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**FW: Proposed new bylaws**

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Hi,

I am writing to ask you to please REFUSE TO PASS the new bylaws that have been suggested, especially the new rules about backyard chickens and RV living.

**RV living:**

There has long been a housing crisis in the Cowichan Valley, and you will make this a great deal worse if you institute the new rules. When people with low incomes manage to find an acceptable dwelling situation in an RV, that should actually be encouraged. It takes them off the street so that the shelters are less burdened. It is seldom the case that the RV dweller lives in an unsanitary way, and if several people want to live together on one piece of land, why is it anyone else's business? It is certainly not something that should be regulated in this supposedly free country.

**Chickens:**

Food security has long been an issue for us living here on Vancouver Island. Should we have a bad storm that destroys one or more ferry docks, we would all be in serious trouble. Letting those who wish to keep backyard flocks of chickens would be a simple small step towards better food security. Growing and eating local food saves the planet because of transportation savings and again, it is irresponsible to limit that in any way. I have never seen anyone's chickens be uncared for. Without roosters, how do you expect someone to replace their chickens when they grow old and stop producing? Again, this is a ridiculous rule that is totally unnecessary.

Please use your very good sense and refuse to pass these bylaws.

Thank you,  
Rosalind Adams