# **Bylaw 500 Survey**

### **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

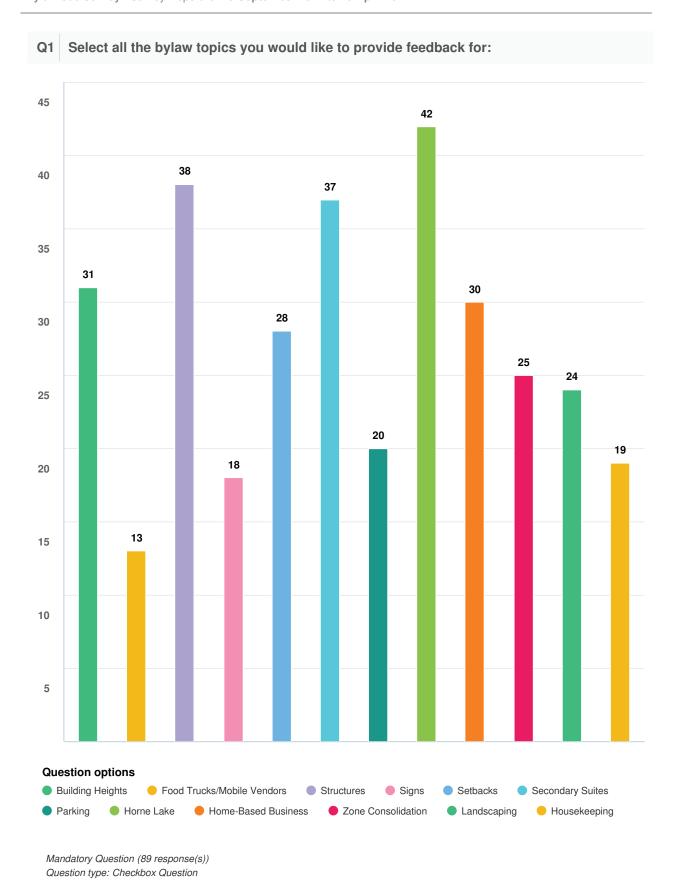
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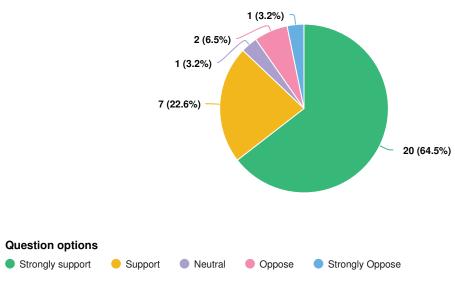
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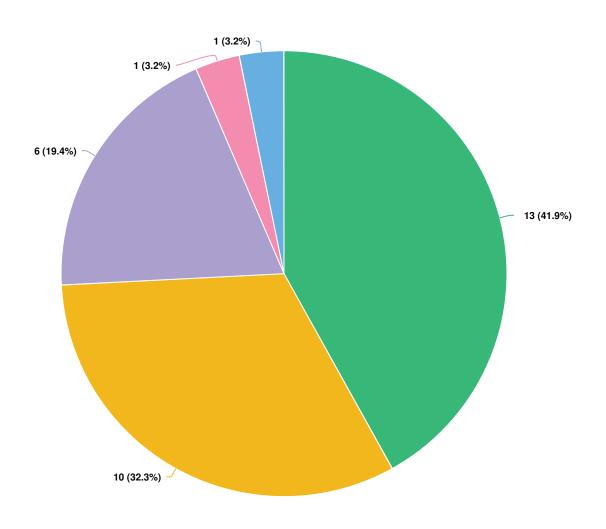


## Q2 Do you support the proposal to increase the maximum height to be generally consistent with other local governments?



Optional question (31 response(s), 58 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

## Do you support the proposed height calculation method?





Optional question (31 response(s), 58 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q4 Please tell us if we have missed anything else about building height.

#### Anonymous

3/11/2022 01:26 PM

Previously such items as solar panels where not given full exemptions from height calculations which should be changed to encourage solar

#### Anonymous

3/23/2022 01:20 PM

I don't think it is necessary to include the inside corners on the building in the average grade calculation. Standard practice in municipalities in the south island is to only use the outside corners. Just simplifies things more. Also, if you have a small bump out on one side you are taking 4 elevation shots at that spot to add to the average grade calculation. That adds an incentive to put jogs on the high side of the building. Taking only the outside corners reduces that incentive by half.

#### Anonymous

3/23/2022 01:57 PM

I noticed that the definition for average natural grade notes the "exterior" corners but the examples use the interior as well. I think it should just be exterior to align with bordering municipalities.

#### heatherclarke

3/28/2022 09:50 AM

I oppose the removal of the incentive that currently allows larger buildings for parcels located in the floodplain

#### drtolson

3/31/2022 03:50 PM

Assessment of what is an appropriate building height needs to take into account the landform geography, existing structures and the accepted/expected use of the land.

#### Anonymous

4/01/2022 06:29 PM

Building height related to topography. There are several houses in our fire protection area that are built on steep terrain that can be four stories on one side and still be ground level on the top floor.

#### Anonymous

4/06/2022 07:01 AN

There should be more flexibility in the building flood construction level as it can be very difficult to coordinate and align with adjacent properties that are at different heights. When will the Coastal Flood Hazard Map Atlases for the flood construction levels for building purposes/development permitting be implemented and shown on your website?

#### Anonymous

4/07/2022 05:09 PM

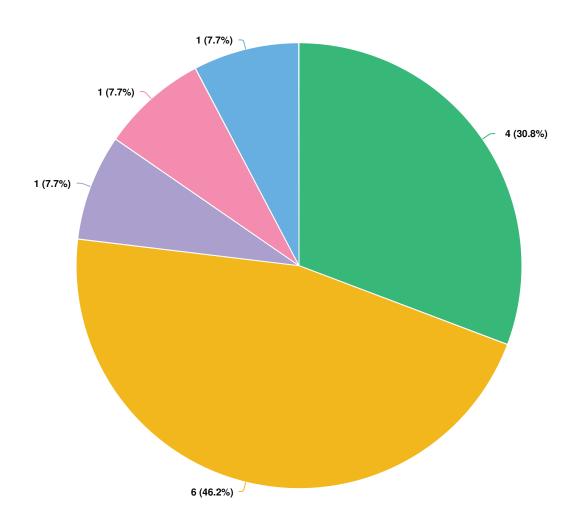
Many height calculations, including the one proposed can be manipulated. The existing height bylaw does not allow any form of manipulation. It can however require a variance request due to things

such as local depressions around the perimeter foundation. With regards to the actual height, I would suggest that roofs 5/12 and over be allowed 9m in height. Homes with roofs less slope would have a maximum height of 8m. This would prevent three story homes with low or no roof slope.

Optional question (8 response(s), 81 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

## Q5 Do you support allowing food trucks in all non-residential zones?





Optional question (13 response(s), 76 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q6 Please tell us if we have missed anything else about food trucks.

#### Anonymous

3/13/2022 02:08 PM

Issue is on taxes. We have many small food service facilities that need to support, and that pay taxes. We should not be allowing these trucks into any area within several kilometers of an existing establishment.

#### Anonymous

4/06/2022 11:09 AM

I could not see any mention other than in parks of requiring a permit. I would think for the good of the bricks & mortar food locations that some sort of permit should be required. Whose land are they able to park on?

#### Anonymous

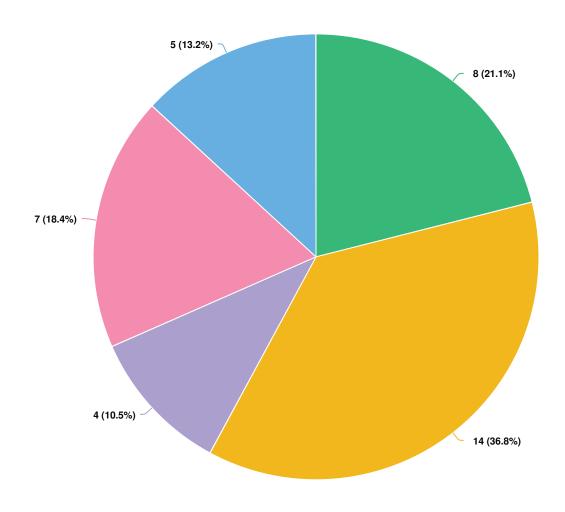
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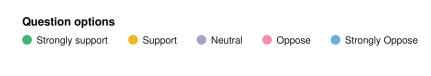
Food trucks should not be allowed within a certain distance of established restaurants. Food trucks have an unfair advantage over a bricks and mortar restaurant such as not having to pay property taxes or rent and not having to provide restroom facilities.

