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**FW: Prosed bylaw changes**

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**Cowichan Valley Regional District**  
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**Re: Strong Opposition your Recommendation Against Holding a Public Hearing.**

**Dear Chair and Members.**

I strongly oppose the adoption of **consolidating** and far reaching of nine bylaws in their current form.

**Bit by bit, we are losing our fundamental freedoms and our right to private property. These new zoning regulations represent yet another layer of government control over how landowners in the electoral areas can use their own land.**

**These changes would, for example, limit fence heights to no more than 3.5 feet. By not letting us put up high fences to protect our property, the bylaws leave us vulnerable to criminals — especially when our government forbids us from protecting ourselves and does nothing about repeat offenders. They would also prohibit RVs as housing on private property (even though many residents are forced to live in them because they can no longer afford a traditional home) and disallow keeping chickens at a time when food prices are extremely high.**

**From the municipal level through to the provincial and federal governments, there is a systematic effort to squeeze residents of all our freedoms and security, our right to privacy, and any chance of financial stability. Any infractions of the new bylaw could result in fines of up to fifty thousand dollars, per infraction, per day. We are looking more and more like totalitarian countries with such extreme measures.**

**The majority of people in the affected communities oppose these changes, yet the agenda moves forward regardless. Recommending no public hearing only compounds the problem by denying residents a proper voice.**

Private property rights are the foundation of a free society. I urge the Committee to reject the no-hearing recommendation, insist on a full public hearing, and substantially revise the bylaws to protect — rather than erode — the rights of property owners. Frankly nothing short of Referendum is **absolutely necessary**.

**I respectfully request that this letter be included in the correspondence package for the [April 1, 2026](#) meeting and forwarded to the full Board.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.**

**Sincerely,**

**Lorraine Hepting**