



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Subdivision Bylaw Review Project

### **Subdivision Bylaw Review**

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is reviewing its Subdivision Bylaw. The current Subdivision Bylaw was adopted in 2011. The RDCK has had a Subdivision Bylaw in place since 1998.

### **What is a Subdivision Bylaw?**

A Subdivision Bylaw sets out the standards and servicing requirements that must be met when land is subdivided. It ensures that new lots are properly serviced, accessible and safe.

The RDCK's Subdivision Bylaw applies to all electoral areas and regulates the following aspects of subdivision: access, parkland dedication and works and services (i.e. water and sewerage requirements).

### **How does subdivision work?**

Before a parcel of land within the Regional District can be subdivided, a [subdivision application](#) must be submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT). As part of this process, MoTT sends the application to the RDCK for review to ensure it is consistent with the RDCK's land use and subdivision bylaws. The MoTT Approving Officer may refuse a subdivision application that does not comply with the RDCK's bylaws.

### **Why update the bylaw?**

The primary goal of this project is to create a new bylaw that reflects the needs of the RDCK as they relate to subdivision. It is anticipated that the new bylaw will replace the existing one.

This update aims to:

- Enhance clarity in the subdivision process and make it easier for staff and applicants to understand requirements
- Ensure that subdivision regulations align with current provincial legislation, best practices and community needs
- Set clear, practical standards that reflect the region's diverse rural and settlement areas
- Ensure that subdivision decisions match servicing capacity and protect public health and the environment

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## **Who is involved in the bylaw review process?**

As part of the bylaw update process, the RDCK is seeking input from the RDCK Board, provincial agencies, developers and local qualified professionals involved in the subdivision process (i.e., Authorized Persons, Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioners, registered well drillers, engineers, contractors, surveyors) to ensure the bylaw reflects technical requirements and best practices. The feedback gathered will be used to inform the development of the new bylaw.

## **Project Process**

### Phase 1 – Background Review (September – December 2025)

The first phase of the project focuses on reviewing existing documents, best practices, and legislation to ensure a strong foundation for the bylaw update. During this phase, a Communications and Engagement Strategy will be developed to guide how information is shared, and feedback is gathered throughout the project.

### Phase 2 – Interest Holder Engagement (November 2025 – February 2026)

During this phase, the RDCK Board of Directors, provincial agencies, qualified professionals, and developers will be engaged to gather input on regulatory requirements, area-specific servicing needs and any challenges and opportunities. All feedback collected will be summarized in an engagement report to help inform the next steps.

### Phase 3 – Draft New Bylaw (January – August 2026)

A new Subdivision Servicing Bylaw will be developed. The draft bylaw will reflect industry best practices, ensure compliance with current legislation, and address the recommendations identified in earlier phases.

The draft bylaw will undergo a legal review and be shared with RDCK staff, the RDCK Board and interest holders for further input. After incorporating any necessary revisions, the bylaw will be finalized and prepared for legal review and adoption.

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