
Personal & Professional Input on New Bylaw Proposals

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Hello. To whom it may concern: I wish to voice my deep concern regarding the newly proposed bylaw changes. It looks like the new proposed law changes for the CVRD's official community plan are being rushed. I would appreciate it if they were halted and slowed down to allow for a full slow review and consultation from the community. The CVRD should prioritize community cultural values, and many CVRD residents are rightfully upset after reading details in the new proposed plan. Many of these laws erode the rural cultural values of this great valley. As a local business owner and member of this community I am also disappointed about some of these new rules.

\$50,000.00 a day fine for having a rooster! That is in no way a punishment that fits the mild crime for being noncompliant for having a rooster in an illegal area. I could see maybe \$50 a day but \$50,000.00 is preposterous. Some of the other laws around chickens are absurd as well like having to call a vet to dispose of a dead chicken! Also, a six-chicken limit is plainly stupid. Again people live in the valley to homestead and practice sustainable living lifestyles. Many of these new laws stop this way of living at a time when we need people to adopt a homesteading lifestyle even more.


There are also some very restrictive laws proposed on fencing. The suggested heights do nothing to stop deer or elk. We need food security on Vancouver Island and we must keep wildlife out to achieve it. Did the CVRD even ask people who depend on wildlife fencing for their livelihood how high they NEED their fencing to be? Most deer and elk fencing needs to be 9' to 10'. Especially farmers who feed us.

Those are just some examples of new lawn proposals that are simply unacceptable.

Thank you so much for listening to some of my family's and my concerns. Please postpone the vote on this new legislation.

Thank you again.
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