

Pursuant to Section 464(3) and 467(2) of the *Local Government Act*, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) advises that a Public Hearing is not being held for proposed “Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area ‘F’ Zoning and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 1285.42, 2026” (Bylaw 1285.42). A Public Hearing is not being held as an Official Community Plan (OCP) applies to the electoral area subject to Bylaw 1285.42 and the RDN Board considers Bylaw 1285.42 to be consistent with the applicable OCP.

Bylaw 1285.42 affects properties that are currently zoned Rural 1 (R-1), Rural Residential 2 (R-2), Rural 4 (R-4) and Forestry Resource 2 (FR-2) pursuant to “Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area ‘F’ Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw No. 1285, 2002” (Bylaw 1285).

The RDN intends to consider first reading of Bylaw 1285.42 at its regular Board meeting:

Time & Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 1 p.m.

Location: RDN Board Chambers
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, B.C.

GENERAL INTENT

In general terms, the purpose of the bylaw is to add a general regulation which applies to the R-1, R-2, R-4 and FR-2 zones that specifies no parcel having an area less than the applicable subdivision district may be created including a lot created by deposit of a strata plan under the *Strata Property Act*, excluding bare land strata lots. The bylaw does not propose any changes to the number of dwelling units permitted or the minimum parcel size for the purpose of subdivision.

PURPOSE

- The RDN is undertaking a project to address challenges associated with two-lot rural building strata development.
- The project is considering the introduction of a 1.0-hectare minimum parcel size with one dwelling unit permitted per parcel, primarily within the above-listed zones, to enable owners of existing rural building strata to convert to bare land strata or fee simple subdivision.
- The project also seeks to prevent the creation of new two-lot rural building strata by permitting the creation of one-hectare parcels in the affected areas and an appropriate minimum parcel size for parcels zoned FR-2.
- While this work is underway, limiting the registration of additional rural building strata is critical to managing the scope and impacts of this form of development.
- The proposed bylaw changes are intended to be temporary and would be reconsidered upon completion of the Board’s consideration of the above work.

WHERE CAN I INSPECT THE BYLAW?

A copy of the proposed bylaw, the Board resolution to not hold a Public Hearing and other relevant documents may be inspected at the RDN Administration Office. The office is located at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, B.C., open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding public holidays.

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