

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW 3900

The Director of Planning and Building gives notice that a Public Hearing will be held on **July 18 and 19, 2022** to allow Council to receive public input on Bylaw No. 3900 which proposes to repeal Official Community Plan Bylaw 3450 and replace it with a new Official Community Plan.

As required by the *Local Government Act*, the purpose of the Public Hearing is to afford all persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw a reasonable opportunity to be heard or present written submissions respecting matters contained in the bylaw.

The Public Hearing will be conducted in two parts, with the first part being conducted electronically and the second part being conducted in person:

- **July 18, 2022: 2:00 p.m. until at least 6:00 p.m. (electronically)**
- **July 19, 2022: 2:00 p.m. until at least 6:00 p.m. (in-person at Mellor Hall, Cowichan Exhibition Park)**

To enable full public attendance, the hearing will run until at least 6:00 p.m. on each day (with short adjournments for breaks) regardless of the number of speakers. The hearing will continue past 6:00 p.m. if there are people present at that time who wish to speak.

To meet the legal notice requirements of the *Local Government Act*, the detailed notice below is provided:

The first part of the Public Hearing is open to the public, will be held on July 18, 2022, commencing at 2:00 p.m., and will be conducted electronically, by video conference using the Cisco Webex platform. Anyone wishing to participate in the first part of the Public Hearing may do so by joining the Public Hearing using a computer, smartphone or tablet. Instructions on how you can join the first part of the Public Hearing and the link to join are available at www.northcowichan.ca/virtualmeeting. The first part of the Public Hearing will continue until all persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw in attendance electronically at the first part of the Public Hearing have had an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions, but will continue until at least 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m., once all persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw in attendance electronically at the first part of the Public Hearing have had an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions or the Council determines that the first part of the Public Hearing should be adjourned, the first part of the Public Hearing will be adjourned to the second part of the Public Hearing, and any person who believes their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw in attendance electronically at the first part of the Public Hearing who has not yet had an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions may be heard or present written submissions at the second part of the Public Hearing.

The second part of the Public Hearing is open to the public, will be held on July 19, 2022, commencing at 2:00 p.m., and will be held in person at Mellor Hall, Cowichan Exhibition Park, 7380 Trans-Canada Highway. The second part of the Public Hearing will continue until all persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions, but will continue until at least 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m., once all persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw in attendance at the second part of the Public Hearing have had an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions the Public Hearing will be closed. Otherwise, where persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw in attendance at the second part of the Public Hearing have not yet had an opportunity to be heard or present written submissions and Council determines that the second part of the Public Hearing should be adjourned, the second part of the Public Hearing will be adjourned as stated to those in attendance at the second part of the Public Hearing at the time it is adjourned in accordance with section 465(7) of the *Local Government Act* or in accordance with further notice under section 466 of the *Local Government Act*, and any person who believes their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw will have the opportunity to be heard or present written submissions when the Public Hearing is resumed.

As authorized by the *Local Government Act*, members of the public will be provided an opportunity to be heard verbally or by submitting their comments in writing at the Public Hearing.

Official Community Plan Bylaw 3900, 2022 proposes to repeal Official Community Plan Bylaw 3450 and all amendments, and replace it with the new Official Community Plan for the District of North Cowichan entitled "Municipality of North Cowichan Official Community Plan" and its associated appendices, maps, schedules, tables and all figures, all attached as Schedule "A" to Bylaw 3900.

The subject lands affected by the new Official Community Plan and Schedule "A" is for the entirety of the area within the District of North Cowichan's Municipal boundary.

Public Input

If you believe your interests will be affected by the proposed bylaw, you are encouraged to submit your comments in writing to Mayor and Council by **9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022** using any of the writing methods identified below. Comments may also be shared verbally or in writing during the Public Hearing, by following the instructions provided below.

1. **In Writing in Advance of the Public Hearing:**

Written submissions may be submitted by:

- Email to publicmeetings@northcowichan.ca
- Mail to Mayor and Council, Municipality of North Cowichan, 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan, BC, V9L 6A1
- Fax to 250-746-3133
- In-Person deposited through the mail slot at the Municipal Hall, Main Entrance

2. **Verbally or in Writing at the Public Hearing:**

Details and instructions on how to participate verbally will be available at least one week prior to the Public Hearing at www.northcowichan.ca/PublicHearings and at our automated Public Hearing Info Line: 250-746-3264. Written submissions may be submitted during part 1 of the Public Hearing by email to publicmeetings@northcowichan.ca and may be submitted during part 2 of the Public Hearing by presentation to the Corporate Officer or her designate.

PLEASE NOTE: Written submissions should reference the bylaw number and include your name and address. Please be advised that your written submissions, including your name and address will form part of the public record and will be published on North Cowichan's website. Do not include any personal information in your written submission that you do not wish to be disclosed, as written submissions received are public documents and will not be redacted (with the exception of email addresses on electronic submissions, phone numbers and signatures). Written submissions will not be accepted after the close of the Public Hearing.

A copy of the bylaw and related documents, including public comments received in writing, will be available to inspect online at www.northcowichan.ca/PublicHearings until the close of the Public Hearing. The documents may also be inspected in the Planning Department at the Municipal Hall, Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until Monday, July 4, 2022, and from 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, July 5, 2022 until close of business on July 19, 2022.

Rob Conway, Director of Planning and Building

Personal information is collected by North Cowichan under the authority of s. 26 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of administering the Public Hearing. Please direct any questions about personal information to North Cowichan's Privacy Officer by Phone: 250-746-3116, Email: privacy@northcowichan.ca or Regular Mail: 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan, BC, V9L 6A1

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