
Area B Resident – Bylaw 4710 Feedback

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I am a resident of Electoral Area B with property zoned A-2 (Secondary Agriculture), and I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the proposed Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 4710.

I support the CVRD's efforts to modernize and consolidate zoning regulations. However, I have concerns regarding how poultry and small-scale food production are addressed within the draft bylaw.

First, I want to ensure that properties zoned for agriculture, including A-2, are clearly and explicitly exempt from any restrictions intended for residential or "urban agriculture" uses—such as limits on the number of hens or prohibitions on roosters. Poultry are a normal and essential part of agricultural practice, and on agricultural land they should be regulated under general agriculture provisions, not under rules designed for residential backyard use.

To avoid confusion or misapplication, I strongly recommend that the bylaw:

- Clearly distinguish between "agriculture" and "urban/residential agriculture" in all definitions
- Explicitly exempt agricultural zones (including A-2) from poultry number limits and rooster restrictions
- Ensure that poultry in agricultural zones are recognized as livestock under permitted farm use

In addition, I have concerns about the proposed limitation of four hens for residential properties.

With the rising cost of food, many households are turning to small-scale food production as a way to support their families and improve food security. A limit of four hens may be overly restrictive, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas where properties are larger and better suited to responsibly accommodate more animals.

I encourage the CVRD to consider a more flexible, scaled approach that reflects property size, zoning, and rural context, rather than applying a uniform limit. For example, smaller urban lots may warrant lower limits, while larger rural residential properties could reasonably support more hens without impacting neighbours.

Supporting residents in producing their own food aligns with broader goals of sustainability, resilience, and community well-being, and should be encouraged where appropriate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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