

What is a Zoning Bylaw?

- Zoning tries to keep conflicting land uses away from each other and compatible land uses close. For example, zoning can make sure that noisy or smelly industrial uses are kept far away from residential neighbourhoods, while also keeping schools and parks close by.
- Zoning bylaws regulate:
 - Land use (e.g. residential, commercial, agriculture, etc.)
 - Density (number of homes on a property)
 - Size and height of buildings
 - Setback (distance between a building and property line)
 - Lot size
 - Lot coverage
- Cortes has many unique zones for different purposes:
 - Community Land Stewardship, Forest Land Stewardship, Tourist Recreational Commercial, Aquaculture, Recreational Moorage, and Water Conservancy to name a few.
 - The draft Cortes Zoning Bylaw is based on direction from the Official Community Plan and public input.

Bylaw Adoption Process

