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## Formal Opposition to CVRD Bylaw 4710 and Request for Public Hearing

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident of Electoral Area B to formally oppose the proposed Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 4710, including its restrictive livestock provisions and excessive enforcement penalties, and to object to the recommendation to proceed without a formal public hearing.

This bylaw is not a routine consolidation. It is a sweeping regulatory overhaul introducing new zones, site-specific development controls, and significant increases in density, with long-term implications for infrastructure, livability, and community character. Advancing a bylaw of this scale without a public hearing—on the basis that it aligns with an outdated, pre-pandemic Official Community Plan that itself faced substantial public opposition—is not an adequate or appropriate process. Open houses do not replace the right to provide formal, on-the-record testimony.

Key concerns include:

- **Disproportionate fines:** Penalties of up to \$50,000 per day are excessive and could result in severe financial harm to residents and small producers.
- **Food security and self-sufficiency:** Restrictions on livestock and food production undermine households' ability to sustain themselves at a time of rising costs and supply uncertainty.
- **Lack of flexibility:** Arbitrary limits fail to account for larger households and penalize responsible, independent food production.
- **Overly prescriptive controls:** Detailed regulations governing dwellings, agricultural use, and property features unnecessarily restrict reasonable land use.
- **Infrastructure capacity:** Thousands of additional units will place further strain on already limited water, sewer, drainage, and emergency services.
- **Timing:** Moving toward adoption shortly before an election risks entrenching long-term policy without meaningful voter input.

At a broader level, this bylaw risks undermining local resilience by restricting residents' ability to grow food and maintain small-scale agriculture—capacities that are essential in times of economic and supply instability.

I urge you to:

1. Reconsider the livestock restrictions and fine structure;
2. Ensure policies support local food production and small-scale farming; and
3. Hold a formal public hearing.

This is a matter of transparency, proportionality, and democratic accountability. I would appreciate your response and your position on these issues.

Sincerely,

Andra Richter