

Central Saanich Community Association

Secondary Suite Bylaw Task Force – Research Themes

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After an initial review we are seeing a common theme in Central Saanich and across municipalities that includes things like:

- ***Multiple organizations are prioritizing the issue of housing shortage.***

Current approaches are Not sustainable and require change

- ***Common secondary suite construction challenges when obtaining a permit***

Examples include new secondary suites and updates to an existing suite

- ***Majority of secondary suites in CS are unpermitted.***

Overly strict enforcement of outdated bylaws/policies

- ***Acknowledgement of differences between new and existing structures.***

2019 BCBC Allowances were made for secondary suite renovations in existing homes

- ***Community plan updates occurring***

Opportune time to incorporate changes into our CS OCP plan

The message is that if we want to to facilitate an increase in secondary suites in Central Saanich the status quo isn't going to cut it. As a task force, we are looking for people who have a common interest in making the process of obtaining a permit and renovating for secondary suites easier and attainable.

If you have experience with or considering a secondary suite and would like to assist with improving how our municipality allows secondary suites, we would like to hear from you.