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**Re: Complaint on new CVRD OCP**

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From Cody Wicks [REDACTED]

Date Sun 3/29/2026 9:54 PM

To directors@cverd.bc.ca <directors@cverd.bc.ca>; legislativeservices <legislativeservices@cverd.bc.ca>; Zoning <zoning@cverd.bc.ca>

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Hello again,

Just a follow-up that we are not currently part of any active organizing against the OCP or the CVRD. We prefer to look at all sides and aspects, speak up where appropriate, and work towards unity rather than blame and othering. Research and understanding first, this all takes time: Please give the community time to understand and speak to their needs, rather than rush to push this through.

Intentionally or not, you are getting the community involvement in deeper ways that I know many in council wish to see. Possibly, not in the way you wanted it.

There are other large local groups that are forming around that it seems, but we are not taking a leadership role. I just wanted to be clear because they also have reached 1000 members and these are different people and groups (with some overlap I am sure).

The perspective here is that there is a reason these decisions are being made, and those reasons should still be considered. However, there is a huge need to go in the other direction than what this OCP is pushing us in.

Adding to previous comments, the new rules against food trucks also seem to be harmful to local community.

What we needed from an OCP and didn't get:

- allowing farms to house extra people.
- allowing multiple dwellings for sustainability research projects where people steward and share land in a good way with their extended family and friends (the only way the vast majority of people could ever own a home here now)
- less restrictions on how we grow food for ourselves, not more.
- less restrictions on very small and family businesses such as food trucks, hobby farms, local crafts, local makers, local repair. We need more local resiliency, not more regulations to push it away.
- more to emerge as the situation becomes clear

Mostly, wanted to clarify that we are currently doing research and looking at all sides, not acting out in reaction.

Thank you,

Cody

On Fri, Mar 27, 2026, 6:54 p.m. Cody Wicks [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello CVRD,

This is a strong complaint and condemnation for the upcoming OCP and changes to zoning that further restrict the ability of people in our Valley to house and feed themselves.

Through Collective Space, we have a network of 1000 contacts in the Valley, and dozens of active members, hundreds of people who come to events we support in the region. These are people to value sustainability and community, they are a large part of the backbone of this Valley. In our 8 years of fostering discussion amongst these folks in the Valley, we have not heard a single person who has ever advocated for many if these changes you are making.

There is still a housing emergency. There is a food growing shortage. Prices are increasing. And yet, this new document seems to be increasing pressure and penalties.

There is no reason to allow only 6 chickens on an acreage under any circumstance. There is no reason to restrict beekeeping to such a degree. There is no reason to continue to restrict any chance for people to house more than a single family on a large property.

We are extremely disappointed in these directions and it makes me very curious where the lobbying for these changes is coming from?

What are you all doing? It doesn't make any sense.

Thank you for a thorough and prompt response and explanation.

Best,

Collective Space members and community members