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Powell River Regional District directors are asking for a public meeting about new information regarding the City of Powell River's application to exclude land from the agricultural land reserve (ALR).

Rural directors passed a motion at the August 23 board meeting to write a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC), requesting it hold a public hearing about new parcels that could possibly be included in the ALR to offset the 342.6 hectares (847 acres) the city is asking to have removed.

Colin Palmer, regional board chairman and Electoral Area C director, said rural directors think there is something wrong with the process, as new information was becoming available days before the commission was scheduled to meet to discuss the city's application. "We do think that there isn't a proper process going on here as

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