Optional question (3 response(s), 86 skipped)

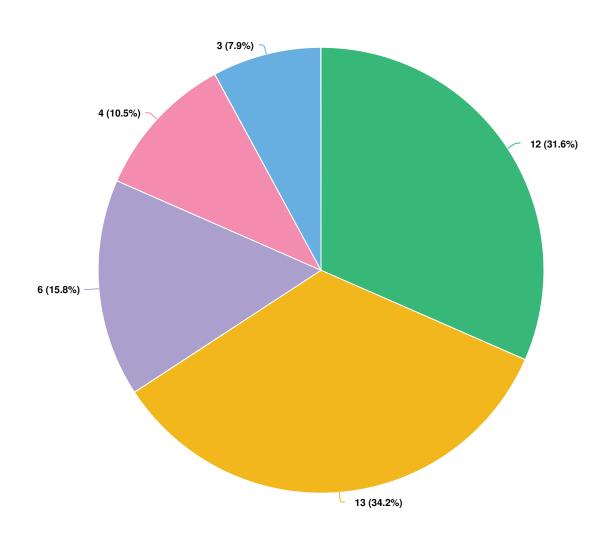
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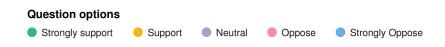
Q7 Do you support the proposal to clarify the characteristics of retaining walls which are considered structures and as such are required to meet the applicable minimum setback requirements?





Optional question (38 response(s), 51 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q8 Do you support the proposed approach to recognizing and regulating shipping containers?





Optional question (38 response(s), 51 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q9 Please tell us if we have missed anything about structures.

Anonymous

Portable tent shelters in front and back yards

3/13/2022 09:46 AM

jamesblake Retaining walls should not have to meet setback requirements.

Allowing retaining walls within the setback limits would allow better

use of the land.

Anonymous

3/17/2022 10:29 AM

My greatest concern is the inability of the RDN to enforce these  $\,$ 

bylaws. Without enforcement capability the bylaws are moot.

Anonymous

3/20/2022 06:54 AM

Limits should be tied to lot sizes

Anonymous

4/04/2022 01:47 PM

The size limit of the structure should be the same as other areas that are under RDN, or based on the size of the lot for both structures

Anonymous

4/05/2022 01:20 PM

A reference to those property owners that own rural land that is in the Agricultural Land Reserve referring them to the Agricultural Land Commission to see the policies and regulations that apply to their property that supersede the regulations in Bylaw 500. Too much confusion among property owners and planners that lead people astray with respect to regulations.

Anonymous

4/06/2022 07:01 AM

Colwood, BC allows for 4' retaining walls will this be something the

RDN will implement.

Anonymous

4/06/2022 12:10 PM

I'd like to know how my neighbour can add onto his mobile home and

have no permit!!!!

Anonymous

4/07/2022 05:09 PM

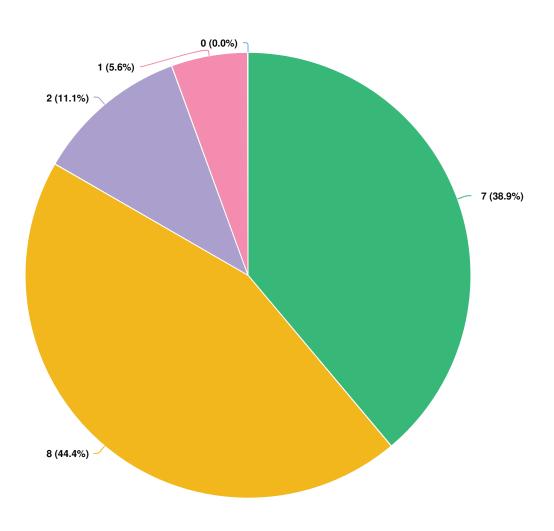
With regards to shipping containers, there should be no time limit on their presence when there is an active building permit in place. That would allow them to be used for tool storage during construction. There shouldn't be limits on shipping containers in Industrial Zones. Retaining walls that are stepped should be allowed to be up to 1.2m in height. There should be minimal setback of retaining in front yards to allow for driveway access, building access and landscaping. I would suggest a 1m setback. Front yards don't tend to be

problematic, side yards are typically where issues arise between neighbours, where one property becomes much higher than the neighbouring property due to retaining.

Optional question (9 response(s), 80 skipped)

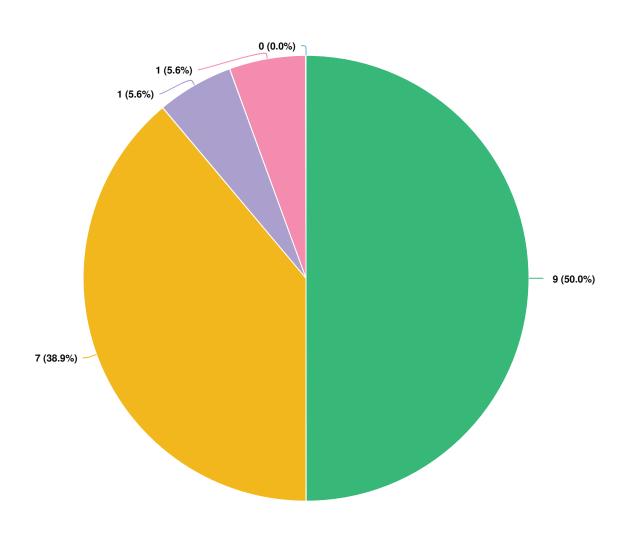
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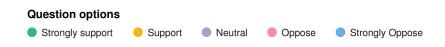
Q10 Do you support increasing the maximum number of fascia signs from one per parcel to one per business?





Optional question (18 response(s), 71 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q11 Do you support regulating sign illumination and digital displays to reduce the impact of sign lighting on adjacent properties?





Optional question (18 response(s), 71 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### ດ12

#### Please tell us if we have missed anything about building signs.

#### Anonymous

3/15/2022 02:21 PN

Businesses that have a sign on the building don't need portable stand alone signs on the ground in front of the business. It looks shabby and cultured in front of some businesses like small plazas. Clean up the look of Parksville.

#### Anonymous

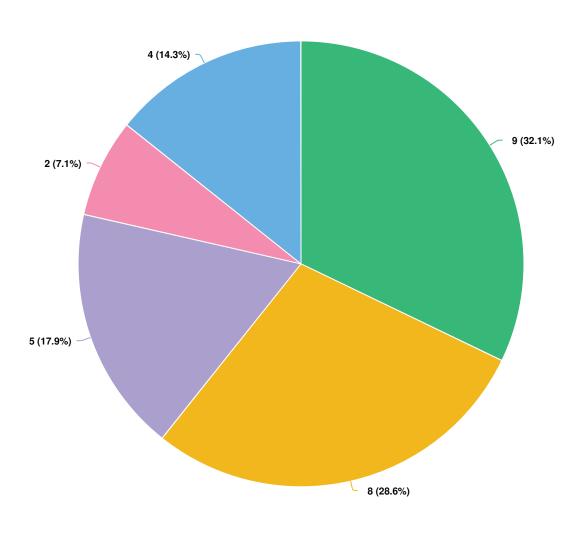
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Changeable LED signage for fascia or property signs should be prohibited. For double sided signs only one side should be counted for sizing. While I understand the concern for ambient light, I am not sure dark sky type lighting is applicable to signage particularly if the sign is lit internally. Dark sky typically refers to streetlighting or exterior home lighting. Signage should be allowed for each electoral area in addition to Village Centres (ie existing Nanoose Bay sign)

Optional question (2 response(s), 87 skipped)

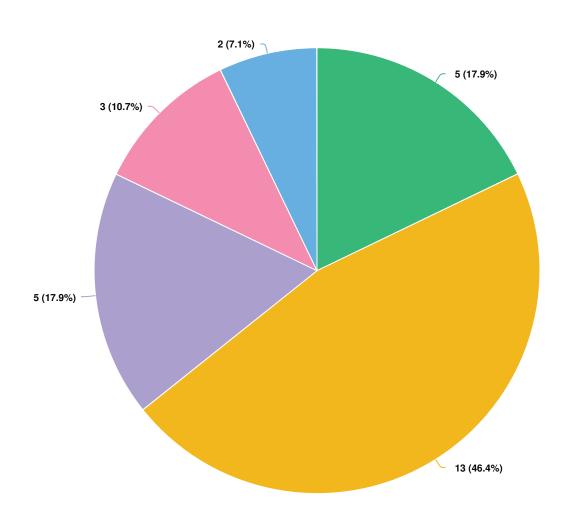
Question type: Essay Question

Q13 Do you support the proposal to change the minimum setback requirements to be 5.0 metres from exterior lot lines and 2.0 metres from all other lot lines? These values are proposed to:reduce the likelihood of any existing lawfully sited buildings or...





Optional question (28 response(s), 61 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q14 Do you support the proposed clarifications and changes to the watercourse setbacks?





Optional question (28 response(s), 61 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q15

#### Please tell us if we have missed anything about minimum setback requirements.

#### Anonymous

3/11/2022 01:58 PM

No mention of Electrical Area E Nanoose Bay

#### Anonymous

3/17/2022 12:09 PM

Add language to protect riparian zones, encourage native plants and address invasive plants within riparian zone.

#### Anonymous

3/23/2022 01:20 PM

Adding phase boundary setbacks to the zoning bylaw will only cause problems. A thorough review of the proposed development should be undertaken with planning, building staff, and developer at the application stage to ensure buildings meet setbacks if future phases do not proceed. Every phased strata development is unique and complicated. Phase boundaries only exist for a set amount of time then they disappear. Building setback considerations are taken care of with the existing lot line setback requirements in the zoning bylaw. Adding phase setback definition will only complicate things.

