
Bill 4710

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Hello,

I would like to express my extreme dissatisfaction with respect to the proposed CZB 4710.

The draft was presented before any due process was undertaken through which taxpayers could make objections, which formed part of the official record, rather than ex post, non binding and non-recorded consultations. This is extremely anti democratic and is failure of both staff and elected representatives.

There is a complete lack of recognition of the fact that we are a mixed community with urban, suburban and rural residents. Rezoning rural parcels with agricultural rights as large residential parcels with no agricultural rights is offensive to basic logic. The impact on lower income residents on currently designated rural parcels is especially offensive.

The designation of drainage ditches as waterways with 5m setbacks is nonsensical and emblematic of the overreach of staff and the complete lack of effective oversight by elected representatives. The rule would mean that most roads, community mailboxes, gates, fences and electrical and telephone poles in my community are now illegal.

The idea that anything not expressively permitted is now illegal, rather than the test that anything prohibited is illegal is a draconian over reach. We should live in a democracy rather than a dictatorship and the CVRD should not try to change that.

\$50,000 potential fines per day, for even inadvertent non-compliance with the CZB, is grossly offensive and dictatorial.

The notion that boat owners cannot protect the value of their assets by installing boat covers in the winter is just another example of the heavy handed approach of staff and the complicity of elected representatives in even allowing this to enter the discourse.

Allowing dock owners to create sun sheltered areas should not be something that CVRD should interfere with. Climate change is real. It is nonsensical that the CZB prohibits dock owners from protecting themselves against sun damage.

The chicken rules are completely ridiculous. Again, it is an example of staff exerting completely unfettered and anti-democratic power. The banning of roosters is unfounded.

The fence height rules are emblematic of the lack of understanding of staff and elected representatives in the CVRD who seem to live in urban rather than semi rural or rural areas. A rule that makes some sense in an urban area makes absolutely no sense in a rural area. The RV living rules are similarly out of touch with the nature of our community. A reasonable exception that people shouldn't live in RVs in urban areas should not extend to making it a crime for people to live in RVs in rural areas. The displacement of people in difficult situations and living in RVs in rural areas is the exact opposite of compassion and allowing for flexible and supportive housing.

We have an election in October.

It is my view that the CZB should be tabled until January 2027 to allow the community to vote on the status quo or for a new path and for any potentially newly elected representatives to set a different path should they wish to.

Thx