

#### **REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**

#### **Planning Department Referral Report**

#### File No. TUP F-01-25

#### (Amended September 24, 2025)

Written By: Cameron Kral, Planner

#### APPLICATION SUMMARY

Name of Agent / Owners: Tracey Martin, DWB Consulting Services Ltd. (Agent)

Valley Lime Ltd. (Applicant)

**Electoral Area:** Electoral Area F (Vanderhoof Rural)

**Subject Property:** Unaddressed Crown land, legally described as Block A of the

West ½ of District Lot 5415, Cariboo District (PIN: 10034131)

**OCP Designation:** Resource (RE) Designation in "Vanderhoof Rural Official

Community Plan Bylaw No. 1963, 2021" (the OCP)

**Zoning:** Rural Resource Zone (RR1) in "Regional District of Bulkley-

Nechako Zoning Bylaw No. 1800, 2020" (the Zoning Bylaw)

**Building Inspection** Not within the Building Inspection Area

**Fire Protection** Not within a Fire Protection Area

**Existing Land Uses:** Undeveloped Crown Land and Limestone Quarry (inactive)

**Location:** Approximately 11 km east of the District of Vanderhoof, off

Sackner Pit Road (see map below).

**Property Size:** 37.69 ha (93.13 ac)

**Proposed TUP Area:** 0.8 ha (1.97 ac)

**Location Map:** 



#### **PROPOSAL**

The applicant is requesting the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for three years to allow the operation of a portable crusher and screener on a 0.8 ha (1.97 ac) area on the subject property. The purpose of the request is to facilitate the development of a limestone quarry within the applicant's 11.3 ha (27.9 ac) Permitted Mine Area (see attached Applicant Submitted Drawings).

The applicant is proposing to extract up to 99,555 tonnes of material over a 5-year period. Operation of the quarry would involve blasting and conventional construction equipment to extract limestone from an exposed outcrop. The limestone material would then be transported to an onsite crushing/screening area for stockpiling and processing, before being hauled offsite along an existing mine access road through Crown land to Sackner Pit Road. The existing mine access road will be upgraded to accommodate the proposed quarry. The quarry is proposed to operate Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm, April to November. No permanent infrastructure or facilities are proposed.

The applicant provided the attached Quarry Management Plan and Mine Access Road Management Plan which contain additional information, including environmental monitoring, reclamation, potential impacts, mitigation measures for dust, emissions, invasive plants, noise and waste for the proposed quarry and mine access road. The applicant also provided staff with copies of their Licences of Occupation for the proposed quarry and mine access road; an approved Mines Act Permit, an approved Ministry of Transportation and Transit Industrial Access Permit; and an ALC decision approving a section of the mine access road which crosses the ALR. Copies of these approvals are available from staff upon request.

The subject property is zoned Rural Resource Zone (RR1), which does not permit aggregate processing uses, including crushing and screening. Therefore, a TUP is required. Aggregate extraction, including blasting, cannot be regulated by the RDBN.

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Site Details**

The site is surrounded by undeveloped Crown land to the north, east and south, and private land to the west. Staff conducted a site visit on August 26, 2025 (see Attachments for Site Visit Photos). The proposed quarry is located on the site of an existing quarry that has been inactive since 1984. No buildings are located on the subject property. The site has not yet been cleared but there is some disturbance from the existing quarry. The proposed crushing/screening area would be located on the west side of the site towards the mine access road. A 50 m (164 ft) wide vegetation buffer is proposed to be maintained around the site (see Attachments for Site Plan). The nearest residence is located approximately 1.5 km west of the proposed crushing/screening area.

#### **Official Community Plan**

The subject property is designated Resource (RE) pursuant to the OCP. It is the intent of this designation to protect the resource values of the designated area and to minimize resource conflicts among recreation, grazing, mining and wildlife by discouraging settlement on Resource designated lands. OCP Policy 3.7.2(1) states:

"Only uses directly associated with agriculture and grazing, mineral or aggregate extraction, fish and wildlife management, wilderness oriented recreation, and necessary institutional, public, utility or transportation services use will be permitted in the Resource (RE) designation. A very limited amount of low density residential use may be permitted within this designation, where appropriate.

#### **Temporary Use Permits Explained**

A TUP allows a use not permitted by zoning to occur for up to three years, with the option for the applicant to request that the Board consider renewing the TUP for a maximum of three additional years. After the renewed TUP expires, the applicant can submit a new application to allow the use to continue.

The TUP must be in accordance with the policies identified in the Section 6.3 of the OCP, which allow for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit on the following basis:

- (a) the proposed temporary use will not create an amount of traffic that will adversely affect the natural environment, or rural character of the area;
- (b) the environment would not be negatively affected by the proposed temporary use;
- (c) the proposed temporary use will not have adverse affects on neighbouring land uses or property owners;
- (d) the need for security in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit with an automatic extension clause has been considered to ensure that the required decommissioning and reclamation is completed;
- (e) the proposed temporary use does not require a significant amount of capital investment in a particular location; and,
- (f) the proposed temporary use has the support of the Agricultural Land Commission through the approval of an application if the land is within the ALR.

