

**MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
BYLAW NO. 196**

**A BYLAW TO AMEND MAYNE ISLAND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN
BYLAW NO. 144, 2007**

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007, Amendment No. 1, 2025”.

2. SCHEDULES

Mayne Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 144, 2007 is amended as shown on Schedule 1, attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

3. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid provision must be severed from the Bylaw and the decision that such provision is invalid must not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS	29 TH	DAY OF	SEPTEMBER	2025.
PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS	26 TH	DAY OF	JANUARY	2026.
READ A SECOND TIME THIS	26 TH	DAY OF	JANUARY	2026.
READ A THIRD TIME THIS	26 TH	DAY OF	JANUARY	2026.
APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST THIS	25 TH	DAY OF	FEBRUARY	2026.
APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS THIS	9 TH	DAY OF	JULY	2026.
ADOPTED THIS	31 ST	DAY OF	AUGUST	2026.

CHAIR

SECRETARY

**MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
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SCHEDULE 1

The Mayne Island Official Community Plan No. 144, 2007, is amended as follows:

1. Section 1.1.3 is amended by renaming the Section as “Population Projections, Build Out and Housing Needs”.
2. Section 1.1.3 is amended by removing paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 and replacing with the following:

“Population Projections

Mayne Island has an area of approximately 2,300 hectares (5,750 acres). The permanent population in 2021 was 1,304, resulting in a population density of approximately one person per 1.76 hectares (4.4 acres).

Population change over the past two decades has been uneven. The population increased by 27% between 2001 and 2006, declined by 4% between 2006 and 2011, and declined further by 11% between 2011 and 2016. This was followed by a significant 37% increase between 2016 and 2021, likely influenced by COVID-19–related migration.

Population projections for 2030 and 2045 were developed using four methods: linear regression, logarithmic regression, regional step-down, and constant growth rate, all based on census data from 2001 onward. The linear and logarithmic regression methods project a population of approximately 1,320 in 2030 (about 1% growth from 2021) and approximately 1,525 in 2045 (about 17% growth), representing an annual growth rate of roughly 0.65%.

The regional step-down method, which applies Mayne Island’s share (21%) of Southern Gulf Islands electoral area growth, projects a population of approximately 1,315 in 2030 and 1,500 in 2045, equating to a 15% increase from 2021 and an annual growth rate of approximately 0.58%.

The constant growth rate method, based on the average annual growth rate from 2001 to 2021 (approximately 1.98%), projects a population of approximately 1,550 in 2030 and 2,075 in 2045. However, this method is considered an outlier, as it is heavily influenced by the unusually large population increase between 2016 and 2021, which is unlikely to be sustained. The linear and logarithmic projections are therefore considered more realistic for long-term planning.

Build Out

As of January 2026, there were approximately 1,529 lots that permit residential use, of which about 1,285 were developed. Most vacant lots (approximately 200) are located within Settlement Residential zones. Estimated future subdivision potential across residentially zoned lands (including Rural, Agricultural, and Upland zones) could add approximately 164 additional lots to support market housing, for a total potential of about 1,693 residential lots. Based on the current average household size of 1.8 persons, full-time occupation of all residential lots would result in a population of approximately 3,050 people.

Housing Needs

The BC Provincial Government requires all local governments in BC to consider its' most recent Housing Needs Report and housing information when amending OCPs. Based on the Islands Trust Housing Needs Assessment prepared by Urbanics Consultants Ltd in 2025, the projected housing need in the next 5 years is 110 units and in the next 20 years is 330. This calculation is based on portion of growth projections for the Capital Regional District. Given challenges with this data as well as groundwater limitations and focus on preserving and protecting the environment on the Island, the provision of housing should focus on the type of housing that is needed most.

A limited rental supply, rising property costs, and a growing proportion of residents on fixed or lower incomes has contributed to housing insecurity. The portion of households experiencing core housing need (70 as indicated in 2021 Census), and projected population growth, combined with demographic aging, points to increasing demand for more diverse, accessible, and affordable non market housing options. Market conditions and affordability challenges limit the ability of existing housing supply to meet community needs.

Essential services further shape land use planning decisions. Mayne relies primarily on groundwater for water supply, which is sensitive to seasonal variation and drought conditions.”

