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## OPPOSITION to Bylaw 4710 - Formal Record

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I am writing to formally register my opposition to the proposed Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw No. 4710.

This bylaw represents a significant overreach into rural property rights and does not reflect the practical realities of living and working on rural land. The scale and tone of the document suggest a shift toward a permission-based system that restricts reasonable, long-standing uses of private property.

I ask that this objection be entered into the official record prior to any further advancement of this bylaw.

My primary concerns are as follows:

### Rooster Restrictions

The proposed prohibition of roosters on lots under 2.0 hectares undermines small-scale and heritage farming. Many rural properties fall within this range, and this restriction would make sustainable flock management difficult or impossible.

### Front Yard Fence Height Limits

Limiting front yard fences to 1.2 metres (4 feet) is not practical in areas with large wildlife. This height does not provide meaningful protection against animals such as elk and will result in increased damage to gardens and property.

### Secondary Suite Bedroom Limits

Restricting secondary suites to two bedrooms does not align with current housing needs. This limitation reduces flexibility for families and restricts the ability to make efficient use of existing housing.

### Excessive Financial Penalties

The proposed fines of up to \$50,000, especially when applied on a per-day basis, are disproportionate and create the potential for severe financial harm over relatively minor infractions.

### Prohibition of Unlisted Uses

The clause stating that any use not explicitly permitted is prohibited creates unnecessary rigidity. This approach limits innovation, adaptability, and reasonable use of rural land.

### Right of Entry

The authorization for bylaw officers to enter private property raises concerns about privacy and the scope of enforcement powers.

Overall, this bylaw in its current form does not strike a fair balance between regulation and the rights of property owners. I strongly urge the board to reconsider these provisions and engage more meaningfully with the rural community before proceeding.

Sincerely,  
William Gouldson