
FW: Opposition to Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 4710



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Dear Cowichan Valley Regional District and Electoral Area Directors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 4710.

Cowichan Valley is cherished for its rural charm, beauty, and the flexibility it provides for multigenerational living and hobby farms. Many families depend on having a relative stay in an RV or trailer on their property. At a time when we face a housing affordability crisis, this type of flexibility is more necessary than ever. Other jurisdictions are embracing flexible housing options, yet your proposed regulations would only serve to push more individuals onto the streets during a time when the unhoused population in Duncan is already at a crisis level.

I would like to highlight the following issues:

Restrictions on Backyard Hens

Limiting the number of chickens on rural acreage properties—especially those over 2 acres—directly impacts residents' ability to support themselves with small-scale food production.

Regulation of Temporary and Auxiliary Living Arrangements

The increasing restrictions on RVs, trailers, and alternative housing arrangements fail to reflect the current housing reality and unfairly target vulnerable populations who will now be at risk of