3. Policy 2.1.1.2 is amended by deleting it and replacing it with the following:

“In general, residential density shall be:

 - a) one dwelling per lot, and on parcels greater than 0.6 hectares one additional dwelling for each additional 0.6 hectares; or
 - b) in designated flexible housing areas, up to three dwellings per lot provided total floor area does not exceed a maximum prescribed in zoning; and
 - i. one accessory cottage, limited by floor area, on parcels over an area prescribed in zoning; or
 - ii. one secondary suite per lot outside of designated flexible housing areas, or
 - iii. on larger lots: one accessory cottage and one secondary suite per lot.”

4. Policy 2.1.1.3 is amended by deleting it and replacing it with:
 “Flexible Housing is intended to provide housing options by permitting two or more small dwellings on a parcel as an alternative to a single large dwelling. Regulations shall designate areas within which flexible housing may be permitted and establish overall floor area limits and the number of additional dwellings based on lot area. Areas designated for Flexible Housing should exclude:
 - a) waterfront lots
 - b) archaeological and cultural heritage sites
 - c) sensitive ecosystems
 - d) steep slope or other hazardous areas
 - e) areas of critical aquifer recharge
 - f) exclude water services areas”

5. Policy 2.1.1.6 is amended by adding “Sections 2.1.6 and...” so that it reads:
 “Affordable housing is encouraged through joined or multiple housing units which may be considered by site specific rezoning of a parcel subject to compliance with Sections 2.1.6 and 2.10 (Amenity Zoning Guidelines) of this Plan.”

6. Deleting Policy 2.1.1.10 in its entirety.

7. Policy 2.1.4.2 is amended by deleting it and replacing it with the following:
 “In general residential density shall be:
 - a) one dwelling per lot, and on parcels greater than 10 hectares one additional dwelling for each additional 10 hectares; or
 - b) in designated flexible housing areas, up to three dwellings per lot provided total floor area does not exceed a maximum prescribed in zoning; and
 - i. one accessory cottage, limited by floor area, in respect of each dwelling on parcels over an area prescribed in zoning; or
 - ii. one secondary suite per lot outside of designated flexible housing areas on smaller lots, or
 - iii. on larger lots outside of designated flexible housing areas: one accessory cottage in respect of each principle dwelling and one secondary suite per lot.”

8. Policy 2.1.4.3 is amended by deleting it and replacing it with the following:
“Flexible Housing is intended to provide housing options by permitting two or more small dwellings on a parcel as an alternative to a single large dwelling. Regulations shall designate areas within which flexible housing may be permitted and establish overall floor area limits and the number of additional dwellings based on lot area. Areas designated for Flexible Housing should exclude:
 - a) waterfront lots
 - b) archaeological and cultural heritage sites
 - c) sensitive ecosystems
 - d) steep slope or other hazardous areas
 - e) areas of critical aquifer recharge
 - f) exclude water services areas”
9. Policy 2.1.4.4 is amended by inserting “Sections 2.1.6 and...” so that it reads:
“Affordable housing is encouraged through joined or multiple housing units which may be considered by site specific rezoning of a parcel subject to compliance with Sections 2.1.6 and 2.10 (Amenity Zoning Guidelines) of this Plan.”
10. Policy 2.1.4.12 is deleted in its entirety.
11. Policy 2.1.5.10 is amended by inserting “...or cottage” so that it reads:
“One secondary suite, limited in size, contained wholly within a dwelling unit may be permitted per parcel. On parcels less than 4 hectares: a secondary suite shall not be permitted on the parcel if a cottage has been constructed; and a cottage shall not be permitted on the parcel if a secondary suite has been constructed. A rainwater catchment and storage system shall be required prior to the construction of a secondary suite or cottage.”

12. By adding the following new policies as Section 2.1.6 Affordable, Seniors and Special Needs Housing:

“2.1.6 Affordable, Seniors and Special Needs Housing

Background

Housing affordable to moderate and low income residents of Mayne has become an increasing issue. This plan seeks to address housing issues through a variety of policies throughout the plan. The objectives and policies in this section address criteria related to applications to permit additional density or new uses to provide affordable housing.

Objectives

The objectives of this section are:

- 1) to provide opportunities for low to moderate income residents to attain affordable and safe housing,
- 2) to minimize the impacts of new housing on ecologically sensitive areas including critical aquifer recharge areas.

