



REZONING APPLICATIONS WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS BULLETIN

In December 2023, the Provincial Government implemented *Bill 44 – 2023 Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act* prohibiting local governments from holding public hearings for:

- Residential rezoning applications consistent with the Official Community Plan (OCP);
- Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw that facilitate small scale multiple unit housing; and
- Mixed-use projects that are consistent with the OCP, where at least half of the proposed gross floor area is residential.

The Bill is applicable to any rezoning application that has not received first reading prior to November 30, 2023.

For rezoning applications that do not require a public hearing, Council may grant first, second and third bylaw readings and adopt the bylaw (if no pre-requisites are required to be met prior to the adoption) at same Regular Council Meeting.

While public hearings have been phased out as noted above, the City of Coquitlam is required to provide public notification prior to first reading of zoning bylaw amendments in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. The City meets its legislative responsibility through:

- Mail out or delivery of notice to the owners and tenants of the properties that are the subject of the rezoning and the properties within 100 m of the development site, not less than 10 days prior to first reading of the bylaw; and
- Publication of notice pursuant to *Public Notice Bylaw No. 5334, 2023* (on the City's website and through the City's email subscription service), not less than seven days prior to first reading of the bylaw.