



## News Release

### Updates to Zoning on the Sunshine Coast

Sechelt, BC – June 3, 2022 – One of the Sunshine Coast Regional District's (SCRD) current zoning bylaws - Bylaw 310 was adopted over 30-years ago. Yes, you read that right. 30-years!

In the past 30-years there have been a lot of changes on the Sunshine Coast, particularly in how our community has grown. Many of the current bylaw's regulations have become outdated and are not suitable for current conditions on the Sunshine Coast. So – it's being updated.

Community consultation on this change began back in 2018 and following that our planning staff have gathered feedback from the community. This has all resulted in some initial proposed changes incorporated into a new bylaw called Zoning Bylaw 722, which received first reading in late May by the SCRD Board.

Here are some of the updates being proposed:

- Secondary suites permitted in all single-family dwellings. The size of auxiliary dwelling units such as a carriage house or a garden cottage proposed to increase from 592 ft<sup>2</sup> (55 m<sup>2</sup>) to 969 ft<sup>2</sup> (90 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Climate resilience. Support for energy efficient buildings, green roofs, solar panels and wind turbines. Regulations to further care for riparian and waterfront areas.
- Grow your own food, keep chickens and bees. Farm stands permitted in some areas.
- Support for home-based businesses, a growing trend, particularly through COVID.

Further information can be found in the new proposed bylaw which is available [to read here](#). The bylaw is quite a long read so for summaries of the proposed changes and how you can ask a question prior to the meetings outlined below, visit [letstalk.scrd.ca/bylaw-722](http://letstalk.scrd.ca/bylaw-722)

#### Community Meetings

##### In person

SCRD staff will provide a presentation to the community, followed by a Q & A on proposed changes on Wednesday, June 8 at 7pm at Roberts Creek Elementary School Gym, 1088 Roberts Creek Road.

##### Online

On Thursday, June 9, at 7pm SCR D staff will provide a presentation to the community online. Information on how to join this meeting [can be found here](#). This meeting will also be streamed on the [SCRD's YouTube channel](#).

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