#### Anonymous

3/26/2022 10:56 AM

Some properties would not be use able and become non conforming

#### drtolson

3/31/2022 03:50 PM

5 metres seems a bit much for setback from exterior lot lines. I can see a number homes in my area alone which would not meet that requirement (unless they were grandfathered). It would also impact the size of homes which could be built, meaning they might have to go UP instead of out (keeping homes/structures lower is preferable.) Also, not clear what 'other lot lines' are -- does this includes easements, covenants, etc.?

#### Anonymous

4/07/2022 05:09 PM

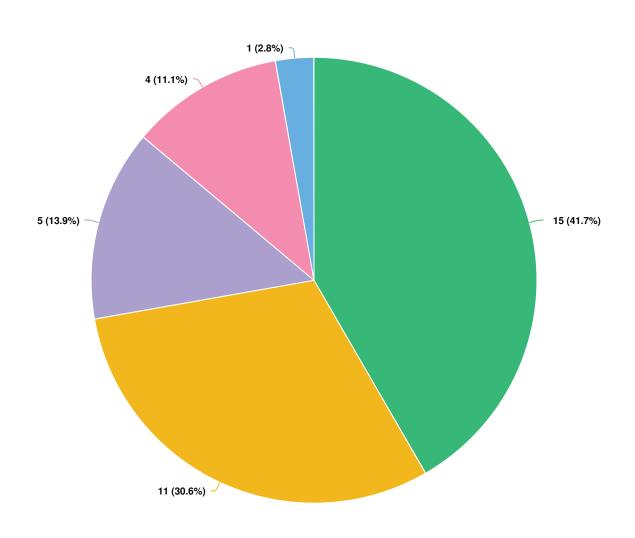
Parking setbacks should be removed for small parcels. Parking setbacks should only apply to multi-family, commercial and industrial lands. With regards to watercourse setbacks, a property owner requires a surveyor to locate the home for a building permit, so the surveyor is already on-site to deal with watercourse setbacks. Watercourse setbacks should be consistent with Provincial RAPR regulations. 30m or less if determined appropriate by a QEP to a minimum of 10m. Ditch setbacks as per RAPR regulations as well. Front yard setbacks should remain at 8m for residential zones. Reducing it could significantly impact established residential neighbourhoods. If a new build, be it on an existing undeveloped lot or redevelopment of a property, could change the character of a neighbourhood if one home is built closer to the road. This could also negatively impact views for adjacent property owners. If a 5m other

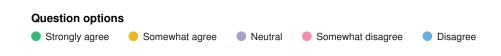
lot lines setback includes being adjacent to parks it should specifically include linear path parks that are less than 5m in width. Bareland strata setbacks should be consistent with Fee Simple setbacks for consistency. Building strata setbacks should be dealt with independently. There should be a setback of 5m from exterior boundaries and 2m from phase boundaries. Front yard setbacks from internal roads should be 4m but driveway must be 6m to allow for vehicle parking.

Optional question (6 response(s), 83 skipped)

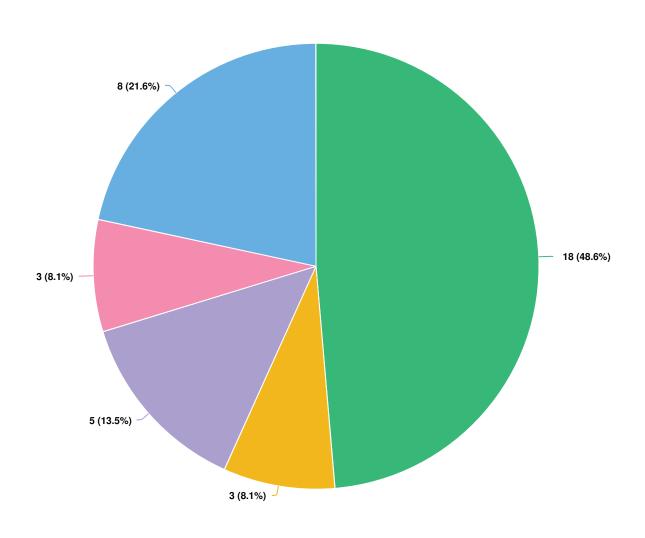
Question type: Essay Question

Q16 Do you agree with the updated definition of secondary suite which seeks to clarify the distinction between attached and detached suites?



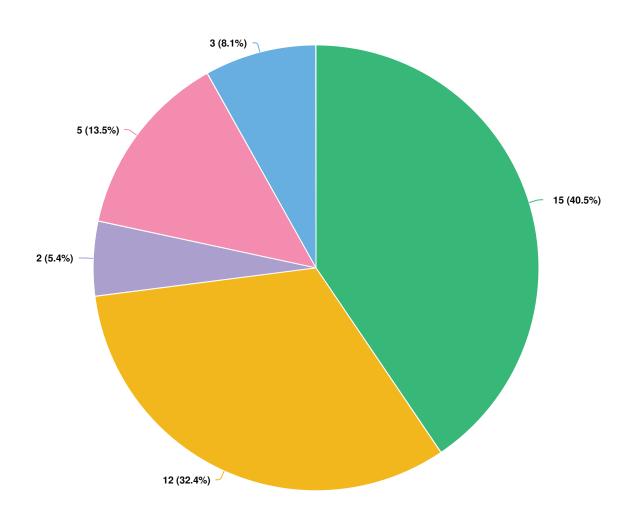


Optional question (36 response(s), 53 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q17 Do you agree with reducing the land area required to allow a detached secondary suite from 8,000 m2 to 4,000 m2 on parcels that are serviced by a community water system?





Optional question (37 response(s), 52 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q18 Do you support increasing the floor area that can be dedicated towards a secondary suite from 40 percent to 49 percent of the habitable floor space of the dwelling unit that it is located in?





Optional question (37 response(s), 52 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q19

#### Please tell us if we have missed about secondary suites.

#### Anonymous

3/11/2022 01:26 PM

We are concerned about ability to add additional secondary suites for population growth and keeping pressure off farmlands. Currently, the majority of RS2 zoned land in our communities is 1/2 acre or 2000m2 on septic field serviced land, (per MoTI subdivision standards). The tenants of an attached suite will use community water and septic on a 2000m2 lot but if the suite is detached (but still the same size as an attached suite), why would we need to increase the size of a lot to 4000m2 to accommodate this same number of individuals using the land. Perhaps it would be appropriate to make RS2 zones 2000m2 with community water only so that both attached and detached secondary suites can be considered on the majority of RS2 lots in the Regional District. As long as the septic system is approved for additional capacity of a secondary suite, I see no rationale to allow attached suites and exclude detached suites on previously subdivided 2000m2 lots.

#### Anonymous

3/13/2022 02:08 PM

Several items. One is how to you plan to increase property taxes and school taxes for secondary suites, plus increase costs of services. Reducing land area for suites is wrong for residences relying on sceptic service. If on RDN sewer (only few areas) how is cost of extra capacity addressed. One last item, is the provincial land development act allows developers to put statutory building schemes on properties (these are registered with land titles). Many of the schemes expressly exclude secondary suites. The bylaw must acknowledge and recognize the clauses of the act and the schemes, and as such, must do as search against any land title before permitting a secondary suite. It shouldn't be left to the courts to decided where the RDN action might be in conflict with provisions of a provincial act.

#### jamesblake

3/14/2022 09:03 AN

Should eliminate some of the arbitrary restrictions around including a secondary suite in an accessory building (size of building, floor area measurements, access arrangements.

#### Anonymous

3/15/2022 05:05 PN

It may just be a misunderstanding, but for the 49% of habitable floor space, is that strictly applicable to attached suites? Otherwise it would prohibit secondary suites in accessory buildings with no other habitable space (e.g. above the garage), which doesn't make sense in relation to what you are trying to accomplish. Perhaps garage space is to be considered habitable, but this wouldn't be the case for garages in flood plain despite the fact that suites over the garage would be above FCL. Otherwise I think your proposal is excellent and

will help create new affordable housing in the area and/or support properties that can be shared by multi-generations.

#### Anonymous

3/16/2022 11:10 PM

Better clarification on secondary suits in accessories buildings and if the dwelling sqf is subtracted from the accessorie building calculation

#### Anonymous

3/17/2022 12:09 PM

a secondary suite is not secondary to the main dwelling if it is 49%. That is a duplex! Please keep secondary suites as secondary.

#### Anonymous

3/17/2022 07:48 PM

As long as there is community water. But where water is by then no secondary detached suites should occur

#### **DMT**

3/20/2022 10:46 AM

We aren't on community water and would like to see this option added

#### Lucas Oliva

3/23/2022 02:03 PM

I believe the city should be allowing a carriage house (detached secondary suite) on properties that meet the requirements already (such as lane access, lot size, corner lot) but currently have an attached secondary suite within the principle dwelling. Allowing 3 dwellings on one lot, as long as the requirements are met for construction and use of the detached secondary suite would be a fantastic way to add more housing to our incredibly competitive rental market. I think most people would agree the lack of housing is and will continue to be an issue if we don't look at other options for increased density within our growing city.

