
FW: New CVRD Bylaw 4710

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Hi Ben, hope all is well.

I just wanted to touch base with you on this proposed CVRD Bylaw 4710. Wow, jaw dropper. I read it and thought whomever wrote it had visions of a Pleasantville Society. I had to ask myself if they even took a look around or asked the taxpayers what they want to see, because if they have, then they got it wrong on more than a few levels. We live rural for a reason & it's not to be treated like a suburban area of a large city.

We own a couple properties withing the CVRD, areas H & G, so am following this closely.

I've been approached by many in the area who are basically distraught that our Regional District who should be working for us is working against us instead. They saw the \$50k penalty note and that was just icing on the cake after reading up on all the other new rules that will affect absolutely everyone. I imagine yourself included.

Of special note, the new chicken rules or either 4 or 6, but no rooster sounds like something right out of the CFIA playbook where you cannot even dispose of a dead one except through either a vet or a disposal facility.

Have a trailered boat & an RV? It looks as if you cannot store both on your own property, let alone a non-licensed vehicle. I have to wonder if this would include ATV's.

Speaking of ATV's, we store ours in a secure Shipping Container. I guess that's a no go as well because those would be prohibited as well. As so many properties have them though, I wonder where the CVRD thinks these would go to because no one would be able to sell them!

Fencing a property is going to be a nightmare. 4 feet in the front wouldn't keep the dogs in let alone the Deer & Elk out. Have a retaining wall that needs to be fixed? Don't be starting that without your permit, even if it's small I assume.

I ride at an Equestrian Centre. We have 9 horses there, but it's only 7 acres. This is under the minimum acreage required, so would existing centres then have to shut it down? We know of others within the Cowichan Valley who would be non-compliant as well, so this doesn't make any sense at all.

I was reading that there's even a rule about what kind of flag we may fly. I thought no way, but sure enough, that's there too.

I guess not all is bad though... they would be allowing us to still have our home based businesses, although, there are some rules there too that are a reach.

There is so much more to address, but I think I've made my point. & I imagine you have heard from others by now as well.

If we go by how this proposed bylaw is written, these would be valid concerns. I am sure in some areas that have nuisance properties, some of these rules would come in handy, but most of us are just trying to enjoy our land without big brother coming along and penalizing us up to \$50k a day for not complying, to which no one I know could afford in this economy.

I sure hope that if this goes through, there is a grandfather clause. As written, it's not fair to so many people & would be a nightmare to enforce because CVRD would have to go to each property because I will bet we all have some kind of infraction.

Please add us to your list of property owners who are against this bylaw as it is written. It's way too heavy handed for our rural life styles.

Regards,
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