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Draft Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Update

Duncan, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Electoral Area Services Committee (EASC) met on April 15, 2026, to consider options for timelines for the draft Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (CZB) project. The current and future zoning only applies to the nine electoral areas in the region.

The EASC recommended keeping all CZB input for future use, pausing related planning work until after the October 2026 General Local Election and new strategic plan, and focusing on clearing current applications.

EASC recommendations will be considered at the April 22, 2026, Board meeting. We will continue to provide updates on next steps after the upcoming Board meeting.

“We have heard you, share your concerns, and appreciate the considerable feedback and interest with the draft CZB,” said CVRD Board Chair Kate Segall. “We are committed to continue to listen and rebuild trust.”

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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