
A heartfelt consideration

From Adrienne Hollings [REDACTED]
Date Mon 3/30/2026 3:01 PM
To legislativeservices <legislativeservices@cprd.bc.ca>
Cc Sierra Acton <sierra.acton@cprd.bc.ca>; benmaartman@cprd.bc.ca <benmaartman@cprd.bc.ca>

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

Hello Sierra, Ben and whomever else may be here,

My name is Adrienne Hollings.

I wanted to begin by acknowledging that you, along with the other area directors, are likely under significant scrutiny and receiving a high volume of feedback with the release of the newest Draft CZB. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for the work you are doing in your role as our area director.

As a steward of a large F-1 property, my primary concern is understanding why large properties with active farm status—particularly those contributing food and meaningful community experiences and outdoor recreation—are not afforded the same opportunities as A-1 lands. I completely understand that ALR lands fall under their own set of rules and regulations; however, this feels like a significant oversight for our community. If the goal here is to protect farmland, shouldn't all of us be afforded the same opportunities? I have attended the farmers' meetings and had my voice heard over the past year but the majority of those farmers and farmland fall within the ALR. Turns out we are all fighting a slightly different battle.

If farms like ours are not able to diversify our income streams, the long-term sustainability of large agricultural properties is at risk. Allowing landowners with larger parcels to offer low-impact camping or small-scale agritourism accommodations would not only support us as responsible stewards of the land, but would also benefit the broader community by expanding access to recreation and nature-based experiences.

On our property specifically, these types of uses would not require additional municipal resources. We produce our own water and power, and privately maintain the roadways servicing both our property and neighbouring lands.

As it stands, producing food for our family and community while earning enough to maintain and operate the property **is not financially viable without diversification**. Without these opportunities, we are often forced to seek off-farm employment, leaving fertile land underutilized and reducing overall agricultural productivity.

We already welcome visitors from around the world to experience the farm and regularly receive inquiries from the global bikepacking community seeking places to camp or stay for a night during their travels along the Trans Canada Trail. We consistently receive five-star feedback and have cultivated a respectful, reciprocal relationship with both our local community and visitors seeking connection and respite from the increasing stresses of modern life.

Currently, Shawnigan offers very limited options for overnight stays or camping, which constrains its potential as a destination beyond day use—particularly during the summer months. My family has been here for over 50 years, and it is a privilege to share this land with our community and visitors alike.

I strongly encourage considering policies that support responsible, small-scale agritourism and camping opportunities on large F-1 and A-2 properties, aligning with the realities of modern farming and rural land stewardship.

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful consideration.

With Love,

Adrienne