

# Gathering for an Event in the ALR

## Purpose

To guide your application for a **Special Event Permit** for a Gathering for an Event in the Agricultural Land Reserve. Gatherings for an event require a Farmland Special Event Permit in Electoral Area D of the SLRD.

## What is Gathering for an Event?

As per s. 17 of the *Agricultural Land Reserve Use Regulation*, gathering for an event means a gathering of people on a farm for the purpose of attending:

- wedding, unless paragraph ii. applies,
- a music festival,
- or an event, other than
  - i. an event held for the purpose of agri-tourism, or
  - ii. the celebration, by residents of the farm and those persons whom they invite, of a family event for which no fee or other charge is payable in connection

**Permit Fee**

**\$0**

**(per event)**

## Gathering for an Event is permitted if the following conditions are met:

<p><i>Assessment Act</i> Classification</p> <p><b>Farm with a minimum of \$10,000 of gross annual income</b></p>	<p>Maximum Number of Events</p> <p><b>10 events per year</b></p>	<p>Buildings &amp; Structures</p> <p><b>New or existing permanent structures may not be used for events. Any tents utilized for the event must be erected for no more than 24 hours.</b></p>
<p>Size - <b>150 people or fewer</b></p>	<p>Duration</p> <p><b>24 hours or less</b></p>	

## Notification Requirements

Notification letters with the following content must be delivered to all property owners within 150m of the property where the event is to be held:

- Date and time of the event
- Number of attendees
- Copy of site plan
- Owner contact information

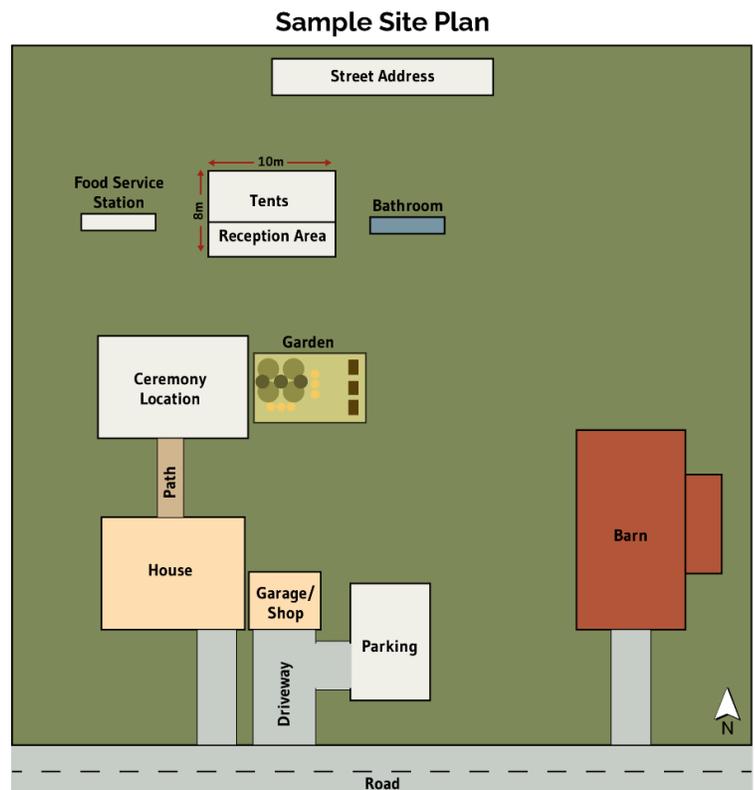
## Other Considerations

Permanent facilities are not allowed. These include, but are not limited to: buildings or permanent structures, hard surface parking areas, concrete pads, structural foundations, retaining walls, permanent tents (erected for more than 90 days) and permanent alteration to the landscape (fill, gravel, berms, hills, dugouts, amphitheaters).

It is the responsibility of any person holding an event to seek out and comply with all other applicable legislation including, but not limited to the BC Fire Code, BC Building Code, SLRD Noise Bylaws, Public Health Act and Transportation Act.

## Required information shall include the following:

- **Written Undertaking by the applicant** that the above-noted conditions have been met,  
And
- **Written Undertaking by the applicant** to indemnify and save harmless the Regional District.
- **Insurance** in the form of:
  - Commercial General Liability of \$1,500,000 minimum per occurrence in Canadian funds.
  - The document must include a cross liability clause.
- **Statement** describing the following:
  - Type of event and number of attendees.
  - How neighbours within 150 m of the property will be notified. Notice must include:
    - Date and time of event, Number of attendees, Copy of the site plan and a Contact phone number.
- **Site Sketch Plan**
  - Parking areas including driveways
  - Tent location and dimensions Note that tents and events should be sited at least 30 m away from a neighbouring residence.
  - Area to be utilized for the event (including ceremony site, reception area, and food service station)
  - Location of bathrooms
  - All existing buildings and structures
  - Property lines, north arrow and road frontage
  - Street address



**Have questions? Contact the SLRD.**