, inhumane. Canada has a huge - and growing - homeless crisis on hand, as is clearly being overlooked in this instance. If anything, renting land and having multiple tenants peacefully and amicably living on it in RVs and tending to the land should be encouraged by the government. Evicting people from their low-income housing for a small infraction or threatening a ridiculously high fine is one reason why so many people don't have places to live. At bare minimum, tenants deserve notice to find a new place to live and time to move there.

Respect the basic human right of having a safe place to live, please.

Annika Lane

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone



Feedback Form

Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, V2A-5J9

Tel: 250-492-0237 / Fax: 250-492-0063 / Email: planning@rdos.bc.ca

TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.029-TUP

FROM: Name: Brandi Beckett
(please print)

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Date: Oct 23, 2023

**RE: Temporary Use Permit (TUP) – Residential Use of Four (4) Recreational Vehicles
6981 Chute Lake Road**

My comments / concerns are:

- I do support the proposed use at 6981 Chute Lake Road.
- I do support the proposed use at 6981 Chute Lake Road, subject to the comments listed below.
- I do not support the proposed use at 6981 Chute Lake Road.

Written submissions received from this information meeting will be considered by the Regional District Board prior to a decision being made on this application.

These people are our neighbors. They live simply + peacefully, they do not disturb us or create problems. They don't disturb the environment. They should be allowed to stay.

Feedback Forms must be completed and returned to the Regional District prior to the Board meeting where the TUP will be considered.

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October 23, 2023

Ben Kent, Planner
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen
101 Martin Street,
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

email sent to: planning@rdos.bc.ca

Dear Ben Kent:

**RE: Temporary Use Permit to allow for the residential use of four recreational vehicles
6981 Chute Lake Road, Lot 1, Plan KAP34097, DL 3198, SDYD, Except Plan 34804
File: E2023.029-TUP**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback for the temporary use permit (TUP) application to allow temporary residential use of recreational vehicles (RVs) on the subject parcel. The information provided states the RVs will be serviced with an outhouse and grey water provided through the principal dwelling, and each RV will also have a water connection.

Overall, I have no objections to temporarily allowing residential use of RVs, and **appreciate the need to be flexible and innovative** during this extra-ordinary province-wide (country-wide) housing situation. Having said this, it is important for anyone considering 'living' in an RV (or allowing others to live in RVs) to understand **RVs do not meet housing quality standards** and have health and safety hazards different than typical homes. In addition, it is important to note that Provincial legislation applies to the servicing as proposed. I trust the information and resources I provide below will be useful for considering this TUP application, and mitigating potential harms.

Balancing Aspects of Healthy Housing:

Housing is a key determinant of health. It has a significant influence on our physical and mental health, social well-being, and indirectly influences our ability to achieve what we need to live a healthy life. Healthy housing is affordable, safe from hazards, appropriate and in a location that meets our needs. Ideal housing achieves all of these principles. However, we recognize that in trying to balance these aspects of housing families often must be satisfied with not achieving one or more principles well, in order to achieve the others. In particular, I recognize this is likely the current scenario for the residents of the RVs on the subject parcel. Balancing the health outcomes and health risks of housing is very important. Temporarily allowing RVs to be used as housing would allow more time to find and/or develop homes that are safe, appropriate and suitable in the long-term.

Health and Safety Risk of Residential Use of RVs:

However, it is important to understand that RVs are designed to accommodate people while pursuing short duration recreational activities (e.g. camping), and do not meet quality standards for living-in longer-term. The [TNRD info sheet about RV dwelling](#) explains this difference. RVs pose significant safety hazards. The more time a person spends in the RV environment the higher the chances of being exposed to a hazard(s), which

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significantly increases the risk of harm or poor health outcome. The following are examples of potential hazards associated with RVs:

- Gastro-intestinal illness due to unsafe drinking water, improper/inadequate (warm) food storage, or cross-contamination from touching sewage/wastewater on the ground or while servicing holding tanks;
- Burns, physical trauma or death from fire and carbon monoxide and propane poisoning, especially while using heating, electrical and cooking appliances;
- Mental health impacts or physical trauma or death from exposure to extreme heat or cold.

Mitigating Health and Safety Risks:

We strongly encourage the RDOS and families considering using an RV as a housing option to take actions to mitigate all risks; that is, reduce these hazards and the likelihood they could occur. For examples:

- Providing information/being aware of the hazards;
- Creating/routinely using a safety checklist to ensure all systems are operating properly, such as electrical, heating/cooling and propane systems; and
- Creating a condition of permit/regularly testing the RV unit has two operable emergency exits, and fire, carbon monoxide and propane gas monitors.

