
Not in support of CVRD's Bylaw 4710

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Hello CVRD,

My name is Lorraine and I live in Cobble Hill. My partner and I bought a 2 acres property last year finally fulfilling our long time dream of having our own homestead/hobby farm. We have both spent years saving and have sacrificed a lot in order to progress our careers to be able to afford a home in the CVRD. We intentionally moved to the CVRD because the culture, people and bylaws aligned with our values. A community built on farming, sustainability, independence, privacy, quiet country living. We want to grow our own food and have farm animals. Its the whole reason we live there.

I cant begin to express how disappointed I am in each of you, and your team for the newly proposed bylaw 4710. It's hard to capture exactly how I feel and all the issues because the whole thing is very quick and overwhelming. The new document is long (over 300 pages), and full of legal speak that doesn't come as naturally to some of us not working for the CVRD. It feels intentional, like you are intentionally overwhelming us and moving as quickly as possible right before an election. The whole set up stinks.

Trying to look at some of the specific issues, again stating that we have had almost no time to review this (most of us are working full time and commuting) but something tells me you are using that to your advantage:

1. \$50,000 per day fines is insane. You want to be able to punish folks into bankruptcy.
2. Authorized property inspections is a huge invasion of privacy. You are doing this to find non-compliance which is a cash grab.
3. CVRD us a rural community and you are forcing suburban rules. You are banning things that are totally in line with rural living (e.g. chickens, roosters, bees, RV's, shipping containers, horses, etc.)
4. Further to point 3, you are taking away any ability to be self sufficient when self sufficiency is one solution to the uncertainty in Canadian society today. Why are you taking away our food security? And the food security that those in the CVRD serve to other communities?
5. Bans on freedom of expression e.g. no flags that aren't Canada, BC, or municipal.
6. There also seems to be a lack of a formal public hearing which was recommended by your board. There is no good reason to bypass a public hearing when you are completely revamping and making significant changes to current bylaw. This is greasy.
7. Thousands of new units to go in when we already have taxed water systems, roadways, and other services. Taxes will go up. I invested my life's savings to live in a rural farm community not the city.

These are a few of my immediate concerns, again with the caveat that I am doing my best to read and understand the colossal document you dumped on us at the last minute. Your behaviour is so inappropriate it makes me wonder what else is going on that you are hiding from us? Are you threatening to take our animals away under a penalty of bankruptcy to distract us from something else?

I hope you all get voted out and you should be beyond ashamed for that absolute disgrace of a document you have published.

Lorraine