#### Anonymous

3/23/2022 05:58 PM

The review mentions clarifying how area of a detached suite is calculated when there are other uses in a building. What is the reasoning behind including the entire area of the building in the suite area calculation in all cases? Other municipalities (including Parksville & Nanaimo) have allowances for parking areas to be exempt from the floor area calculation, which allows for the construction of 'carriage houses' with parking under and a full 90m2 suite above...this seems like a reasonable exception especially on rural properties in the RDN. There is also an issue with covered entries and patios being included in the floor area for suite. An allowance for a covered entry or limited covered patio space in addition to the 90m2 suite area should be included. Tenants deserve rain cover and usable outdoor space too... I agree with increasing the % of habitable space allowed as secondary suite, however I questions why a detached suite should be subject to the same restriction? What would be the negative impact of a smaller home with a detached 90 m2 suite? If the % allowable is

kept in place for the detached suite, I would consider clarifying how that is to be calculated in both scenarios. Currently the detached suite is calculated as a percentage of the main house...but that means the house must be larger than if the suite was attached. Currently a 1452 sq.ft. primary dwelling is required to achieve a 968 sqft attached suite, but a 2420 sq.ft. primary dwelling is required to achieve a 968 sq.ft. detached suite. Secondary suites should be actively encouraged and even incentivized...RDN has an opportunity here to set a great example by eliminating arbitrary and unreasonable limitations. Let's build some housing!!

#### Sarah Dawn

3/29/2022 11:03 AM

I agree that secondary suites and detached suites should be considered and included for residential zones, however perhaps consideration should be made that parcels can have either a secondary suite or detached suite to allow for more flexibility? Lot line setbacks, lot coverage and potentially septic locations may limit detached suites from many properties anyways. Would allow for more options for property owners and encourage more forms of accommodations. Does the bylaw permit residents of a secondary suite to have a home based business? I believe that home based business in a suite should be considered if its located internally within the dwelling and would not result in an increase of vehicle traffic and not permit additional employees. Does the bylaw permit a detached suite to be utilized as a bed and breakfast / AirB&B?

#### Anonymous

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Consider allowing both an attached suite and a carriage house on suitable properties.

#### Anonymous

4/05/2022 01:20 PM

Need to refer property owners that own rural land that is in the Agricultural Land Reserve to the policies and regulations of the Agricultural Land Commission that govern their land use and supersede the regulations in Bylaw 500. Too much confusion among property owners and planners about the use of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

#### Anonymous

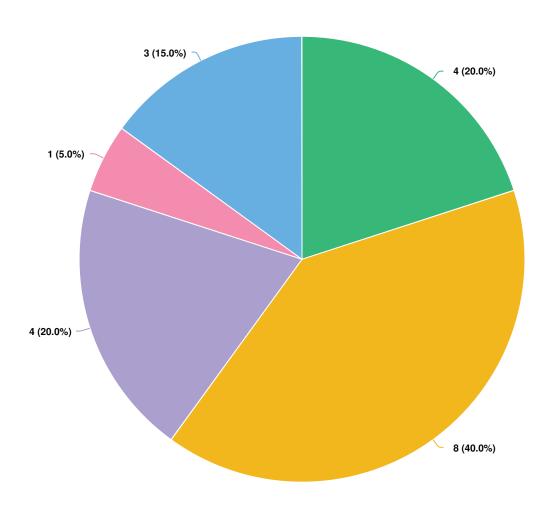
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The standard definition for suite is a unit contained within a larger unit not a separate building. A suite should be a separate living unit in a primary residence that can be connected by a breezeway. A separate habitable building should be called a carriage house or something similar. The use of detached suite to describe a separate building is confusing.

Optional question (14 response(s), 75 skipped)

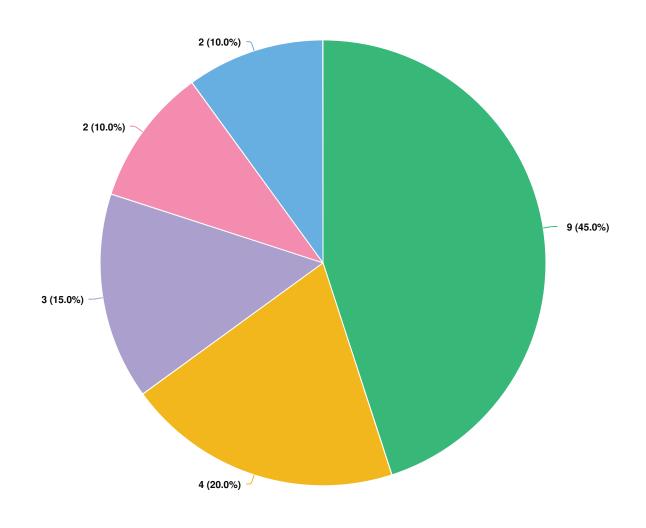
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Q20 Do you agree with adding requirements for bicycle parking that would apply to new developments in multi-residential and commercial zones?





Optional question (20 response(s), 69 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q21 Do you agree with adding requirements for car charging stations to new multi-unit residential developments which includes four or more dwelling units to align with best practices from several municipalities across B.C.?





Optional question (20 response(s), 69 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q22

#### Please tell us if we have missed anything about parking.

#### Anonymous

3/13/2022 09:46 AM

Un insuranced vehicles parked on street and Boulevard. Vehicles

parked the wrong way. Double parked on street

#### Anonymous

3/17/2022 03:07 PM

Stop wasting time on all electric car stupidity.

#### Sarah Dawn

3/29/2022 11:03 AM

In my opinion the number of car charging stations required are quite minimal and perhaps should be increased, or a supplementary requirement for pre-ducting of additional parking stalls to allow for future car charging stations could be included.

#### Anonymous

4/01/2022 03:02 PM

Additional to this, there should be a bylaw section mandating the installation of a vehicle charging station for all new single family houses.

#### Anonymous

4/06/2022 11:09 AM

Adding the suggested quantity of bike parking will just be one more item that adds to the cost of a residential building. Also I'm not sure if centralized bike parking adds to the ability of petty thieves to have a central shopping area - you may have already consulted with the RCMP on this area.

#### Anonymous

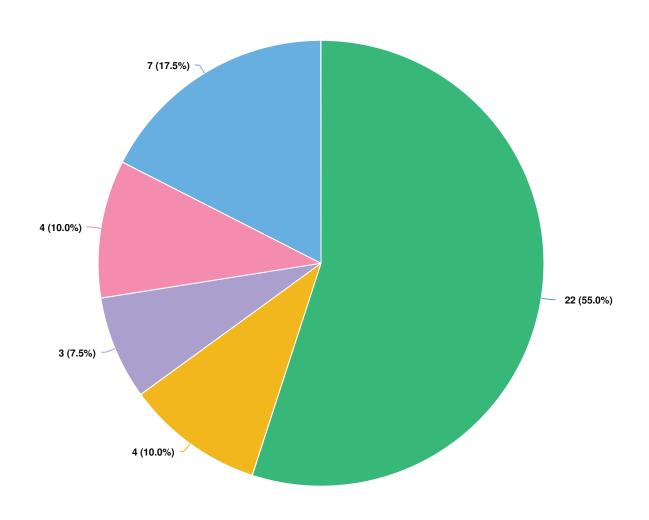
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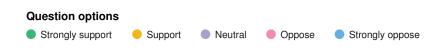
Bicycle parking should be a requirement for condo type multi-family (not townhomes) and commercial but not industrial lands. Multi-residential developments should require unit/parking areas to be EV ready. Not everyone will have an electric vehicle and it would be both wasteful and expensive (the consumer pays) to install charging stations or plugins for all parking stalls. With the proposed regulation should just the 240V plugin be required vs the whole charger as written. Providing the charger would be an additional expense when it is not required for all vehicles. Under Resort Condominium it should be 1 1/2 parking stalls per unit. Some units will be one bedroom and even with two bedrooms people may travel in the same vehicle.

Optional question (6 response(s), 83 skipped)

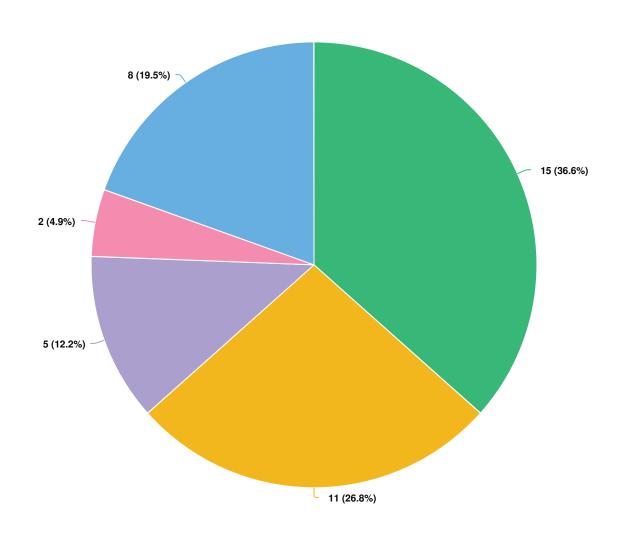
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Q23 Do you support the proposal to allow the maximum permitted cabin floor area of up to 105 m2 to be located on one level or to be divided between two levels?