The following resources may be useful:

- [On the road again: Keeping your RV safe](#) by Technical Safety BC
- [Recreational Vehicle \(RV\) Fire Safety Guidelines](#) by City of Windsor, Ontario Fire & Rescue Services
- [Food safety at home](#) by Vancouver Coastal Health
- [Caring about Food Safety](#) short, self-guided, online course for general public by Government of BC

Water and Sewerage Servicing:

It is important to note the relatively small size of RV holding tanks, which are designed for camping not residential use, create difficulties managing drinking water and wastewater when using an RV for residential use. I note the proposal is to use outhouses (for human excreta), the principal dwelling for 'grey water' (showers, laundry?) and the RVs will have a water connection (cooking, cleaning, personal hygiene?).

Potable domestic water is needed for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. Section 7 of the [Health Hazards Regulation](#) (HHR) requires landlords to provide potable water. The [Drinking Water Protection Act](#) would also likely apply since from the description I assume the principal dwelling and each RV are connected to one water system.

Using water creates domestic sewage, which the BC [Sewerage System Regulation](#) (SSR) states includes "human excreta" as well as all "waterborne waste from the preparation and consumption of food and drink, dishwashing, bathing, showering, and general household cleaning and laundry...." The SSR requires *all* domestic sewage (grey and black) to go into a holding tank or sewage treatment system. Outhouses are not an approved 'system' under the SSR. As such, developing new outhouses are not permitted. Use of existing outhouses will be addressed if IH receives a complaint of a health hazard related to an outhouse. As the RVs will have a water connection, they will also produce grey water, which is considered sewage. To be in compliance with the SSR, the RVs must use their wastewater holding tanks, and "remain moveable so that waste can be disposed of at a sani-station", dispose of grey water in an approved sewerage system under the SSR, or not be connected to water.

If the wastewater holding tanks are being used, then due to their small size they would need to be emptied often. As such, a sani-station would need to be located within a relatively short distance to be reasonably used. Since the RVs are connected to a water system the wastewater holding tanks would tend to fill rapidly because it is easier to use more water. In our experience frequent need to empty holding tanks often results in domestic sewage (grey water) being released into the environment (i.e. creation of a health hazard).

Therefore, with respect to mitigating gastro-intestinal hazards associated with drinking water and wastewater systems, the RDOS and families considering living in RVs should consider:

- access to potable drinking (domestic) water system;
- installation/connection to sewerage treatment system or access to sani-station.

In summary, I have no overall objections to allowing residential use of RVs temporarily for maximum of two years, and appreciate the RDOS being innovative in meeting the needs of community members. I recognize all aspects of healthy housing are not always achievable, and families must find the balance that best fits their situation. Having said this, I am very concerned about the health and safety of anyone using RVs as a residence. It is important that people understand the associated health risks, and take actions to mitigate the hazard and likelihood of them occurring as much as possible. I strongly recommend the RDOS and applicant work with the local Environmental Health Officer to understand the specific health and safety considerations and the regulatory requirements that would support the health and safety of these community members who find themselves needing to temporarily reside in RVs.

The local Environmental Health Officer can be contacted at the [Penticton Health Protection Office](#).

We are committed to collaborating with the RDOS to support healthy community planning. If you have any questions, comments or require more resources please feel free to contact me directly at 250-253-3679.

Sincerely,



Anita Ely, BSc, BTech, CPHI(C)
Specialist Environmental Health Officer
Healthy Communities, Healthy Families

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Resources:

Interior Health Penticton Health Protection Office
<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/locations/penticton-health-protection-office>

TNRD Info Sheets about RV Dwelling and 'Tiny House' Use
<https://tnrd.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/165703/>

Windsor, Ontario Fire Department, Recreational Vehicle (RV) Fire Safety Guidelines
<https://www.windsorfire.com/recreational-vehicle-rv-fire-safety-guidelines/>

Technical Safety BC, On the road again: Keeping your RV safe
<https://blog.technicalafetybc.ca/road-again-keeping-your-rv-safe>

King's Printer, BC Sewerage System Regulation
[Sewerage System Regulation \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

Lauri Feindell

From: Ely, Anita [IH] <Anita.Ely@interiorhealth.ca>
Sent: October 23, 2023 5:14 PM
To: Ben Kent
Cc: Pogoda, Nicole [IH]
Subject: RE: IH Response: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

Hello Ben,

Thanks for your follow-up email, and forwarding a copy of Mike Adam's response to a previous referral. IH's position has not changed; except perhaps, more recognition of our local housing context, and the situation that many people/families are experiencing. After re-reading both responses, I think they are similar. Both Mike and I are clearly stating that RVs do not meet health & safety standards for residential use. Mike's response more clearly recommends having the sewerage system assessed by an Authorized Person under the SSR.

