
BylawsZoningChanges

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CVRD directors,
I am writing to register my formal opposition to the proposed Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 4710.

Far reaching impacts that the removal of small farms has on the overall include, but not limited to:

1. The local feed stores such as Shar Care, Buckerfield's, Laughing Llama, Top Shelf
2. "Mom and Pop" size riding schools (there are three in Shawnigan alone)
3. Therapy animal business such as Epona's Whisper donkeys in Shawnigan
4. People who board horses as an income
5. Chicken owners, who are selling eggs at the end of their driveway
6. People who have a farm stand selling things other than eggs
7. People who are continuing to/expecting to claim farm status on their property taxes, who sell products such as eggs and other consumables in their farm stand.
8. People who economically and ethically raise meat birds, and would like to butcher them on their own property , for their own family consumption.

We have lived in the Cowichan Valley for over 35 years. When we initially bought the property, we did so with the careful consideration for zoning. This was knowing that we would want to have animals, including chickens, roosters, rabbits, sheep, and goats on the property. We are now both recently retired and are shocked and dismayed at the railroading, which is currently happening in the CVRD. Pushing this huge cumbersome document through with very consideration to public outrage and public hearing is unconstitutional and undemocratic.

We are in the fortunate position to have some savings accumulated and would be more than happy to spend these funds on legal ramifications against the CVRD if this document is approved and passed by the board.

Please give consideration to the people in this valley who pay your salary.

Regards
Maxine Smith
Land owner
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