
Request to prioritize providing online access to active zoning/development applications and permits

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To: Ian Hall

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Dear Ian,

I am writing on behalf of the Halfmoon Bay Community Development Forum to ask that the SCRCD give priority in 2025 to providing *online access to active zoning and development applications, and permits, as well as the removal of impediments to the disclosure of planning application details.*

The Forum first flagged this need in an [email on 14 Nov 2022](#), and again in [May 2023 on Let's Talk](#) during the DAPR/PEP1 exercise. Up to now, there continue to be issues and frustration in the community related to the lack of transparency on zoning and development applications, and work that has been approved by the SCRCD. Prominent examples in Halfmoon Bay over the past few years include Brooks Road (DL5416), Truman Road (DL2394), Bayview Hills (DL1427), Cawley Point (DL4444), and most recently the allegedly unauthorized and potentially hazardous land clearing downslope on Redroofs Road. In these and many other cases, to obtain information on applications, expert reports, permits and agreed remediation, individual residents and the Forum have had to send numerous emails, make phone calls, visit the SCRCD office, and in some cases file FOI requests. This is time-consuming for all parties.

We have done some further research on what is available on other regional district websites. In addition to the previous examples of [Okanagan-Similkameen](#) and [Nanaimo](#), we are sharing the 'best case' example of [Central Kootenay RD](#), which lists all documents related to: Active Applications; Issued Development Permits; Expert Reports; Decisions/Closed Land Use Applications. (See a full list of the status of information on RD websites at the bottom of this email.)

In the latter example, we are impressed by the breadth, detail and timeliness of the information posted. It also demonstrates that the public sharing of this information does not need to contravene the privacy of applicants, nor impact proprietary or copyrighted information contained within reports. A recent conversation with the Central Kootenay Planning Department confirmed that during the last few years while they have been making this information publicly available, they have not received pushback from any parties.

We urge you to move quickly with this exercise in 2025, which we believe will result in many saved hours of staff time, less frustration in the community, and eventually more trust in local government.

Kind regards, Darlene Tymo (Chair)

Availability of Online Zoning/Development Information on B.C. RD Websites (August 2025)

Regional District	Current Applications	Application Types	Display Type
Capital (CRD)	Yes	Zoning	List
Cowichan Valley (CVRD)	Yes	Major	List
Fraser Valley (FVRD)	Yes	All	Map & List
Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS)	Yes	Zoning, Variance, TUP	List
Central Kootenay (RDCK)	Yes	All	List

Fraser–Fort George (RDFFG)	Yes	Land Use	List
Squamish–Lillooet (SLRD)	Yes	Development Applications	List
Nanaimo (RDN)	Yes	Zoning	List
Columbia–Shuswap (CSRD)	Yes	All	Map
Peace River (PRRD)	Yes	Land Use	List
Alberni–Clayoquot (ACRD)	Yes	Zoning, Variance, TUP	List
Central Okanagan (RDCO)	Yes	Building Permits	Map
Sunshine Coast (SCRD)	No		
Strathcona (SRD)	No		
East Kootenay (RDEK)	No		
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Kootenay Boundary (RDKB)	No		
North Okanagan (RDNO)	No		
Thompson–Nicola (TNRD)	No		
Cariboo (RDC)	No		
Bulkley–Nechako (RDBN)	No		
Mount Waddington (RDMW)	No		
Kitimat–Stikine (RDKS)	No		
North Coast (NCRD)	No		

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