TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

The Town of Lake Cowichan is holding an open house so community members can learn about the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw and Building Bylaw and to introduce a new Floodplain Management Bylaw and hear your comments.

The OPEN HOUSE will be held from **4:30 to 6:30 pm on Thursday December 3, 2026,** in Council Chambers at 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan.

The proposed changes to the **Official Community Plan** will incorporate changes to *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation (RAPR),* add references to the 2025 Interim Housing Needs Report, remove policies regarding density bonus provisions, update the Watercourse & Streamside Protection Development Permit Area (DPA-1) to include changes to RAPR, revise Natural Hazard Lands Development Permit Area (DPA-2) to remove floodplain regulations, update Wildfire guidelines, to add stormwater management requirements to Downtown, Uptown, Neighbourhood Centre, Tourism Areas and Highway Corridor Development Permit Area (DPA-5) and Multi-Unit and Intensive Residential Development Permit Area (DPA-5) and make minor non-substantive housekeeping amendments.

The proposed changes to the **Zoning Bylaw** will amend definitions for some housing types, remove floodplain related regulations (which will be relocated to a new Floodplain Management Bylaw), remove rental only zoning regulations, remove density bonus provisions, and amend Schedule 'A' Zoning Map to remove the rental only zoning designation.

The proposed changes to the **Building Bylaw** will remove flood related regulations and all flood related regulations will be moved to a new **Floodplain Management Bylaw**.

The proposed bylaws and related documents may be inspected at the Town Office, 39 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan, British Columbia, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm until December 8th, 2026. If any questions, please contact development@lakecowichan.ca.

Dated at Lake Cowichan, British Columbia this 12th day of November, 2026.