
Fw: New Zoning In The Cowichan Valley

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Hi there.

As a tax paying citizen, I am horrified to hear about the proposed new bylaws and zoning regarding having chickens on private land.

Our family intentionally bought land in Cobble Hill, in an agricultural/rural area because we wanted to have chickens and other small livestock and garden. We worked hard all of our adult lives to be able to buy our own home and have a small farm and a garden. Our kids raised our chickens from eggs and lovingly care for them every day.

Farming is a way of life, it's how we've raised our kids, it's part of our community and culture. I love the sound of roosters in our small rural community in the morning and I know everyone in our neighborhood feels the same way.

We live in this community intentionally so that we can continue this simple and special way of life. Given the huge number of issues in the Cowichan valley, such as the homeless, the drug problem, the lack of housing, no doctors, the massive potholes in all the roads that never seemed to get fixed, it's confusing why the CRVD is choosing to focus on such a menial issue such as backyard chickens and small hobby farmers.

This is part of a bigger issue of general government overreach and passing laws or making choices that no one wants. Since the push through of the illegal forced garbage system last year, I have noticed an overall

hatred and resentment of the CRVD by most

citizens in the valley, something we never noticed when we first moved into the valley in 2019. The proposed \$50,000 a day fine for breaking the bylaws in the CRVD is also insane and is just another way to take more money out of tax payers' pockets and into the hands of the corrupt

government. It is already almost impossible for the average person to make their mortgage payments, pay their property taxes and feed their kids, fines of \$50,000 is insane.

I thought we lived in Canada and not communist China.

Tax payers have had about enough.

Maybe the CRVD should focus their time and energy on the homeless people living in the bog in Duncan or the fact that I can't even drive my kids to the library in the middle of the day without seeing a drug addict with his pants down taking a dump on the sidewalk, or maybe focus on the Massive pot holes in almost every single rural road in the valley and leave homeowners and law Abiding tax payers alone. It's mind blowing how this is even a priority in the CVRDs mind given so many other huge issues in the valley.

Life is already hard enough without our rights being taken away and the government trying to police what I do on my own private property.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Ferguson.

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