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**Fw: Bylaw changes**

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With Best Regards

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Alison,

Thank you so much for the prompt response. It would be great to connect and discuss the many issues surrounding agriculture and BC food security in our area. We have been serving Vancouver Island's agricultural community for 50 years now, and we would like to support our growing population for another 50.

Kind regards,

Dennis Comeau  
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Hello Dennis,

Thank you for writing.

Contrary to information circulating the community on social media, the proposed zoning changes will actually expand backyard chicken and bee keeping in areas where it is not currently permitted. It should also be noted that proposed backyard chicken regulation is for small lot residential areas and does not apply to lands which are zoned for agriculture, forestry or rural residential 1&2 where agriculture is a permitted use.

I am very interested in how we can better support food security in our region generally and through the zoning bylaw and would love to talk with you.

Regards,  
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Good afternoon all,

I am writing on behalf of our backyard producers to get some understanding in the new bylaw changes that will negatively impact BC Food security and agriculture on Vancouver Island. As a member of our agriculture industry for most of my life, I have seen a drastic decrease in local farming. We have seen producers vanish over the last 30 years or so that has devastated our food security position. I would like to request a meeting with members of our government and local backyard producers before any decisions are to be made on our behalf. Food for thought: Our combined commercial broiler flocks on Vancouver Island (11 total), only supply 6% of Vancouver Island chicken demand. We once had 38 full size growers on Vancouver Island and now with an increased population, it would make no sense to limit back yard farms to grow their own food. This is just one example. I would like to share the negative trickle down affect that it would put on our locals.

Kindest regards,

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