We recognize more and more that shelter is a basic human need and right. From the information provided I cannot assess (well) the health risks these residents would experience if they did not reside in the RVs because I do not know their situation. There are definitely health and safety hazards associated with 'living' in RVs. As an Environmental Health Officer, I am not comfortable offering reassurance ('approval') that it is okay to reside in an RV longer than it's intended use (i.e. living in rather than for short term camping). However, I am also acutely aware that living 'rough' outdoors and experiencing homelessness also has definite health and safety risks and negative health outcomes. People who are more closely connected to the situation and know the local context would be in a better position to compare these risks. This is the reason that I offered a neutral position in my response as to whether or not to approve the TUP application, and provided information regarding about how to mitigate potential hazards and be compliant with Provincial health legislation.

To be clear **my position** is that residing in RVs for longer than their intended use has significant associated health and safety risks, and should only be considered if the risks associated with residing in the RV are less than the potential risks of not residing in the RV (i.e. experiencing being homeless). Further, residing in an RV should be considered temporary. If approved, an extension of the TUP should not be approved, and the residents of the RVs should be actively searching for and moving to safer housing options as soon as possible.

The Drinking Water Protection Act applies to a water system with 2 or more connections; however, due to the very small size of the system on the subject parcel the Environmental Health Officer may not require a permit due to IH policy to direct IH resources toward systems that serve larger populations. Regardless, the Health Hazards Regulation requires landlords to provide all tenants potable water. Enforcing the HHR is through following-up a complaint. As per the Sewerage System Regulation, all sewage must go into either an onsite sewerage system or a holding tank, which is then emptied into a sewer system via pumper-truck or sani-station. IH does not get directly involved with inspecting other environmental hazards of individual homes (e.g. fire, carbon monoxide and propane poisoning, etc). We do stress the importance of mitigating these risks.

In summary, my recommendation is for RDOS to understand and compare the health and safety risks these community members would experience by residing and not residing in the RVs. If it is determined that residing in the RVs is less risk, then I recommend approving a TUP for a limited amount of time with conditions to mitigate risks, namely:

- Provide potable water
- Manage wastewater appropriately/safely
- Ensure functioning escape routes and alarms (fire, CO, etc)
- Ensure residents are fully aware and have the necessary information and means to protect themselves
- Limit the time of the TUP.

In terms of approvals/inspections... Environmental Health Officers follow-up complaints of health hazards (e.g. lack of potable water and sewage on the ground). I recommend the following to ensure compliance with:

- **Sewerage System Regulation** - Require a report and/or Record of Sewerage System from an Authorized Person confirming the liquid waste (sewage) being produced on the parcel is being managed in a way that is in compliance with the SSR, and does/will not create a health hazard. Another possibility may be to apply to Interior Health for a holding tank permit. I recommend speaking to an Environmental Health Officer prior to submitting a holding tank permit application. See the [IH Sewerage webpage](#) for more information.
- **Health Hazards Regulation and Drinking Water Protection Act** – Require the applicant provide confirmation that potable water is being provided to tenants, and IH requirements related to the drinking water system are being met. See [IH Drinking Water webpage](#).

To understand these requirements the applicant and RDOS are welcome to contact Ms. Nicole Pogoda, local Environmental Health Officer. Her email is copied above, and her work cell phone number is 250-505-9361. Please feel free to contact me with any planning related questions.

Sincerely,

Anita Ely (she, her, hers)

Specialist Environmental Health Officer
Healthy Community Development

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From: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:39 PM
To: Ely, Anita [IH] <Anita.Ely@interiorhealth.ca>
Subject: RE: IH Response: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

Hi Anita,

Thank you for your referral comments. I just have two points I would like to clarify:

In the past, RDOS has understood Interior Health's position to be that RVs generally do not meet health and safety standards for long-term habitation and are susceptible to environmental and human health hazards. Has this position changed? I have attached a previous referral response from IHA, which I take to be representative of this position.

Could you please provide more detail regarding what approvals/ inspections would be required by IHA to confirm

compliance with the *Health Hazards Regulation, Drinking Water Protection Act and Sewerage System Regulation*? These steps are generally listed as conditions of the permit in the event the RDOS Board decides to approve the application. The attached referral also provides an example of this.

Regards,



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From: HBE [IH] <HBE@interiorhealth.ca>
Sent: October 23, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Cc: Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>
Subject: IH Response: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

Hello Ben,

Please find my response attached.

