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**Re: Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 4710**

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**Date** Sun 3/29/2026 11:03 PM

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Thanks Dave, I am copying this to the CVRD personnel so that it becomes part of the official files

With Best Regards

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**From:** Dave H [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 4710

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Hello Mr Wilson,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the proposed amendments to the zoning Bylaw 4710 of the CVRD. What, exactly, is the existing or forecasted problem(s) that the CVRD is trying to fix with these unwelcome changes?

My wife and I reside on our rural property of 2.5 acres in Cobble Hill. We depend on our property for our income and livelihood.

As I read through the entirety of the proposed zoning bylaw, I was shocked to see the absurdity and overreach of the vast majority of the rules. If implemented, this new bylaw will have a significant impact on property values as a whole. Several years ago, we purchased our large rural property because we intended to make good sustainable use of the land.

Specifically, Sections 4.5 Backyard Hens and Beekeeping and 4.36 Short-Term Rental will affect us personally and financially.

The proposed changes will limit the number of Bee Hives to a maximum of 4 to a property of our size. That is an unsustainably low number of bee colonies. Honeybees serve to benefit everyone by the means of pollination of the fruit trees, berry bushes and much of our produce. The concept that honeybees are a disturbance is a grossly misinformed myth. My apiary often has had up to 8 healthy hives and could easily expand to 20 hives without it being a bother to anyone.

Limiting the allowable number of hens to a maximum of 6 is absolutely absurd.

We live in an era where community self-sufficiency, diversity, and healthy eating have become a vital part of life. Restricting a person's ability to produce foods (eg. chickens, honey etc) on their property forces the ongoing dependence on large corporations. We may as well all live in the city.

I further object to the proposed Section 4.36 Short-Term Rental. The ability to earn much needed income by the rental of a suite located on our principal property cannot be curtailed by the unnecessary reach of government.

Bylaws are meant to address a known problem within a community. If no problem exists, what is the justification of simply creating rules?

I look forward to hearing your answers.

Regards,

Dave Hamlin

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