

Zoning Bylaw Review – Foreshore and Lake Zoning Bylaw

Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Foreshore and Lake Zoning Bylaw

- Adopted April 15, 2013
- Stated purpose:
 - Promote environmental sustainability;
 - Protect safety of water users;
 - Reclaim public lands for community benefit;
 - Promote aesthetic appeal of the Town;
 - Strengthen Town's enforcement powers.



**FORESHORE AND LAKE
ZONING BYLAW NO. 1294, 2012**



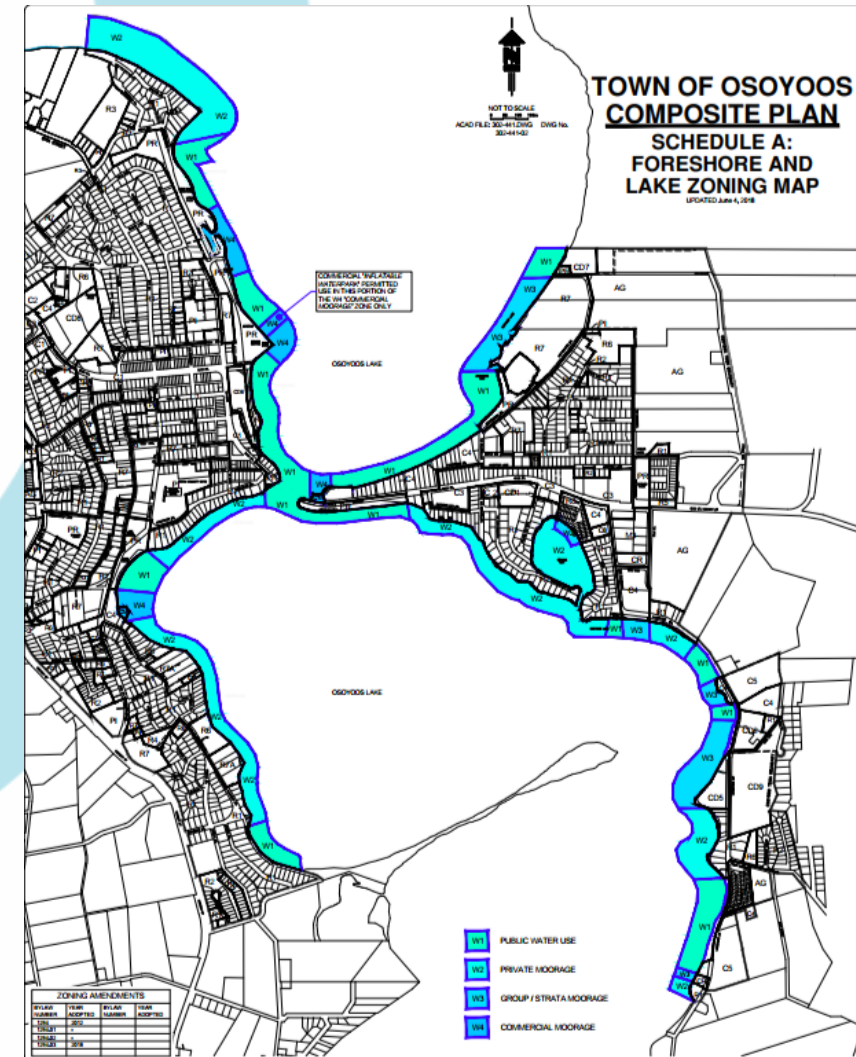
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At the time, Council was advised that:

“[the foreshore] is under intense pressure from sometimes conflicting multi-users...Some of these areas are also valuable habitat...This close nexus of intense multi-user pressures together with serious ecological threats leads Staff to recommend water zoning as an effective resource management tool”

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- Applies to first 100m of Osoyoos Lake;
- Enabled by regulations under Part 14, Division 5 (Zoning Bylaws) of the *Local Government Act*:
 - Use of land, buildings and structures;
 - Density of the use of land, buildings and structures;
 - Siting, size and dimensions of uses, buildings and structures.



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Licenses of Occupation:

- Unrelated to Zoning Bylaws;
- Acquired to strengthen enforcement of unauthorized uses;
- Effectively a delegation of Crown responsibility to police foreshore;
- Allows Town to install improvements at its discretion;
- Allows Town to prohibit installation of other improvements;

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- Bylaw Review Project (2022)
- Foreshore and Lake Zoning Bylaw review objectives:
 - Alignment with Provincial regulations;
 - Placement of buoys;
 - Foreshore use challenges.
- Workshops held in January, May and July 2023
 - “Lake Health Assessment”.

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Considerations:

- Merit in reducing number of bylaws (availability of resources, coherence, consistency);
- Maintenance of two zoning bylaws results in duplication;
- Small Scale Multi-Unit deadlines (June 30, 2024);
- Repeal of bylaw does not preclude other Council objectives (e.g. “Lake Health Assessment”).

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Recommendation:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Town of Osoyoos Foreshore and Lake Zoning Bylaw No. 1294, 2012, be repealed and merged with the Draft Town of Osoyoos Zoning Bylaw No. 1395.



Questions?