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Draft Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw May Open Houses Postponed

Duncan, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) met on March 26 and April 1, 2026, to receive a presentation on the draft Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (CZB). The current and future zoning only applies to the nine electoral areas in the region.

Based on the level of community feedback on the draft CZB, the EASC is recommending further work be deferred until after a community engagement process is completed and revisions to the draft are made. There will also be a public hearing at the appropriate time. The open houses previously scheduled for May are being postponed at this time to allow the EASC and the Board to consider the overall project timeframe.

A Special EASC will be held on April 15, 2026, at 1 p.m. to consider options for the revised community engagement for the CZB project. EASC recommendations will be considered at the April 22, 2026, Board meeting.

These steps are being taken in response to the significant amount of community interest in the draft CZB. Dates for community engagement on the draft CZB will be confirmed after the upcoming Board and EASC meetings.

The CVRD recognizes that community members may hold differing views and would like to kindly remind everyone of the importance of maintaining respectful and considerate conduct during public meetings, community engagement events, and demonstrations. We are committed to ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all, and ask that all interactions, whether in person or online, be conducted in a respectful and constructive manner.

If you would like to ask technical questions about the draft CZB, you may email zoning@cvrd.bc.ca. For more information about the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw project, please visit: planyourcowichan.ca/zoning-bylaw-project.

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