

Feb. 11th, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept my application to renew our temporary use permit to continue to store our landscaping and snow removal equipment at our property located at 12474 Oyama Road, Lake Country. We own and operate Okanagan Yard Works & Okanagan Snow Works, a landscaping and snow removal company, which has been in operation since we established it in 2015. We currently have multiple trucks, cargo trailers, dump trailers, skid steers, excavators and snow equipment that needs to be stored at our property when not in use. We hope to renew our original TUP of 3000sqft- with the additional option of increasing the space to include the additional area as highlighted on the map that was submitted with this application. This would allow us to properly store our trucks with plow attachments during the winter months (Nov.-Feb.) - that we use to maintain all of schools in Lake Country (School District 23) during the snow removal season.

My husband and I established our business over 10 years ago from the ground up. Since then, we have grown at a steady rate, with increased growth each year. We take pride in the fact that we are a Lake Country based business, servicing and investing back in the Lake Country community. We typically employ 15-20 people at any given time, with many of them being Lake Country residents. Most of our product/material suppliers are based in Lake Country, such as Kel Lake Nurseries, Oyama Sand & Gravel, Westridge Oyama and Pier Mac Oyama just to name a few. We typically spend over \$500,000

each year in materials and equipment rentals, and by using Lake Country vendors, we are investing back in our community. We also provide services to hundreds of Lake Country clients each year, both in landscaping and snow removal. We have a number of Lake Country businesses and strata companies as clients also, such as Lake Country Lodge & Manor, Beeline Web, St. Edwards Catholic Church, UPS, Blue Heron Villas, and of course all the elementary schools, middle school and high school in Lake Country. We also keep our banking local, dealing with TD Canada Trust on Main Street in Lake Country. I feel that in the 10 years we've been in operation, we have made such a positive impact on the growth and development of the Lake Country community, with hopefully many more years to come.

While there is no question that we have achieved great growth in a relatively short amount of time, we are not quite at the point yet where we can afford to purchase a commercial property to relocate our business/equipment storage to.

We are asking for this permit to allow us the time to make the smooth transition to the next phase of this company's future. So many residents, businesses and employees of Lake Country rely on it.

Please feel free to contact me @ (250) 899-0981 with any questions you might have.

Kind regards,

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