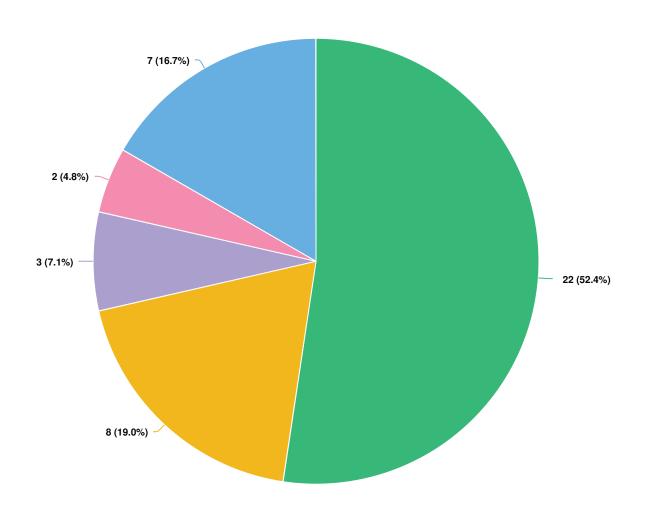


Optional question (40 response(s), 49 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q24 Do you support the proposal to simplify and standardize the height calculation method such that the maximum cabin height of 6.1 metres would be measured from average natural grade or the flood construction level as applicable?



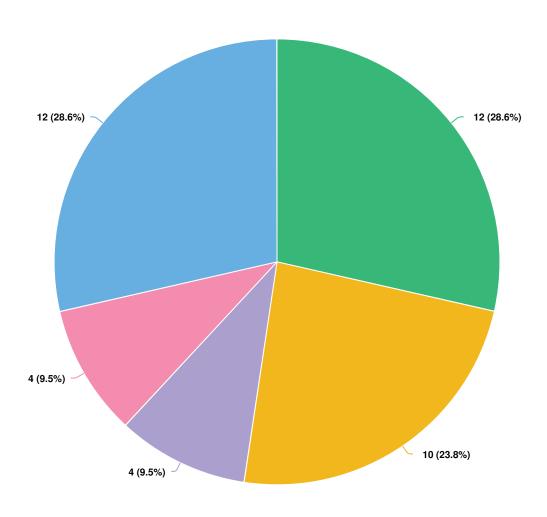


Optional question (41 response(s), 48 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q25 Do you support allowing the maximum accessory building floor area to be combined into one building with a slight increase of 2 m2.





Optional question (42 response(s), 47 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q26 The existing zoning does not allow any construction located below the flood construction level to be enclosed habitable or occupiable storage space. To address challenges with consistency and interpretation, do you support the proposal to clarify t...





Optional question (42 response(s), 47 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

#### Q27

#### Please tell us if we have missed anything about development at Horne Lake.

#### Anonymous

3/15/2022 11:25 AM

While I listed strong support for the questions above, the proposed changes do not reflect the expressed wishes of the Horne Lake community as was communicated to staff in early stakeholder meetings. I would like to see proposed changes that better reflect those wishes. In particular, a move away from specific building size limitations in favor of more standard lot coverage area calculations. The existing size limitations at Horne Lake are too restrictive and serve no actual purpose.

#### Anonymous

3/16/2022 08:16 AM

Because of the steepness of some properties at Horne Lake, and the challenge in building, can we entertain the flexibility to combine the total allotted living space in to separate buildings? This would allow for easier building of 2 smaller structures on some of the steep properties (eg. a small modular home and guest house). Also, can tiny homes be recognized in the bylaws, as this is becoming a much more affordable and acceptable option for many. Perhaps, clarification/information on what is required to convert a tiny home (classified as an RV), into a mobile home classification (eg. remove wheels, skirt in, put on blocks), as this is how most insurance companies currently classify them. Thank You

#### Anonymous

3/24/2022 01:43 PM

The proposals put forward do not consider the adequacy of current structure sizes. Horne Lake owners should be asked their view on adequacy of 1100ft cabin structure or 30m2 accessory buildings. Needs in 2022 (larger families using properties, need for secure storage given infrequent policing) are very different from those in 2002 when this zoning was created. These proposed changes ignore 2022 sustainability considerations.

#### Anonymous

3/25/2022 05:17 PM

average height is tough on a lot that slopes 10 ft, to low on an average

#### Anonymous

3/25/2022 05:57 PM

I think you should address the permanent residents that live on recreational property

#### glen.snarr

3/25/2022 06:03 PM

What would much rather have seen is a % lot coverage with a minimum/maximum size building. The 105m2 on one floor is not really much of an improvement. The 105m2 is also silent on finished basement space. If above FCL can a basement area be finished and

not counted towards the 105m2? Similarly, combining the outbuildings into one is nice but really does not do much, especially since most owners already have outbuildings to some extent, so unless demolished, a structure to hold a boat or whatever is still out of the question. also, a covering to RV's would consume the available M2. A % lot coverage provide much more flexibility while being able to maintain control over building. I have reviewed several other CD's in the RDN and see 35% very common. Applying the same to CD9 would be an appropriate and acceptable result to the RDN 500 Bylaw review. Thank you for listening to this as the proposed approach does very little to simplify CD9.

#### waterbaby

3/25/2022 09:07 PM

Regarding #5 This is for new construction. What about existing or as I am entirely in the Riparian area. There's no room to move back on the property. Will there be a relaxation for some properties? or grandfathered to the same footprint for a rebuild if neccessary?

#### Anonymous

3/26/2022 10:41 AM

We now have a controlled levy to adjust lake level. Why are we using an outdated flood plain elevation? Its overkill!

#### Anonymous

3/26/2022 08:50 PM

Consider increasing size of outbuildings and consider approval of construction of permanent covered open structures for storing boats or trailers. Not sure if this would need to be part of the bylaws though.

#### Anonymous

3/28/2022 08:17 AM

First two questions don't make sense.

#### heatherclarke

3/28/2022 09:50 AM

There is no need to impose such restrictive floor area limits to the cabins and outbuildings. The zoning should follow a percentage of lot coverage area as many other municipalities have in place, with a minimum allowance to accommodate some of the smaller lots at the lake. There are many properties that are larger and could accommodate larger cabins without impacting the environment or the look and feel of the community. As real estate prices have increased dramatically, many property owners are actually trying to accommodate multi-generational families and the existing 105 m2 is too small for this. This leads to many properties having trailers and motorhomes parked permanently on their lots, which has a larger impact to the environment, is less appealing for the community and is harder to secure, leading to break ins, etc. Having extreme restrictions on outbuildings and proposing to get rid of enclosed spaces means that property owners are restricted on the storage capabilities on site--this again means that it is harder to properly secure valuables and makes Horne Lake a hot-spot for theft and

breakins. Having appropriate storage options means that cabin owners can safely secure valuables

### Anonymous

3/29/2022 12:14 PM

I would prefer restricting building size based on lot coverage instead of the current approach.

# Anonymous

4/01/2022 03:02 PM

At times the Strata does not respect RDN approval for construction or demolition. I suggest consultation with the Strata to ensure RDN approval is not denied by the Strata on construction or demolition permits. I withdrew an offer on a property purchase because there was no clarity the Strata would approve a project that received RDN approval. Some sort of which approval has precedent wording needs to included.

### Anonymous

4/03/2022 03:30 PM

We would like to see maximum cabin floor area to be aligned with other areas of the RDN that allow building floor areas that use formulas that take lot size into consideration. We have a 1/2 acre lot but have the same building restrictions of a lot 1/4 our size. Having a small cabin of only 105 m2 on a large lot my have been acceptable when our community was formed. Like the city, our community has changed and matured. This review is specifically designed to update outdated portions of it. And the 105 m2 floor area is outdated. The majority of the folks at Horne Lake would like to see this changed. We should have a serious say in this. It should not be just up to a few RDN employees to decide. Please align the maximum floor areas to match other areas of the RDN. I really hope you are sincere in asking our opinion. Thanks

# Anonymous

4/04/2022 12:13 PM

Should allow for three storey buildings.

### Anonymous

4/04/2022 01:34 PM

This is a recreational area. It is not a suburb. The owners must be able to tailor their buildings to the physical sites, which vary greatly. Each owner should be able to individualize their space without restrictive onerous regulation. Operative word. Recreation.

# Anonymous

4/04/2022 01:46 PM

Lots are quite varied and individual. Owners need to be able to build to suit their lot. Also to express their individual needs.

### Anonymous

4/04/2022 01:47 PM

Accessory buildings should be the size that would allow storage of a car and boat if the lot size is large enough to support. Make it the same as the rest of the RDN

# Anonymous

4/04/2022 01:51 PM

Each lot is different at horne lake and owners need to be able to tailor their buildings and structures to suit their lot and family size. It is not an in town or city subdivision. As long as people are building to code, environmentally conscious and respecting the environment... who cares about the size?