Policies

- 2.1.6.1 The policies in this section are applicable to lands in any Land Use designation except Agriculture, Park, and Resource Conservation, except where otherwise stated.
- 2.1.6.2 Consideration may be given to applications from not-for-profit organizations, government agencies, or First Nations to rezone land to a higher density where the additional density is restricted to housing for moderate and low income persons. Such applications shall:
 - a) be limited to a maximum of 10 additional units
 - b) be located in proximity to services and amenities
 - c) demonstrate sufficient potable water and wastewater disposal capacity
 - d) not be located in areas containing sensitive ecosystems, or of cultural or archaeological significance
 - e) minimize site impacts through attached or clustered units
 - f) be managed by a not-for-profit organization, First Nation body, or an agency and rents, prices, or tenure are secured through a housing agreement, and
 - g) be consistent with the amenity zoning or density transfer policies of this plan.

2.1.6.3 Consideration may be given to applications to rezone land in any Land Use Designation in which residential uses are a permitted principal use to permit boarding homes for Special Needs residents or Seniors.

2.1.6.4 Consideration may be given to applications in any Land Use Designation in which residential uses are a permitted principal use to rezone land for clustered, small unit housing where:

- a) units consist of tiny homes, including tiny homes on wheels or manufactured homes
- b) units are constructed to the BC Building Code, or CSA standards for manufactured homes, or equivalent
- c) units are anchored to the ground, connected to a source of potable water, and connected to an approved wastewater system
- d) units shall not exceed a maximum floor area of 50m²
- e) the total floor area of units shall not exceed any maximum dwelling floor area for that zone.
- f) communal facilities are provided, such as laundry or common rooms
- g) the development would not be located in areas containing sensitive ecosystems or of cultural or archaeological significance
- h) the land is located within one kilometre of the boundary of the Miners Bay Commercial Core or an area designated for the use on Schedule to this Plan.

2.1.6.5 Consideration may be given to applications to reduce minimum and minimum average lot areas from not-for-profit organizations, government agencies, or First Nations intending to provide affordable housing.”

13. Policy 2.4.1.9 is amended by inserting “...or detached residential units...” so that it reads: “In addition to principal commercial uses, in appropriate locations second-storey residential dwelling units or detached residential units may be permitted in order to provide a mix of housing types and to encourage residences closer to services and amenities.”

14. Policy 2.4.1.11 is amended by deleting the word “one” and inserting “residential uses” so that it reads: “All properties within the Miners Bay Commercial Core should be permitted residential uses.”

15. Section 2.4.1 is amended by adding a new policy 2.4.1.14 as follows: “2.4.1.14 Employee accommodation may be required as a condition of a rezoning resulting in a significant change in use or increase in density.”

16. Section 2.6.1 is amended by inserting a new policy 2.6.1.5 as follows: “2.6.1.5 Zoning may permit residential uses in suitable locations”, and renumbering the remaining policies 2.6.1.6 - 2.6.1.11.

17. By adding the following new policies to Section 2.7.1, and renumbering the remaining policies 2.7.1.3 – 2.7.1.8:
 - “2.7.1.1 Park Uses shall be the principal permitted use
 - 2.7.1.2 Accessory uses, buildings and structures, including accessory residential uses, may be permitted in suitable locations specified in zoning”
18. Policy 2.7.2.3 is amended so that it reads: “The principal use shall be park use, and accessory uses, buildings or structures, including accessory residential uses, may be permitted in suitable locations specified in zoning.”
19. By adding the following new policy as 2.9.1.9:

“2.9.1.9 In addition, permit conditions for the residential use of tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle shall include measures dealing with the following:

 - a) A tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle shall be the equivalent of, and alternative to, a permanent dwelling or cottage;
 - b) conditions to ensure that the tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle is connected to a potable domestic water supply and an approved wastewater disposal system;
 - c) conditions related to health and safety;
 - d) The tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle should not be sited in a sensitive ecosystem or hazardous area;
 - e) A tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle should not be sited in a setback;
 - f) The tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle shall be appropriately screened from roads and neighbours;
 - g) The permit should attach a plan requiring the tiny home on wheels or recreational vehicle to be sited in a specified location.”
20. Section 2.10.2, article xi) is amended so that it reads: “the provision of moderate income, affordable, non-market rental, and special needs housing.”