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I am writing the directors of the CVRD to express my grave concern over the comprehensive zoning bylaw (CZB) changes put forth by the CVRD and the upcoming CVRD Special Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting April 1 where it has been put forward that a public hearing not be held. I would ask what is the intent to not put these documents out to a public hearing? Unfortunately, what you have created now is extreme distrust the public has for the CVRD staff and directors. May I remind you that it is us, the taxpayers, that pay CVRD wages and elect the directors and there is no such thing as "free money". It all comes from the taxpayer's pocket.

I also ask where in all the public input and idea fairs did the CVRD staff and directors get the impression that the residents in the CVRD areas were asking for fines of \$50,000 per day, fencing restrictions, livestock restrictions, storage restrictions, land use restrictions? Many families in the CVRD areas are struggling to make ends meet and now you want them to put forth money to rebuild a fence, not have a home based business, reduce their livestock that feeds their family or earns them income, not have a mortgage helper on their large property in the way of a trailer. Property values will be impacted if you push through these bylaws as who wants to purchase when the land is restricted in its uses and hold over your head a \$50,000 fine per day. In today's world we need to stick together and help each other out, working towards a common ground, not fighting each other. There is enough of that out there. As a CVRD resident, I do not want to live in fear of a large fine, I do not want to battle with local government. I would like to live on my property that my hard-earned money paid for and pays the taxes on, feeling free to make my property suit my needs.

The document you have created is extremely lengthy and makes it so the average person can not understand what the intent is. It allows these bylaws to be open for interpretation, which can result in a difference of opinion, leading potentially to a \$50,000 per day fine. I have had experience with your current bylaws and have had your enforcement officer tell me that in fact it is hard to find the bylaw and then I saw multiple interpretations from many CVRD staff. The cost of an infraction to the CVRD is too high when you have multiple staff members attempting to decipher what the bylaws mean and multiple trips to properties, and multiple emails.

All levels of government are in a dire financial situation. The answer is not to spend dollars on a CZB that will financially hurt families and I am sure will increase CVRD costs. Run the CVRD like you would run your own household. When times are tough you cut back and go to basics only. This is what the CVRD needs to do to show its taxpayers that they are with them and care about their communities.

If in fact the CZB does go out to public hearing, I request that a cost be assigned to each of the bylaws to show residents what will come out of their pocket to administer that bylaw and then let them decide if they want that. I have been to your idea fairs/information sessions, and you say this is what the residents asked for. But at what price, let that be known as nothing is for free. Again, I will reiterate that I find it hard to believe that the CZB document was driven by residents' ideas and needs.

Thank you for your time and see you April 1.

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