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Mount Lorne property owners can now subdivide lots

WHITEHORSE—Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Scott Kent announced today an amendment to the Mount Lorne development regulations that permits land owners to subdivide their properties as of March 10.

"We're pleased to approve the amendment to allow subdivision of rural residential and agricultural lots," Kent said. "This brings the Mount Lorne regulations in line with those of other rural neighbourhoods in the Whitehorse area."

The amendment allows owners of properties larger than four hectares to subdivide-out a two hectare lot. Agricultural home-site subdivision is also now permitted, consistent with regulations in other development areas in accordance with Yukon's 2006 Agricultural Policy. The amendment also specifies that owners are allowed to build two dwellings on lots that are two or more hectares.

"This amendment provides consistency in the trend towards two hectare lots in the Whitehorse periphery," Kent added.

Under the new regulations, 93 of the 141 residential lots and 11 of the 19 agricultural lots in the area are eligible for subdivision. Experience has shown, however, that uptake on the opportunity to subdivide happens gradually. Rural residential property owners in the Hot Springs Road, Ibex Valley, Golden Horn and Mayo Road areas have been allowed to subdivide since 2004, with 70 new lots created since that time.

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