# Anonymous

4/06/2022 11:42 PM

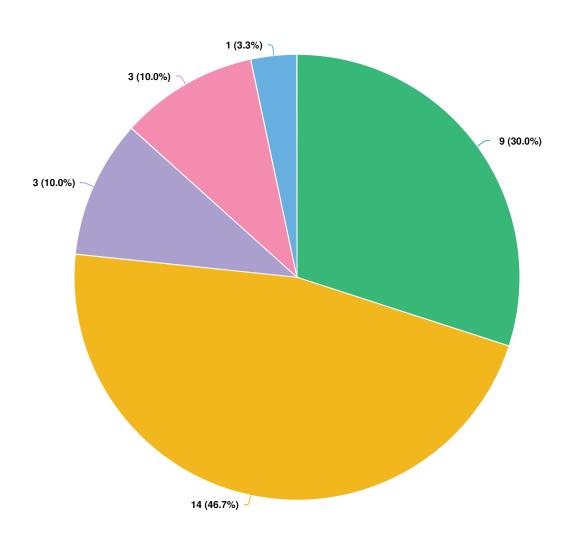
Hello, While we appreciate being part of this survey, there is an issue to the understanding of # 2 and # 3 questions; perhaps the wording could be reviewed and posed differently, as the above reply was opposed to the actual existing maximum permitted cabin floor space, since it wasn't asked. The restrictions need to be re-examined as does the seasonal dwelling category. It is our understanding that a transition from leased to actual ownership took place in the '90's following the sale of the land from the family of a German prince, hence some of the owners could perhaps now be 'grandfathered' in when it comes to revisions of building regulations. The main issue with the Regional Park is the access road and whilst the tax burden is usually high around any waterfront or lake properties, we ponder as to why we have to pay taxes so heavily for lack of road maintenance. It is noted that some of the previous bylaws were adopted from an area in Ontario's cottage country, perhaps some research can be done by obtaining how they care for gravel roads that likely see heavy snow, and far colder temperatures than here in BC that would have severe impacts on their access roads. The grade of the road, the condition and the expenses annually is not only suboptimal most days, but it behooves one to think that other provinces likely have solutions to help with regular access for road maintenance to this pristine lake. The carbon tax could be utilized by removing numerous heavy trucks, SUV's that are required and necessary to reach one's cabin due to the road condition; just imagine how many heavypowered vehicles we could get off the road by having a paved road that would allow electric vehicles and hybrids to maneuver easily as opposed to having the threat of losing a piece of one's vehicle after bracing over yet another pothole. Maybe even a bike lane in the future is possible if this road is paved. Let's not forget access to the previous held title of 'Number 1 Outdoor Activity' of Horne Lake Caves, the provincial campsite, now-popular hiking trails and rock climbing. With the growth of these activities, the traffic on the main road to the caves have increased exponentially, a further reason to ensure road condition is optimal. This note is not intended for criticism, merely solution-based with the RDN who appears to genuinely care for its neighbours. The newest proposed development at the Horne Lake/Bowser entrance will no doubt bring a lot more traffic in to the area and it would be impressive to have foresight for planning a community with like-minded eco-friendly individuals to

make this area one of the best around. After all, the German prince saw such exquisite beauty back in the 60's; perhaps we can preserve his legacy of creating a jewel. We thank you for your interest in sending out this survey:)

Optional question (20 response(s), 69 skipped)

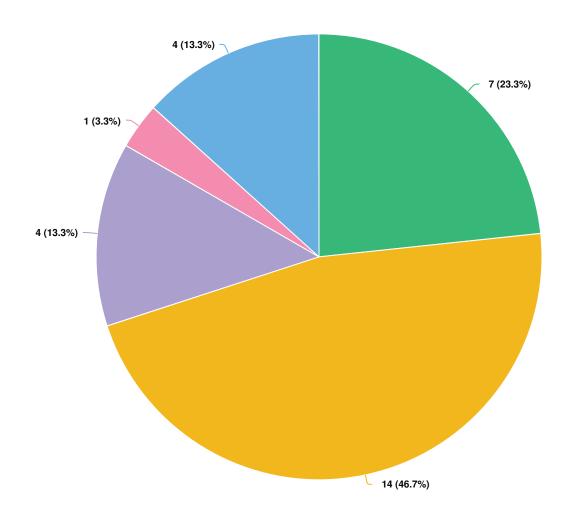
Question type: Essay Question

Q28 Do you support the proposal to allow small-scale market gardens and personal recreation as new permitted home-based businesses?





Optional question (30 response(s), 59 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q29 Certain home-based businesses may generate the need for additional off-street parking such as food-related businesses, medical services, childcare, and personal recreation. Do you support adding additional off-street parking requirements for these ...





Optional question (30 response(s), 59 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

### Q30

# Please tell us if we have missed anything about home-based business.

Anonymous

3/13/2022 09:46 AM

That they fallow environmental policy Aduquite space and parking

Anonymous

3/13/2022 02:08 PM

Home based businesses must never be allowed to impact neighbours or neighbourhoods with noise, frequent visitors, parking, hour of

operation, etc.

jamesblake

3/14/2022 09:03 AM

Should clearly allow tutoring and similar businesses. Make sure that parking requirements allow for actual use and not arbitrary

requirements.

Anonymous

3/15/2022 02:21 PM

There needs to be a maximum number of allowed home based businesses. Every other house can not have a business or it will ruin

a neighbourhood.

sbkru

3/16/2022 11:06 AN

require that additional parking areas be gravel / porous material or another environmentally minded solution, and not hard surfacing (use

natural drainage and slow runoff impacts)

Anonymous

3/25/2022 10·45 AM

Define who can have a home based business; can it be a renter or

should it be restricted to the owner

Cedar2022

3/28/2022 11:37 AM

Guidelines for noise and air quality are essential before permitting home base businesses to operate. Also need to be visually invisible

in residential areas.

Anonymous

4/05/2022 01:20 PM

Need to refer property owners who have rural land which is the Agricultural Land Reserve to the policies and regulations of the

Agricultural Land Commission which govern the uses of their land and supersede the regulations in Bylaw 500. Too much confusion among property owners and planners about land uses on ALR land in

the rural areas.

Anonymous

4/06/2022 11:09 AM

I did not see any reference to water use and particularly waste water discharge. Commercial businesses are required to meet many requirements. Other environmental areas such as air quality items

should be covered in depth.

# Anonymous

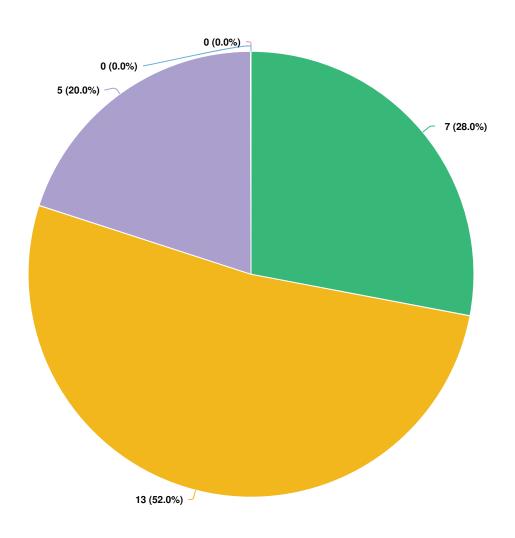
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One of the bigger issues with home based business is parking. This is particularly true for classes with multiple participants. While not necessarily a problem on larger parcels on smaller parcels this can be problematic. The proposed changes require on-site hard surfaced parking. First we should not require hard surfacing but should require dust free parking. Hard surfacing creates more runoff. Secondly, on smaller parcels the requirement to provided parking can result in homeowners removing their front yard landscaping and putting in a parking lot in the front yard. I don't think that is appropriate for neighbours to have to look at a front yard, potentially hard surfaced, parking lot.

Optional question (10 response(s), 79 skipped)

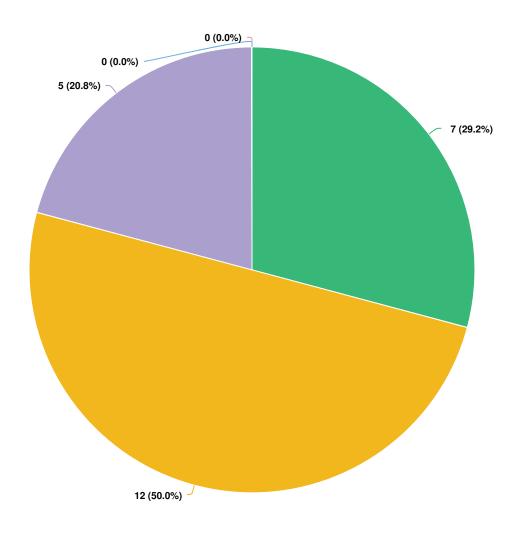
Question type: Essay Question

Q31 Do you support the proposal to consolidate the five existing industrial zones to three industrial zones based on Light, Medium, and Heavy Industry?



