

PUBLIC HEARING FOR OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT AND NEW ZONING BYLAW

City of Duncan Council will hold a Public Hearing to allow Council to receive input on Bylaw No. 3172, 2017, which proposes to amend "Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2030, 2007" and input on proposed new "Zoning Bylaw No. 3166, 2017".

The Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3172, 2017 contains a new map that will replace the existing Map 1 of the Official Community Plan (OCP). Map 1-Land Use guides general land use types and density in the entire City of Duncan, and also identifies neighbourhood nodes and heritage sites.

The purpose of proposed Zoning Bylaw No. 3166, 2017 is to replace the current "City of Duncan Zoning Bylaw No. 1540, 1988" with one that will be consistent with the Official Community Plan, be more user friendly, and facilitate development that meets the needs of Duncan's current and future users.

The proposed bylaws and staff reports can be viewed on the City's website or at City Hall, 200 Craig Street, Monday to Friday, between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm (except public holidays), until the date of the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR:

Date: **Monday, September 18, 2017**

Time: **5:00 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber, City Hall, 200
Craig Street, Duncan**

For questions regarding the Public Hearing process phone City Hall - 250-746-6126 or email duncan@duncan.ca.

DUNCAN AND NORTH COWICHAN TO HOLD AMALGAMATION REFERENDUM SPRING 2018

Duncan City Council and the Municipality of North Cowichan Council have agreed to hold the referendum on amalgamation in the spring of 2018. Subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, both municipalities will choose a date to hold the referendum in the spring next year.

Earlier this year, the Duncan-North Cowichan Citizens' Assembly on Municipal Amalgamation recommended the amalgamation of Duncan and North Cowichan. Their report is available at www.dnc-cama.ca

A Duncan-North Cowichan Working Group, consisting of two Councillors from each municipality, will work with an external consultant to provide unbiased information, covering both the pros and cons of amalgamation, to the public prior to the vote taking place. "I am pleased the communication plan will be providing unbiased information prior to the residents of both municipalities voting on amalgamation, enabling them to be fully informed and make their own determination," said Phil Kent, Mayor of Duncan.

Amalgamation would require the approval of the provincial government and residents of both municipalities by public referendum. "It's encouraging to see both Councils move forward with a spring referendum," said Jon Lefebure, Mayor of North Cowichan. "With such a big decision on the table, we hope to see a large turnout of voters coming out to have their say on the future of the community."

RECYCLING CONTAMINATION RATE REDUCED

Congratulations to City of Duncan residents and staff on the recycling contamination rate improvements! The latest contamination audit by MMBC determined that the City has improved from a 16% contamination rate to a 3.87% contamination rate. This is one of the lowest contamination rates in the Province. Thank you for making the extra effort that has resulted in this huge improvement. The target rate is 3%, so please help spread the word on the correct way to recycle. Visit the City's website for more information.

**Items not
accepted
for pick-up**



No plastic bags or
softwrap plastic



No glass



no plastic hard toys



no containers for
oil, paint or
hazardous items

Comments, questions or concerns?

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CITY OF DUNCAN 2017 AWARDS

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their contribution to the community? If you would like to nominate someone for the Perpetual Arts Trophy, the Perpetual Trophy for Excellence & Sportsmanship or the Scroll of Honour, the nomination application forms are available on the City's website or can be picked up from City Hall, 200 Craig Street. Deadline for submissions is the end of September. If a recipient is selected this year for any of these awards, the presentation ceremony will take place at the Annual Meeting in December.

PERPETUAL ARTS TROPHY

The Perpetual Arts Trophy recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence in the performing, literary or visual arts. A special 'thank you' to the Cowichan Valley Arts Council who will be reviewing the nominations.

PERPETUAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE & SPORTSMANSHIP

The Perpetual Trophy for Excellence & Sportsmanship recognizes one individual or organization who has contributed significantly to sports or distinguished themselves in sportsmanship.

SCROLL OF HONOUR

We value the volunteers in our community! The City's Scroll of Honour Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated at least 15 years of service in the Cowichan Valley.

YARD WASTE & GLASS PICK-UP REMINDER

Yard Waste and glass is collected by a contractor on the first collection day of each month (March to December; no collection in January or February). The following can be placed at the curb on this day:

YARD WASTE

Up to ten (10) compostable bags or reusable bins of yard waste no larger than 77L and weighing no more than 50lbs/22kg each.

STICKS

Up to two (2) bundles of sticks no longer than 3 feet and no larger than 2 inches in diameter. Bundles of sticks must be tied with cotton string and not exceed 50lbs/22kg in weight.

GLASS

Unlimited glass. Glass must be unbroken, clean and contained in a bin.

Residents can also dispose of yard waste for free at the Bings Creek Transfer Station, year round. For more information, please contact Bings Creek at 250-746-2540.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Stop by City Hall on October 10, 2017 to see the building lit up with purple lights in support of raising awareness for World Mental Health Day.

WATER BILL BY EMAIL

Would you prefer to receive your semi-annual water bill by email? If so, send a note to utilities@duncan.ca with your account number or address.

OCTOBER 8—14, 2017 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: **"Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"** is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign message:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Make sure windows and doors are not blocked.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.
- Make sure your house number is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.

The presence of a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving a fire. Test your alarm monthly by pushing the test button. You need a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Single level homes and apartments should have smoke alarms near the kitchen and all sleeping areas.

If you, or someone you know, has any questions about smoke alarms, contact the Duncan Volunteer Fire Department at 250-746-5211.

