

Proposed New Zoning Bylaw - Timeline -

1993-JUL-26	"ZONING BYLAW 1993 NO. 4000" was adopted. This is still Nanaimo's current Zoning Bylaw.
2008-SEP-23	Council adopted "OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) BYLAW 2008 NO. 6500". The newly adopted OCP's implementation strategy recommended reviewing the Zoning Bylaw as an immediate to short term goal.
2009-MAR-09	Staff forwarded a report to Council regarding Staff's intent to begin the Zoning Bylaw rewrite process.
2009-MAR-19	City Staff began an internal review of the existing bylaw. Email forwarded to Development Services staff requesting comment on the format, clarity and content of the existing Zoning Bylaw and any areas where it can be improved.
2009-APR-08	A survey on the City website asks for comment on what is liked or disliked about the current bylaw. Staff will continue to consider and review survey comments.
2009-APR-08	City Staff sent letters to the following stakeholder groups in order to solicit feedback regarding the Zoning Bylaw rewrite process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board; • Local architects; • Local developers; • Local land use consultants; • The Downtown Nanaimo Partnership and the Nanaimo City Centre Association; • The Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network (Representatives from Nanaimo's Neighbourhood Groups); and • The Nanaimo chapter of Canadian Home Builders' Association.
2009-APR-08	A media release is issued to all local media outlets regarding the City's intent to review and rewrite the Zoning Bylaw. The public was invited to contact planning Staff regarding the rewrite or to fill out the online survey.
2009-APR-28	As Phase I of the rewrite process, Staff presented the associated Zoning Compliance Bylaw to the planNanaimo Advisory Committee (PNAC).
2009-JUN-09	Met with local architects and City Staff to critique the current Zoning Bylaw and brainstorm future changes.
2009-JUN-23	Met with Neighbourhood Association representatives and City Staff regarding the Zoning Bylaw rewrite process and encouraged them to get involved.
2009-JUL-15	Met with local developers and City Staff to critique the current Zoning Bylaw and brainstorm future changes.
2009-JUL-22	Met with local land use consultants, planners, surveyors, engineers, designers and City Staff to critique the current Zoning Bylaw and brainstorm future changes.
2009-AUG-10	Council adopted "ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2009 NO. 4000.447", which rezoned a number of properties where zoning was out of context with the direction provided by the OCP.
2009-OCT-13	City Staff presented highlights of the proposed bylaw to local architects for discussion.
2009-OCT-15	City Staff presented highlights of the proposed bylaw to local land use consultants for discussion.
2009-OCT-20	City Staff presented highlights of the proposed bylaw to the PNAC for information and discussion.

2009-OCT-21	City Staff presented highlights of the proposed bylaw to local developers for discussion.
2010-MAY-12	Met with landscape architects and local developers to discuss proposed changes to the landscape regulations.
2010-JUL-13	City Staff presented a draft copy of the proposed Zoning Bylaw to PNAC and discussed the goals and objectives of the proposed changes.
2010-JUL-14	Draft bylaw and survey published online.
2010-JUL-14	Letter sent to all Zoning Bylaw stakeholders, including Neighbourhood Network, advising that the draft Zoning Bylaw and survey are now available for public viewing and comment on the City's website.
2010-AUG-9	Staff forwarded a report to Council regarding the public consultation process for the proposed new Zoning Bylaw.
2010-AUG-24	Met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the proposed changes within the draft Zoning Bylaw.
2010-SEP-13	Draft Bylaw presented to Council.
2010-SEP-21	Staff provided PNAC with update concerning the proposed Zoning Bylaw.
2010-OCT-26	City Staff presented highlights of the proposed bylaw to the Neighbourhood Network. Staff once again invited any neighbourhood groups to meet with Staff to discuss the proposed bylaw.
2010-NOV-10	City Staff presented green highlights of the proposed bylaw to the Advisory Committee on the Environment and Sustainability (ACES).
2010-NOV-16	PNAC was introduced to the early mapping process regarding the draft Bylaw. A schedule for further PNAC review was also presented.
2010-NOV-24	Staff met with the Westwood Neighbourhood Association to discuss lot size and other elements of the proposed Zoning Bylaw.
2010-DEC-13	Staff met with the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association executive to discuss the proposed bylaw and how it will meet the objectives of the Departure Bay Neighbourhood Plan.
2011-JAN-06	Council info session held in order to update Council members on the content of the proposed new Zoning Bylaw.
2011-JAN-07	Front counter display created regarding the proposed Zoning Bylaw in the City Hall Annex building.
2011-JAN-24	Staff report to Council with an update on process to date and advising of upcoming public open houses.
2011-JAN-25	Media release issued regarding the proposed new Zoning Bylaw and the upcoming open houses.
2011-JAN-31	Open house dates and information published on the City's Facebook page.
2011-FEB-03	Newspaper ad for the upcoming open houses appeared in the Nanaimo Bulletin and Nanaimo Daily News.
2011-FEB-05	Second Newspaper ad for the upcoming open houses appeared in the Nanaimo Bulletin.
2011-FEB-08	Public open house held at Nanaimo Ice Centre from 5:30 to 8pm.
2011-FEB-10	Public open house held at Beban Park from 5:30 to 8pm.
2011-FEB-15	Staff updated PNAC regarding open house attendance and preliminary survey results.
2011-FEB-16	Public open house held at Dover Bay School from 5:30 to 8pm.
2011-FEB-17	Public open house held at the Chase River Fire Hall from 5:30 to 8pm.

2011-MAR-09	Staff met with the South End Community Association to discuss the proposed zoning for the South End Neighbourhood Plan Area.
2011-MAR-10	Letter sent out to South End Industrial and Commercial Property owners.
2011-MAR-15	PNAC review of proposed Zoning Bylaw changes.
2011-APR-01	Consultant (Tectonica) hired to review and comment on proposed density regulations for the W2 and Corridor Zones.
2011-APR-05	City Staff met with BC Assessment staff to discuss the impact of the proposed zoning changes on property values and assessment.
2011-APR-07	Staff met with the Wellington Neighbourhood Association to discuss the proposed Zoning changes.
2011-APR-19	Continued PNAC review of proposed Zoning Bylaw.
2011-APR-20	Media release issued for upcoming 2011-MAY-04 open house.
2011-APR-21	Follow-up meeting with South End Community Association.
2011-MAY-04	Open house held at Beban Park from 5pm to 8pm.
2011-MAY-11	Follow-up meeting with, and presentation to, the ACES Committee.
2011-MAY-11	Staff attend the Stephenson Point Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting to discuss the proposed zoning changes.
2011-MAY-11	Follow-up meeting with the South End Community Association to discuss zoning for properties where the use does not conform to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Upcoming key dates:

- 2011-MAY-17:** Staff will be seeking PNAC's endorsement of the proposed Zoning Bylaw.
- 2011-JUN-13:** Proposed bylaw scheduled to be reviewed by Council for First and Second Reading.
- 2011-JUN-23:** Public Hearing regarding the proposed Zoning Bylaw to be held within the Shaw Auditorium at 7pm. Please note, following the close of a Public Hearing, Council is no longer permitted to receive new information regarding the proposed Zoning Bylaw, as such this is the final opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed changes.
- 2011-AUG-08:** Proposed Zoning Bylaw is tentatively scheduled to proceed to Council for Final Adoption.