
FW: Very concerned about bylaw changes

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Dear Directors,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident to express my strong opposition to the proposed Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (No. 4710) and its implications for RV living within the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

The shift toward a strictly permission-based system—replacing our current complaint-driven model—threatens the housing security of hundreds of residents who currently rely on RVs or trailers as affordable housing options. At a time when our region is facing a significant housing crisis, removing flexible housing solutions seems counterproductive and potentially devastating for those who use RVs to provide for family members or to manage the rising costs of land taxes.

I am particularly concerned about the following aspects of the proposed bylaw:

- Restrictive Occupancy Rules: Limiting RV living solely to those with an active building permit for a maximum of 12 months is unrealistic, especially given that local permit and construction timelines often exceed two years.
- Lack of Flexibility: The bylaw does not account for parcel size or rural context, applying a "one-size-fits-all" framework to very diverse communities.
- Severe Penalties: The introduction of fines up to \$50,000 per day is extreme and will likely force landowners to evict vulnerable tenants to avoid financial ruin.
- Lack of Public Process: Moving forward with such a sweeping overhaul without a formal public hearing undermines the democratic process and ignores the input of the people most affected.

I urge the Board to reconsider these amendments and to prioritize inclusive housing solutions that reflect the reality of life in the Cowichan Valley. I look forward to your response and hope to see these concerns addressed in the upcoming meeting on March 31st.

Sincerely,

Hannah Auer