

# PROPOSED

GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
BYLAW NO. 322

A BYLAW TO AMEND GABRIOLA ISLAND LAND USE BYLAW, 1999

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, being the Trust Committee having jurisdiction in respect of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Area under the *Islands Trust Act*, enacts as follows:

1. Citation

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Gabriola Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2025”.

2. Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 177, cited as “Gabriola Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999” is amended as per Schedule “1” attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2025

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER , 2025

PUBLIC HEARING HELD THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ , 202x

READ A THIRD TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ , 202x

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS TRUST THIS

\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ , 202x

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ , 202x

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Chair

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Secretary

**GABRIOLA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE  
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**Schedule “1”**

1. **Schedule “A”** of Gabriola Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999 is amended as follows:
  - 1.1 **Part B GENERAL REGULATIONS**, Section B.4 **SIGNS**, Subsection **B.4.1 Number and Total Sign Area**, Article **B.4.1.1**, Table 1 **Sign Regulations**, Column I is amended by adding “VC4,” after “VC3, and before DC1”.
  - 1.2 **Part C ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES**, Section C.1 **DIVISION INTO ZONES**, Subsection **C.1.1 Land Based Zones**, insert new zone “Village Commercial 4 – Propane Storage” after “Village Commercial 3” and before “DC1 District Commercial 1”.
  - 1.3 **Part D ZONES**, Section D.3 **COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES**, insert new Subsection **D.3.4 Village Commercial 4 (VC4)** after Subsection **D.3.3 Village Commercial 3** as shown in **Appendix 1** attached to and forming part of this bylaw; and renumber all subsequent subsections chronologically.
  - 1.4 **Part G**, Section G.1 **DEFINITIONS**, is amended by adding the following definition:
 

<i>“propane storage</i>	the use of land, buildings, or structures for the bulk storage, containment, or handling of propane gas, whether in liquid or gaseous form, in above-ground or underground tanks, cylinders, or containers. This includes facilities for the distribution or sale of propane to the public or commercial entities. All propane storage must comply with applicable federal and provincial legislation and regulations, including but not limited to safety, environmental, and transportation standards.”
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2. **Schedule “B”** of Gabriola Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999 is amended as follows:
  - 2.1. Schedule “B” – North Sheet, is amended by changing the zoning classification of LOT 42, SECTION 20, GABRIOLA ISLAND, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 22723 (793 Lockinvar Lane, Gabriola Island PID 002-623-463) from “Institutional 2” to “Village Commercial 4 – Propane Storage” as shown on Plan No. 1 attached to and forming part of this bylaw, and by making such alterations to Schedule “B” of Bylaw No. 177 as are required to effect this change.



### D.3.4 Village Commercial 4 – Propane Storage (VC4)

The uses permitted in Article B.1.1.1, plus the following uses and no others are permitted in the Village Institutional 2 (IN2) zone:

- i *public schools*
- ii *emergency services*
- iii library
- iv post office
- v government offices
- vi highway work yards
- vii *urgent care medical clinic*
- viii child care centre and pre-school
- ix *propane storage*

**b. Permitted Accessory Uses**

- i *limited public market*, subject to Subsection B.6.2

**D.3.4.2 Buildings and Structures**

The *buildings* and *structures* permitted in Article B.1.1.2, plus the following *buildings* and *structures* and no others are permitted in the Village Commercial 4 (VC4) zone:

**a. Permitted Buildings and Structures**

- i *Buildings* and *structures* for the permitted uses set out in this zone, including tanks, containment systems, fencing, signage, and other infrastructure necessary for propane storage and distribution.

**D.3.4.3 Regulations**

The general regulations in Part B, plus the following regulations apply in the Village Commercial 4 (VC4) zone:

**a. Buildings and Structures Height Limitations**

- i The maximum *height* of *buildings* and *structures* is 9.0 metres (29.5 feet).
- li Propane tanks and associated safety infrastructure are exempt from maximum height limits where required by applicable safety regulations.

**b. Buildings and Structures Siting Requirements**

- i The minimum setback for *buildings* or *structures* except a sign, fence, or pump/utility house is 6.0 metres (19.7 feet) from any lot line.

**c. Lot Coverage Limitations**

- i The maximum combined *lot coverage* by *buildings* and *structures* is 25 percent of the *lot* area.

**d. Lot Area Requirements for Subdivision**

- i The minimum average lot area is 1.0 hectare (2.47 acres).
- ii The minimum lot area is 0.5 hectares (1.24 acres).

**D.3.4.4 Conditions of Use for Propane Storage Facilities**

- i Propane storage operations must comply with all applicable federal and provincial regulations.
- ii The operator must hold all necessary permits and certifications prior to installation and operation.
- iii All outdoor lighting associated with propane storage must be fully shielded and directed downward to minimize light trespass.
- iv Emergency response and spill containment plans must be prepared and maintained as per provincial requirements and provided to the Local Trust Committee upon request.
- iv Where propane tanks or structures are visible from adjacent properties or public roads, screening through fencing, landscaping, or a combination shall be provided to reduce visual impact.