

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025** to allow Council to receive public input on **"Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3989, 2025"**. As authorized by the *Local Government Act*, this hearing will be conducted by electronic means and members of the public will be provided an opportunity to be heard verbally or by submitting their comments in writing in advance of the hearing. This hearing will be a Hybrid Meeting and will be conducted in person from Council Chambers and by video conference using the Cisco Webex platform. Anyone wishing to participate may do so in person by attending Council Chambers, or by joining the meeting using a computer, smartphone or tablet, or telephone (audio only). If you wish to participate electronically, please visit www.northcowichan.ca/virtualmeeting for instructions on how you can join this hearing and find the link to join. You may also view the meeting as it is streamed live by going to www.northcowichan.ca/Agendas and click on the '[View Live Stream](#)' link. A copy of the recording will be made available after the meeting on North Cowichan's website for on-demand viewing.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 3989 proposes to amend Zoning Bylaw 1997, No. 2950 by amending the following sections to permit child care centres in several zones throughout the Municipality:

1. Adding a new definition for "child care centre";
2. Amending the definition of "mixed use building" so that it may contain a child care centre;
3. Adding "child care centre" as a permitted use in the following zones:
 - Commercial Local (C1)
 - Commercial General (C2)
 - Commercial Service (C3)
 - Chemainus Commercial (C9)
 - Private Institution (PI)
 - Public Use (PU)
 - Maple Bay School Site Comprehensive Development (CD8)
 - Community Service (Health Care) Comprehensive Development (CD11)
 - Mixed Use Residential (CD15) in Area B
 - Mixed Use Commercial Core (CD16)
4. Replacing "daycare" with "child care", "child care centre" or "day care" as applicable throughout the bylaw to make the terminology consistent; and
5. Adding a new minimum parking provision for child care centre.

PUBLIC INPUT

If you believe your interests in land will be affected by the proposed bylaw, you are encouraged to submit your comments by following the instructions below:

1. In Writing in Advance of the Public Hearing:

Submit your comments in writing to Mayor and Council until **1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2025** by :

- Email to publicmeetings@northcowichan.ca
- Mail to Mayor and Council, Municipality of North Cowichan, 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, North Cowichan 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:

- In Person by attending Council Chambers at Municipal Hall, 7030 Trans-Canada Highway, Duncan BC.
- Virtually by logging in electronically, details and instructions will be available at least one week prior to the Hearing at www.northcowichan.ca/PublicHearings.
- Written submissions may be submitted during the Public Hearing by presentation to the Corporate Officer or her designate.

PLEASE NOTE: Submissions should reference the bylaw number and include your name and the civic address or legal description of the land affected by the proposal. Please be advised that all submissions, including the individual's 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 submission that you do not wish to be disclosed, as 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 conclusion 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. to 4:00 p.m.** from **March 6, 2025 to March 19, 2025.**

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