I will tweak this letter for the other TUP near Summerland, and get it to you soon. It will be similar but with the water/wastewater removed because that application is not proposing connection to water.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to get this to you by end of Friday.

Anita Ely (she, her, hers)

Specialist Environmental Health Officer
Healthy Community Development

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From: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 1:07 PM

To: Naramata Fire Chief <NaramataFC@rdos.bc.ca>; HBE [IH] <HBE@interiorhealth.ca>; FLNRDOSReferrals@gov.bc.ca
Subject: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

Re: Project No. E2023.029-TUP
Temporary Use Permit (Residential use of a recreational vehicle)

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Please review and forward your comments/concerns to planning@rdos.bc.ca by October 20, 2023.

Kind Regards,



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Lauri Feindell

Subject: FW: Oct 20, 2023 - RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments
Attachments: Referral E2023.029-TUP (2023-09-20).pdf

From: MacDonald, Gord FOR:EX <Gord.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 24, 2023 10:43 AM
To: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Oct 20, 2023 - RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

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Hi Ben

This NOI would not impact the decision on a TUP over this piece of private land.
thanks



Gord MacDonald, RPF
Section Head Crown Lands
Thompson-Okanagan Authorizations
Ministry of Forests
441 Columbia Street | Kamloops, BC V2C 2T3
Tel: 250-312-7156 | Fax: 250-828-4442

From: Crown Lands Thompson Okanagan FOR:EX <Crown.Lands.Thompson.Okanagan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 8:15 AM
To: MacDonald, Gord FOR:EX <Gord.MacDonald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Oct 20, 2023 - RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

Good morning Gord,

Please see below referral request. The reply date was October 20, 2023.

Thank you,



Aneesha Gaba
Assistant Portfolio Administrator
Ministry of Forests
441 Columbia St, Kamloops, B.C, V2C 2T3
Ph: 778-471-9680
I respectfully acknowledge the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Peoples on whos lands I live, work and play

From: FrontCounter BC Kamloops (TO) FOR:EX <FrontCounterBC.Kamloops@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 10:18 AM
To: Crown Lands Thompson Okanagan FOR:EX <Crown.Lands.Thompson.Okanagan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Oct 20, 2023 - RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

Please see below question from client re: 3405390 and advise FCBC on your contacting client or if this is something that a Natural Resource Specialist should be addressing

Thank you,



FrontCounter BC Kamloops
Ministry of Forests
441 Columbia Street | Kamloops BC V2C 2T3
Tel: 250-828-4131 | Fax: 250-828-4442

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From: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2023 9:40 AM
To: Pope, Wendy L ENV:EX <Wendy.L.Pope@gov.bc.ca>; FrontCounter BC Kamloops (TO) FOR:EX <FrontCounterBC.Kamloops@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Oct 20, 2023 - RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

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Hello,

I received the referral comment below from Mary Ellen Grant at Ministry of Forests in regards to a temporary use permit referral for residential use of four RVs. She indicated there is a Crown Land Tenure 3405390 Notation of Interest over the property and that you would be the person to contact for information.

Can you please indicate the nature of this Notation of Interest and advise whether it impacts the proposed temporary use described in the attached referral sheet?

Thanks,



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From: Grant, Mary Ellen FOR:EX <MaryEllen.Grant@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 20, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Cc: FLNR DOS Referrals <DOSREFRL@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Oct 20, 2023 - RE: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

Hi Ben,
My apologies for not being more clear in my notes. The area is not within the Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District's tenured are:

The associated Ministries and or offices are for 3405390 Notation of Interest:

- Kamloops – FrontCounter BC general phone number is 250-828-4131 (FrontCounterBC.Kamloops@gov.bc.ca) and they might be able to direct you to the Notation of Interest officer.
- Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy – likely either BC Parks and or Recreation Sites & Trails (potentially their Protected Areas Supervisor – Wendy Pope (Wendy.L.Pope@gov.bc.ca))

I hope the above helps you.

Regards,
Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Grant, BSc | MaryEllen.Grant@gov.bc.ca (she/her)

Lands NR Specialist
Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District – Lands Team
Ministry of Forests
2501 14th Ave | Vernon, BC V1T 8Z1
Direct Tel: 1-250-558-6273

Report Wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555

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I acknowledge with gratitude that I live and work on the territories of Indigenous Peoples, the Syilx Okanagan Nation, who have been here since time immemorial. I will tread lightly and with respect while doing so.

