

February 26, 2026

Tim McGonigle
Mayor
Town of Lake Cowichan
39 South Shore Road
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via email: trlm@lakecowichan.ca

Dear Tim McGonigle,

Re: Bylaw 4705 Schedule B Local Area Plans (LAP)s and Schedule A Objectives and Policies amendments

We are writing to refer Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Bylaw No. 4705 Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Electoral Areas Amendment Bylaw to Town of Lake Cowichan. Comments are invited by completing the attached form by March 30, 2026.

Schedule B Local Area Plans

The CVRD has developed LAPs as part of the OCP for the Electoral Areas. Schedule B Local Area Plans are planning documents that contain place specific history and heritage, as well as policy actions to guide future growth at the local scale. The LAP's are:

- Mill Bay
- Shawnigan Lake
- Cobble Hill
- Cowichan Bay
- Eagle Heights/Koksiilah Village
- Honeymoon Bay/Mesachie Lake/Paldi
- Saltair
- Diamond
- Youbou/Meade Creek

Schedule A Objectives and Policies

OCP Bylaw 4373 Schedule A was adopted November 26, 2026. Bylaw 4705 proposes amendments to Schedule A. Key changes for referral comment are inclusion of additional performance metrics (Appendix 2). Note there are no changes to any other OCP Schedule.

The attached referral form provides links to the draft Bylaw Schedules.

Please contact myself at Coralie.Breen@cvrd.bc.ca or Alison Garnett at Alison.Garnett@cvrd.bc.ca.

More information can be found at [PlanYourCowichan](#).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: 2026-02-26 Bylaw 4705 Referral Form General

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REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM

Referral:	Draft Bylaw No. 4705 Official Community Plan for the Electoral Areas Amendment
Referral To:	Town of Lake Cowichan
Links:	<p>The draft Bylaw 4705 would amend Official Community Plan for the Electoral Areas as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend Schedule A Policies & Objectives• Add Schedule B Local Area Plans. <p>Amend Schedule A Policies & Objectives - link</p> <p>Notable changes include <u>adding</u> the following to Appendix II Performance Metrics:</p> <p>Policy Goal 3 - Metric 6 Proportion of units that are multi-unit or attached or detached suites</p> <p>Policy Goal 3 - Metric 9 Quantity and quality of park space within growth containment boundaries</p> <p>Policy Goal 4 – Metric 11 Access to shorelines from growth containment boundaries</p> <p>Policy Goal 5 – Metric 14 Nighttime reflectance within growth containment boundaries</p> <p>Policy Goal 5 – Metric 15 Roosevelt elk population</p> <p>Policy Goal 7 – Metric 19 Retain sufficiency in growth containment boundaries</p> <p>Add Schedule B Local Area Plans - link</p> <p>Schedule B is a new OCP Schedule under development over the past four years.</p>
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Response Requested by:	Monday, March 30, 2026
Referral Comments:	
Contact Name & Position:	
Contact Phone/Email:	