#### **Referral and Approval Process**

This application is being referred to the Electoral Area F Advisory Planning Commission, the District of Vanderhoof, and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Notice of this application will be published on the Regional District's website, the Regional District's official Facebook page, and in the Vanderhoof Omineca Express informing the public of the time and location of the Board's consideration of the application, and their

ability to provide input to the Board in writing. Property owners and tenants within 100 metres of the subject property will be sent a similar notice. A sign must be placed on the subject property at least 10 days before the Board considers the permit. Comments received from the public or referral agencies will be presented to the Board for consideration.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

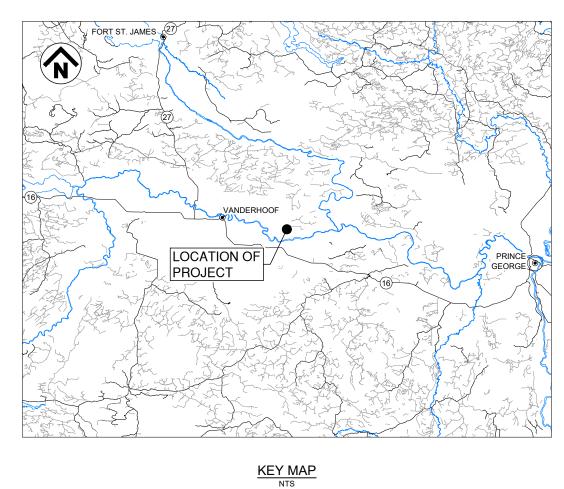
- Applicant Submitted Drawings.
- Quarry Management Plan (Link)
- Mine Access Road Management Plan (Link)
- Site Visit Photos, August 26, 2025 (Link)

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PROPOSED LIMESTONE QUARRY (YEARS 0 TO 5)

VANDERHOOF, BC.

Lat. 53° 59' 25.5" Long. 123° 44' 38.2"



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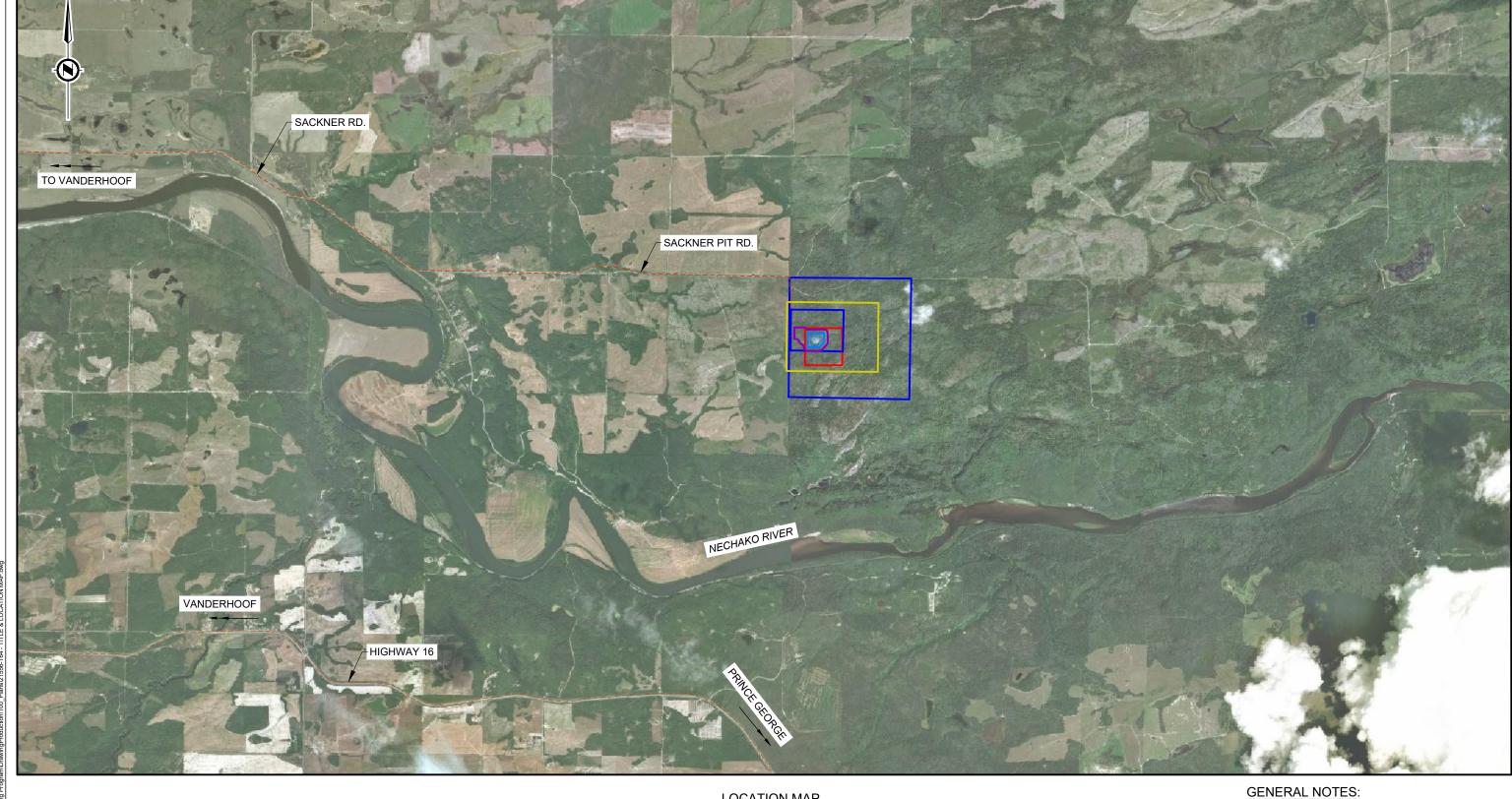
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#### **LOCATION MAP**

