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**FW: Att:** [REDACTED] - re proposed Zoning Bylaw 4710

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To whom it may concern,

Please see below our concerns as residents of the CVRD, Area G, regarding the process thus far, and the content of the proposed Bylaw 4710. We forward this to each of you individually trusting that you will give it your attention and due consideration as elected representatives. By way of response, we sincerely hope you will move to hold several more regionally local public meetings that are widely advertised and time-accessible (we are aware that there is currently a meeting being offered April 1, at 1pm - however with short notice and scheduled in the middle of a workday for many residents), and that offer the opportunity for meaningful public questions and input before decisions are made (as apposed to "informational"). This is a large and daunting document, that proposes sweeping and very significant changes impacting all residents of the CVRD in some measure.

Kind regards,  
Ceri and William Sanderson

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**From:** Ceri Sanderson [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Sun, 29 Mar 2026 at 13:27  
**Subject:** Att: [REDACTED] - re proposed Zoning Bylaw 4710  
**To:** <[zoning@cvrld.bc.ca](mailto:zoning@cvrld.bc.ca)>

Dear [REDACTED]

As home owners and residents within the CVRD, Area G, we are writing to express our concerns about the process that is currently underway to institute Bylaw 4710 into the CVRD as the overarching zoning for the entire CVRD region.

We feel that as taxpayers we have been under-informed, offered virtually no timely opportunity to review, denied the chance to ask questions or submit input, or file objections if we feel we are being unfairly impacted by these sweeping proposed changes. When we bought our home in Area G only 3.5 years ago, it was with the understanding that this region, zoned Country Suburban, offered us some flexibility for how we might run a small home-based business to support our retirement plans, or use our property for our own pleasure.

It appears to us, that in the interest of simplifying the CVRD's work, the proposed harmonization of zoning across so many and incredibly diverse regions is proposing changes both draconian, and procedurally unfair to property owners. The approach also appears to rely on an outdated premise that "FAIR means SAME". This flies in the face of modern understanding that this is not true, or reasonable.

In our community for instance, the changes to backyard chicken and beekeeping means that, even though my neighbour with a generous yard is bothering nobody with their small flock of chickens and hive of bees which pollinate every neighbors garden, we may no longer be able to pop by to get a dozen fresh eggs on the weekend. Is this because of a concern that a similar flock of chickens or hive of bees might present an annoyance in a more congested urbanized area of Duncan? If so, that is harmonization poorly applied. It is also the continuation of and addition to the identified problem of Vancouver Island food insecurity, in the name of modernization - which in times of looming war - we feel is incredibly short-sighted planning!

While we won't go into too many specifics here, we are also very concerned that many of the recent and proposed bylaws changes undertaken by the CVRD have either opted us in unnecessarily (as both a region or the whole CVRD in general) or added additional and burdensome requirements to already existing provincial laws and requirements. This includes the changes to short-term rentals (opted in despite no requirement to do so - thereby creating significant shortages of tourist accommodation in areas that are heavily reliant on tourism, and while Stay-Local-Shop-Local is a Canadian focus), storage and/or use of motor vehicles on private property (regardless of the individual situation of the property) and limiting the ability to use our private properties in a myriad of reasonable ways that were previously permitted.

We sincerely hope that the CVRD will take a beat here - and give your taxpayers and those MOST impacted an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion about what these changes actually mean to this broad and diverse region and to understand why the CVRD believes such changes are necessary.

Kind regards,  
Ceri and William Sanderson  
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