Residents Invited to Provide Feedback on Electoral Area Zoning Bylaw

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is updating its Land Use and Subdivision Bylaw No. 500, 1987 (Bylaw 500) and invites residents to provide their input. Bylaw 500 is a planning document that regulates the use of land, buildings and structures in five of the seven RDN electoral areas. Several sections of the bylaw are inconsistent, unclear and difficult to interpret. As a result, Bylaw 500 is challenging for the RDN to administer and for property owners to understand. Residents can provide their feedback on draft bylaw improvement options through an online survey until April 7, 2022.

Bylaw 500 covers a wide range of rules that all property owners must follow when developing or using private lands. This includes land and building use, building heights, home-based businesses, secondary suites and more. At more than 36 years old, Bylaw 500 is outdated in many areas. When the update is complete later this year, the bylaw will better reflect the range of land uses and building types that are in demand today in the following five electoral areas:

- Electoral Area A (Cedar, Yellow Point, Cassidy, South Wellington)
- Electoral Area C (Extension, Nanaimo Lakes, Jingle Pot)
- Electoral Area E (Nanoose, Fairwinds, Red Gap)
- Electoral Area G (Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, Dashwood)
- Electoral Area H (Bowser, Horne Lake, Deep Bay, Qualicum Bay)

For more information about Bylaw 500, the update project and to register to complete the survey, visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/bylaw-500-review. Complete the survey by April 7 to be entered for a chance to win a $50 gift card. Residents are also encouraged to register and subscribe to the Bylaw 500 project page to receive project updates and submit questions.

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