From: FOR DOS Referrals CSNR:EX <FLNRDOSReferrals@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 20, 2023 8:40 AM
To: Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>
Cc: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>
Subject: TUP Referral - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP - Ministry of Forests Comments

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Good day,

Ministry of Forests, Okanagan Shuswap Natural Resource District comments as follows:

DOS Lands Team

There is a Crown Land Tenure 3405390 Notation of Interest over this property for the purposes of Environment, Conservation & Recreation. The associated government ministries should potentially be contacted.

Regards,

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Grant

Land NR Specialist

MaryEllen.Grant@gov.bc.ca 250-558-6273



Patricia Shatzko
DOS Referrals Coordinator

Referrals Email: FLNRDOSReferrals@gov.bc.ca

Direct Phone: VOIP: 778-943-6850

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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2023.029-TUP

FROM: Name: Rachel Laird

(please print)

Street Address: _____

Date: October 24 2023

**RE: Temporary Use Permit (TUP) – Residential Use of Four (4) Recreational Vehicles
6981 Chute Lake Road**

My comments / concerns are:

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Lauri Feindell

Subject: FW: Support ref notice of development 6981 chute lake rd

-----Original Message-----

Sent: October 25, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Planning <planning@rdos.bc.ca>
Subject: Support ref notice of development 6981 chute lake rd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am just a traveler who likes to look at local communities when I travel and to learn about life. My trip to Naramata, was this summer and I've met nice people and listen their story. This notice of development has behind a long story with huge ramifications....

Max, probably now the owner, on his father land, years ago, agreed to accommodate his friends found in financial and housing crisis...

I am not aware to exist financial agreement.

Tylr, Hannah, Ron, Pierre, Sebastien lived together and on Max's land in harmony with nature without disturbing the environment. Furthermore, they support the community not only with the work which they are paid to do, but also helping others in need...

To now allow them to stay on Max's private land, is a crime against hospitality and an infringement on private land, this is how I see it.

In comparison I have seen on public land outside of Abbotsford in the rest area, campers staying there and not respecting public spaces at times...how many people from there work daily for a living and how many lives on benefits or at society expense?

Every single member of the community works, is an integrated part of naramata community. They were never a burden to the society.

I was pleasantly surprised by one of the habitant, Hannah, immigrants from France, with degree in psychology, who works and learn to become part of Canadian educational system. Already she is a model at work and eager to help people. She also showed a deep respect for nature using only biodegradable products. She has two cats living in harmony with nature. I witnessed when one of her cat was playing with dears . Another nice aspect is that she helps the group to create a legal defence. She explained to me if she will be able to afford to leave in a house she would have chosen so... nowadays financial aspect for a young person without other financial support is critical. To be debt free you have to be careful.

Another member of community was Tylr. His parents originally from Netherland,he is the first generation of Canadian. He showed deep respect for Canadian history and he integrated into local community. He also experienced living on native Indian land with native community, learning about their culture and customs. He is another young man with aspiration for a better life.

Lastly I have met Sébastien, who works in agriculture industry for the last 30 years, helping locals farmers with vineyard, or orchards. He also likes to live in contact with nature.

Despite their rudimentary living accommodation, not always in line of house bylaw definition , their space was pretty close to a house, and clean.

Comparing their situation with people who are already living on benefits, on public spaces, asking more from society, already taxed to a max, they prove that they should be allowed to live here and carry on being part of community

I was impressed, that all three of them showed good organisation skills, with strong desire to have their own space which they can call it home.

I understood that there are rules and regulations, nevertheless created by us humans to prevent problems within society.

For them I think an exception from rules should be applied due to the fact that they were never using benefits to live, they worked to afford to live in that place, and above all they are on private land.

Please don't destroy their future and help them to grow nicely!

Best regards,

Pharm.Raluca Chisu

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Lauri Feindell

Subject:

FW: TUP - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

-----Original Message-----

From: Penny Lane

Sent: October 27, 2023 8:05 AM

To: Ben Kent <bkent@rdos.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: TUP - 6981 Chute Lake Road | File No. E2023.029-TUP

I am writing to you to submit my support for this application. Allowing this application would provide housing security for these people who have been living on this property for a number of years.

Thank you

Penny Lane

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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen FILE NO.: E2023.029-TUP

FROM: Name: Aude Saint-Laurent
(please print)

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 27/10/2023

**RE: Temporary Use Permit (TUP) – Residential Use of Four (4) Recreational Vehicles
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TO: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen FILE NO.: E2023.029-TUP

FROM: Name: Kyle Paul
(please print)

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 2023-10-31

RE: Temporary Use Permit (TUP) – Residential Use of Four (4) Recreational Vehicles
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