



TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN

Notice of Proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw

TAKE NOTICE that under Section 467 of the Local Government Act, the Town of Lake Cowichan is scheduled to give first and second readings to Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1104-2024 at its Regular Council meeting to be held at 5:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at 39 South Shore, Lake Cowichan, BC on May 28th, 2024.

Bill 44 prohibits Public Hearings on bylaws on residential developments that are consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP) and provincial legislation. The Town of Lake Cowichan is mandated by recent amendments to the Local Government Act to amend Zoning 1055-2021 to accommodate accessory housing units on parcels of residential land with restrictive zoning.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1104-2024 is to bring the Town of Lake Cowichan into compliance with the new Provincial legislation by ensuring that every zone restricted to one single-detached dwelling, as the only principal permitted use must now also permit an accessory dwelling unit. The proposed bylaw affects parcels of residential land on which Zoning Bylaw No. 1055-2021 restricts development to fewer than the number of dwelling units required to be permitted by s. 481.3 of the Local Government Act. Zoning changes imposed by Bill 44 do not, however, require a property owner to build an accessory dwelling unit.

The proposed amending bylaw 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 May 28th, 2024.

A drop-in public information session on the proposed bylaw is available on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024, at the municipal hall between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Dated at Lake Cowichan, British Columbia this 9th day of May, 2024.

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