
FW: Urgent Concerns regarding proposed bylaw changes

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Dear Mr. Maartman,

I am writing to you today with grave concerns about the proposed bylaws currently under consideration for our region. These regulations risk limiting the use of our semi-rural and rural properties—properties many of us rely on to make a living and to develop creative solutions to housing challenges.

In these turbulent economic times—with stagnant wages, unaffordable housing, and rising inflation—Cowichan Valley was chosen by many as a place to not only live but also to work, to innovate, and to thrive. These flexible uses—be it raising bees, livestock, raising chickens for eggs sales, short term rentals, horse riding lessons or other small ventures—are vital to our economic survival and keep local money in our community. Raising chickens and livestock is part of the Cowichan Valley's rich history and heritage and helps enrich and build confidence in young 4H Participants. We also need to ensure food security during these extremely turbulent times and continued tariff threats from the US.

Moreover, I must also express my deep concerns about the proposed restrictions on food trucks in our area—specifically beloved local favorites like Drifters The Brazen Fork. These food trucks offer an essential dining choice, provide a livelihood for local entrepreneurs, and draw more people to the brick-and-mortar businesses in the area—creating a vibrant, mutually supportive economy and a fun and safe meeting place for young adults and families. We don't have enough locally & family owned restaurants in the Cowichan Valley to begin with. These food trucks are a welcome addition and do not take away from Bricks and Mortar restaurants.

We also must be mindful of looming job losses tied to AI advances. Keeping avenues open to make money from home is essential as we adapt to a rapidly changing workforce. I implore you to reconsider these bylaws, taking into account the diverse ways we depend on our properties and these local businesses to weather economic storms, food security and building resilient communities. Let us keep the Cowichan Valley a place of opportunity, innovation and resilience.

Sincerely,

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