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#### LEGEND:

EXISTING ROAD MINERAL CLAIM 374380 (25 HECTARES)

MINERAL CLAIM 1095074 (114 HECTARES) DISTRICT LOT 5415 PERMITTED MINE AREA

PROPOSED QUARRY AREA/BOUNDARY

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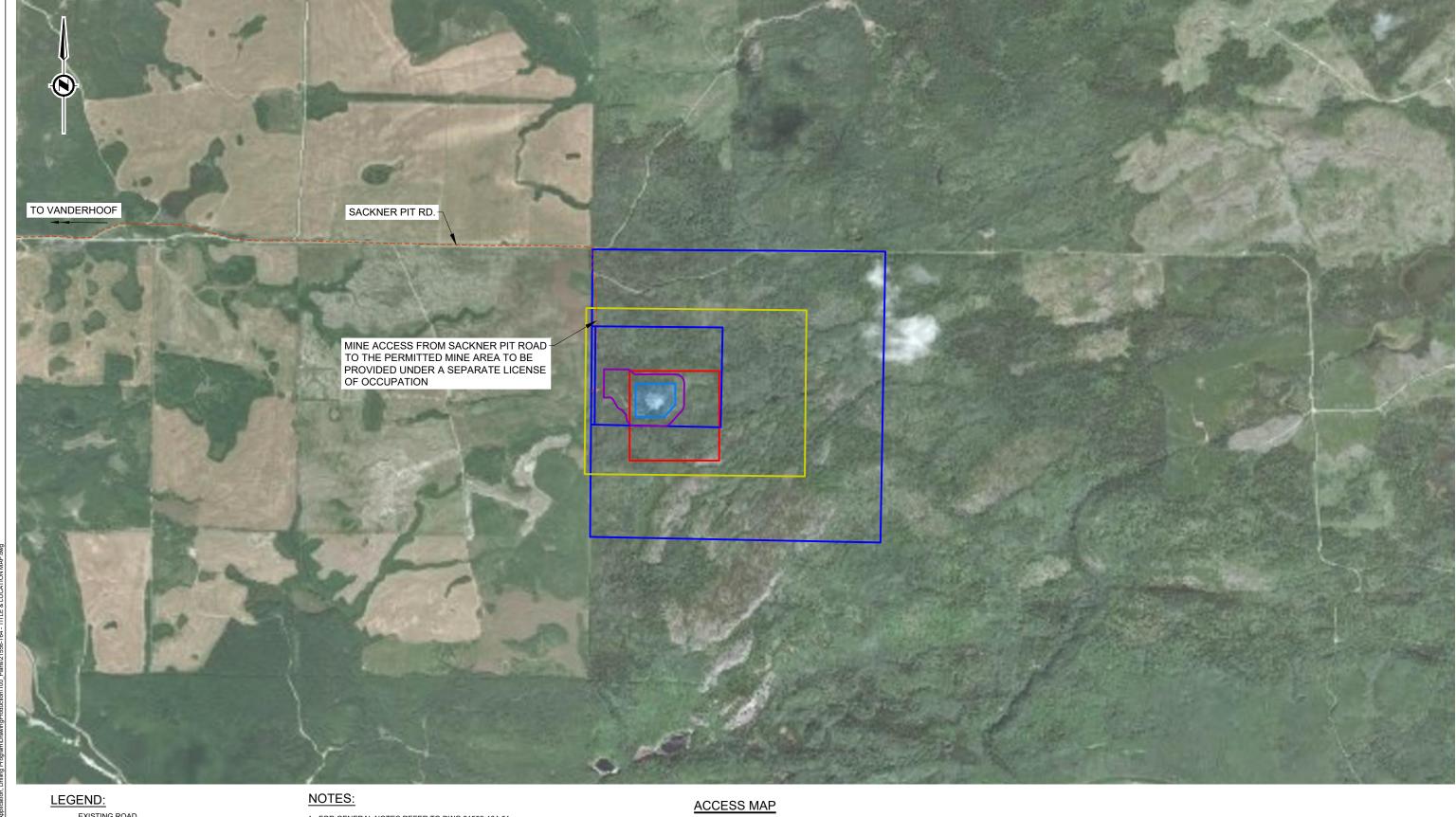
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