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Public input sought on new comprehensive zoning bylaw for CVRD Electoral Areas

DUNCAN, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is seeking public input on a new Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw, which serves to harmonize and modernize its nine existing zoning bylaws into one region-wide bylaw for all electoral areas (excluding marine areas).

Zoning bylaws regulate use of land, density, siting and size of structures, and location of land uses on a property. In the CVRD, zoning bylaws are enacted by the CVRD Board through authority granted by the Local Government Act.

“The new bylaw will make it easier, more efficient, and more cost-effective for residents, builders and developers, and businesses in the Electoral Areas, providing a consistent approach to land use across our communities,” said Ian Morrison, Chair of the Electoral Area Services Committee and Director of Area F – Skutz Falls/Cowichan Lake South. “This process has been years in the making, and we’re excited to show residents how this will make zoning less complicated for everyone.”

Zoning bylaws are the practical tools that help implement the vision outlined in the Official Community Plan (OCP). The CVRD is finalizing its Modernized Official Community Plan (MOCP) and the zoning bylaw needs to be updated to align with its goals and policies. The new Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw will provide a single set of definitions and general regulations that apply to all electoral areas, making future updates easier and improving the efficiency of processing applications.

CVRD staff will be at the Duncan Farmer’s Market on September 28 and October 4, 2024 to share information and speak with residents, and a survey on the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw is now available for residents to complete at www.planyourcowichan.ca.

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