

FW: New zoning by laws

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Hello,

I have lived in the Cowichan Valley for 6 years, I am a home owner, tax payer and contributing citizen to this amazing community. I moved to the area for its rural charm, access to the outdoors and the strong community I perceived to exist here.

The new proposed zoning by laws completely undermine all the things that make Cowichan what it is and what this community was built on. The choices made by council to restrict small businesses(ie. food truck zoning and farm retail sales), undermine personal and community reliance(or. Hen and bee keeping restrictions) and erode personal freedoms of individuals who own land and pay the taxes that keep this community running.

These proposed changes that were thought of without the input of the community completely undermine any trust I have in our local government's ability to properly manage and support this community and quite frankly show how out of touch our council is. I know I am certainly not alone in these opinions.

I sincerely hope the council will listen to the voices of the people who make this community what it is and consider reversing pretty much all of the proposed changes.

Thanks for your attention,

Gabrielle Marsman
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