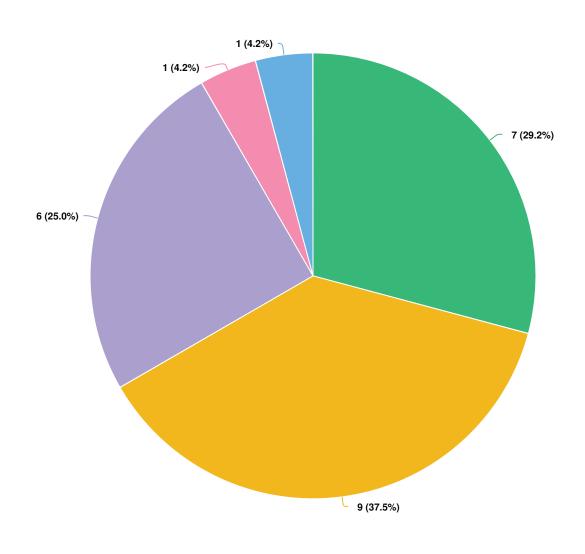


Optional question (25 response(s), 64 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q32 Do you support the proposal to consolidate the ten existing commercial zones to three zones organized on Commercial Retail and Service, Commercial Resort and Recreation, and Commercial Agriculture?





Q33 Do you support the proposal to consolidating the 11 existing rural zones to four zones based on Rural Residential – One Dwelling, Rural Residential Two Dwellings, Rural Business, and Rural?





Optional question (24 response(s), 65 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

# Q34

# Please tell us if we have missed anything about zone consolidation.

### DellaRosa

3/17/2022 09:10 AV

I would like to see an exception for existing homeowners to take advantage of the strata option, especially for larger parcels. I suggest anything over 2 acres, that does not currently have an attached or detached secondary dwelling. Maybe give property owners 5 years to build and complete the strata and/or when the property is sold it would no longer be an option.

### Anonymous

3/17/2022 09:52 AM

sub divide acrages to allow more afortable house

# Anonymous

3/17/2022 03:07 PM

People have purchased properties based on the existing zoning. That zoning must stay in place.

### Anonymous

3/23/2022 01:20 PM

I fully support restricting building strata in the RU zones. Doing it by restricting second dwelling construction by a year is clunky and still leaves it open to possible loopholes. Why not just add a clause restricting building strata in the RU zone? The endorsement of non-occupancy requirement could still be met if they built the house, got occupancy permit, and didn't move in until the second building is constructed. You will end up with houses sitting for a year and half empty until second dwelling is built, then strata could still be registered without approval if both dwellings have never been occupied.

### Anonymous

3/23/2022 01:57 PM

I am glad to see steps to prevent the strata's on rural residential 2 ha lots, however I don't think it is enough. People can leave one unoccupied for a year and still get occupancy and the surveyor to sign off without having to deal with strata conversions. In some instances this will continue to allow the same issues with the strata that I am currently seeing as a BCLS. My ideas would be to eliminate strata in these zones, or remove 2 primary dwellings per 2 ha lot, or allow for 1 ha lots so that fee simple lots can be created. Thanks,

### Raydigby

3/28/2022 08:02 PN

It is my understanding that Area A is the only area in the Regional District that the Rural 4 zone does not follow the Provincial regulations permitting the minimum parcel size to be one hectare. Area A has a minimum parcel size in Rural 4 as 2 hectares. Although a second dwelling is permitted, it is still not consistent with the other electoral areas or the Provincial guidelines.

# Anonymous

4/05/2022 01:20 PM

Need to refer property owners of rural land that is in the Agricultural Land Reserve to the policies and regulations of the Agricultural Land Commission that regulate the uses on their land and supersede the regulations in Bylaw 500. There is too much confusion among property owners and planners about who regulated the use of land in the ALR - the RDN or the ALC.

# Anonymous

4/06/2022 10:32 PM

There are several large parcels that are both RU5 and RU1 that operate permitted businesses presently in the RDN. Grandfathering of existing businesses in operation or RDN being reasonable in allowing activities that suit the parcel size/location even if not RU2 would be helpful. Resource management zones also should be consolidated into one category as they all are essentially the same with a few very small exceptions.

### Anonymous

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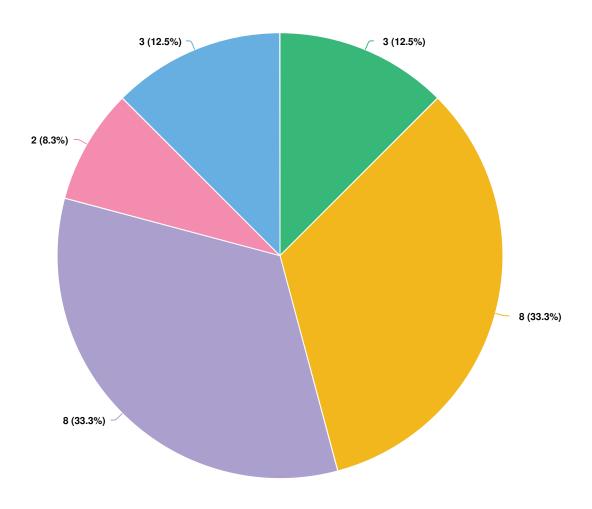
Residential should be permitted in all industrial and commercial zones as a primary use. I have some concern limiting manufacturing in light industrial to 200 sq m maximum. While I like the simplifying of less CD zones and using existing zones with specific allowances for additional uses, the process is not clear how these additional uses will be added. Will it require a rezoning or a variance?

Optional question (9 response(s), 80 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

#### Q35 🗀

# Do you agree with the proposed landscaping changes?





Optional question (24 response(s), 65 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

# Q36 Please tell us if we have missed anything about landscaping.

# Anonymous

3/11/2022 01:58 PM

Again need to review water course setbacks. Need to bring Zone E in

line with RDN policy.

### Anonymous

3/13/2022 02:08 PM

Tree height restrictions (hazard) and view impedements. How are you

handling grandfathered issues?

### Anonymous

3/17/2022 03:07 PM

Stay out of landscaping, it is none of your business what plants

someone chooses to plant on their own property.

### Anonymous

3/20/2022 08:13 AM

There should be a tree replacement policy within the RDN. Property owners should not be able to remove trees unless those removals are approved and the tree will be replaced. We are losing canopy cover every day and we need to address this. It looks like maybe the bylaw changes will help to address this.

### Sarah Dawn

3/29/2022 11:03 AN

fence definition - perhaps broaden with noting a solid decorative fence and remove reference to specific material options.

### Anonymous

4/06/2022 11:09 AM

I have been involved with the development of 1 commercial building in Langley and 2 industrial buildings in Surrey. The landscaping requirements have been over the top. Shrubs/trees in BC grow very quickly. Requiring overly tall starting specimens results in planting what is available over what would be best for the spot. The cost can be onerous and you don't always get the healthiest shrubs/trees. If you insist on requiring specific items the RDN should supply a specific list, not simply use words like "required" and "where possible." Don't just copy what other places are doing think about what is really necessary for our area and what level of staffing will be required to enforce these rules.

### Anonymous

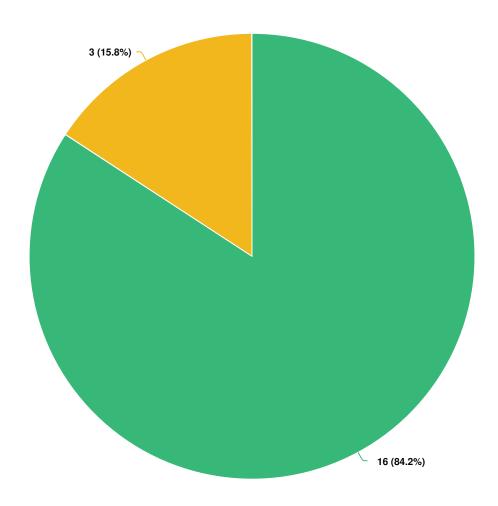
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Rather than being prescriptive landscaping should be based on a professional design. The requirement of evergreens potentially conflicts with Firesmart principles. In the preamble is suggests that best practices is 15cm of soil then in the proposed requirements it states 30cm is required. 15cm should be suitable for ground cover areas. Landscaping securities should remain at two years.

Optional question (7 response(s), 82 skipped)

Bylaw 500 Survey : Survey Report for 13 September 2017 to 10 April 2022 Question type: Essay Question

Q37 Do you support the proposal to allow subdivision for a family member on parcels that are a minimum of 4.0 hectares?





Optional question (19 response(s), 70 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

Q38	Why?		
Anonymous 3/11/2022 01:26 PM		our future generations will continue to be challenged for affordable housing options and any allowance to support independence of family would be good in my opinion.	
Anonymous 3/13/2022 01:51 PM		Housing is in crisis	
	ymous 22 02:08 PM	It does not adequately address water and septic issues.	
<b>sbkru</b> 3/16/20	22 11:06 AM	why the caveat of a family member? I can't tell if I support because the proposed changes / what is different, and rationale are not clear.	
	<b>ymous</b> 22 11:10 PM	It would open up more opportunities for new growing familys who maybe wouldn't otherwise be able to afford a home	
	ymous 22 08:32 AM	I feel the land can support two homes if water and septic/sewer are properly done. It gives younger family members a place to live. It offers older family member a pace to downsize.	
	<b>ymous</b> 22 03:07 PM	With the price of properties allowed to skyrocket through ineffectual government action, they only way future generations can survive is for families to look after their own.	
	ymous 22 07:48 PM	Providing there is community water or only 1 dwelling per 2 acres when on well water.	
	<b>r2022</b> 22 11:37 AM	A 10 acre property can support an additional building without impacting neighbours. With real estate prices out of reach for many, this can help.	
	n <b>Dawn</b> 22 11:03 AM	This will change the overall density of communities and eventually will just reduce parcels of a larger lot size. Family members could have accommodation in a secondary suite or detached suite which is otherwise permitted in the zone.	

Anonymous

Many people would be happy with .5 ha lot . A

4/01/2022 06:29 PM

Anonymous

To allow development and more affordable housing

4/03/2022 06:57 AM

Anonymous We currently have a housing crisis. It is also a way the multi-

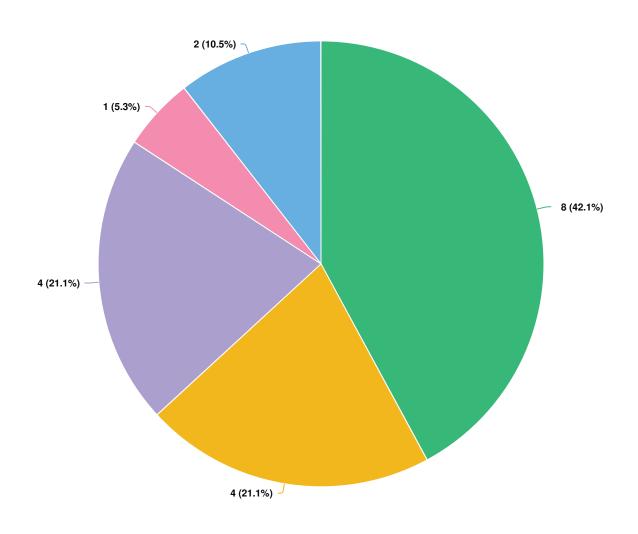
4/07/2022 05:09 PM generations can stay on the family land and allow the "new" home to

be able to obtain a mortgage separate from the "parent" property.

Optional question (13 response(s), 76 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q39 Do you support the proposal to remove the minimum site area requirements from all relevant zones provided the bylaw contains regulations relating to permitted density, maximum parcel coverage, that ensure appropriate approved means of water and sew...





Optional question (19 response(s), 70 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

# Q40

# Please tell us if we have missed anything in the proposed housekeeping amendments.

### Anonymous

3/16/2022 11:10 PM

The accessorie building calculation is very restrictive and would be better served as a lot coverage calculation.

#### Cedar2022

3/28/2022 11:37 AM

In order to beautify Nanaimo, more efforts should be made to reduce Unsightly Premises. I understand this is a Complaint driven system, but really there should be more official efforts made. Any accumulated debris and neglected equipment must be readily disposed or fenced from public view.

### Sarah Dawn

3/29/2022 11:03 AV

Removing minimum site area may be acceptable, providing that the minimum parcel area is stated elsewhere in the bylaw. Resort accommodation definitions maybe problematic to enforce unless 'primary residence' is defined within the bylaw.

### Anonymous

4/01/2022 06:29 PM

Removing non agricultural land from ALR for development.

# Anonymous

4/07/2022 05:09 PM

I have a real issue with the RDN putting out so many major initiatives to the public in such a short time period. There was the Area F OCP, then the RGS, now Bylaw 500 and in a couple of weeks Parks and Trails. In less than 8 weeks the public is expected to read 100's of pages of information and provide feedback, including 16 hours of Area F meetings. This is from planners who supposedly want public feedback. Newsflash - It is the best way to prevent public participation. Overwhelm the public. This is what is called poor planning!!!!!!!!!!

Optional question (5 response(s), 84 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q41 If you would like to be entered into the draw for a \$50 gift card to the grocery store or bike store of you choice please enter your email address below.

# Anonymous

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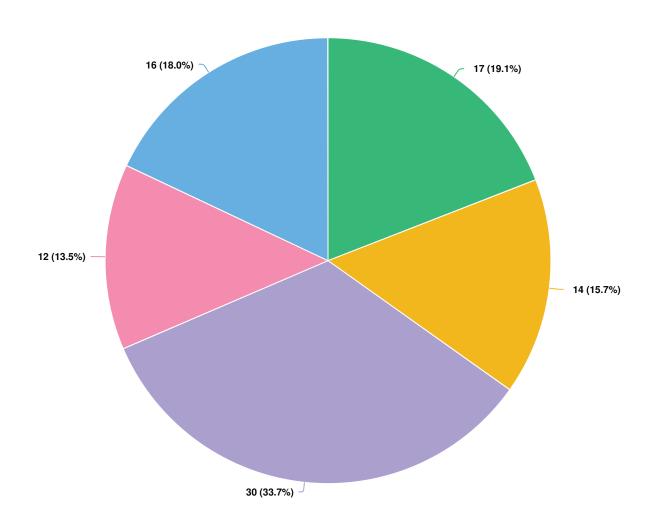
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Question type: Email Question

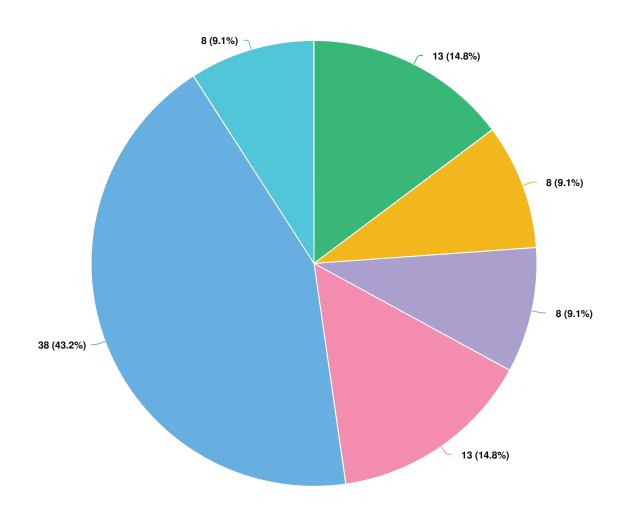
# Q42 How did you hear about the project/survey?





Optional question (89 response(s), 0 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

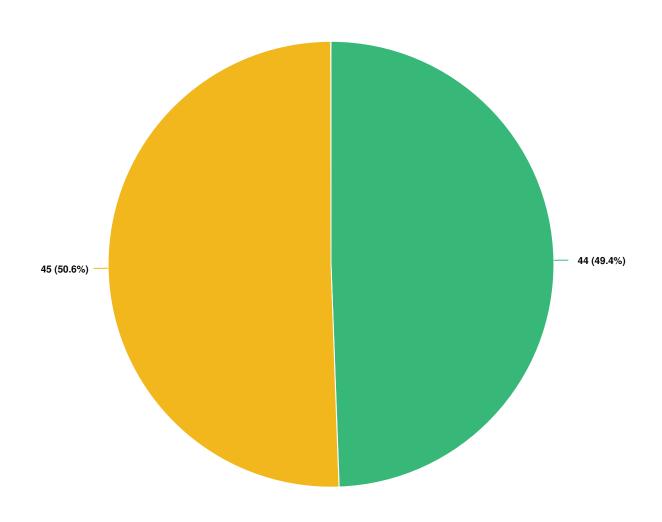
# Q43 Where do you live or own property? (Choose one Option)



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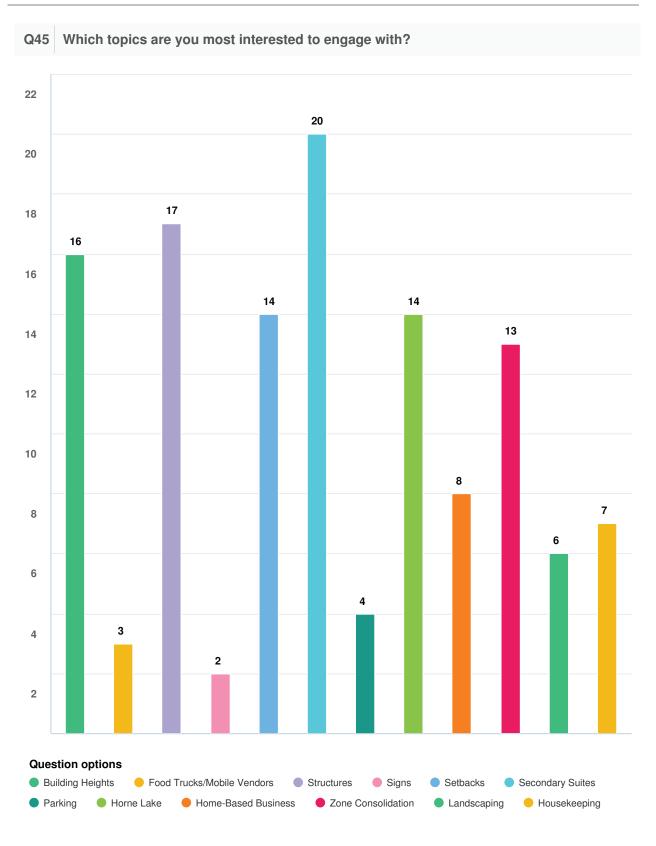
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- Electoral Area H (Qualicum Bay, Bowser, Deep Bay, Horne Lake)Other (please specify)

Optional question (88 response(s), 1 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q44 Would you be interested in participating in an engagement event (focus group, workshop, etc.) related to the topics discussed in this survey?





Mandatory Question (89 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question



Optional question (44 response(s), 45 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

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