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**Fw: Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw #4710, Section 4.14 Food Trucks**

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Hello Mr Wilson,

I am writing with concern regarding the amendments made to the CVRD Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw #4710, Section 4.14 regarding Food Trucks. The recent amendments that restrict the hours of operation and proximity of Food Trucks to nearby restaurants will be damaging to those restaurants and businesses.

There is a misguided fear that Food Trucks will take business away from established restaurants. To the contrary, the concentration and diversity of food options provided by Food Trucks create an attraction that draws in the to attend that location to give business to both established restaurants and food trucks alike. The key is ensuring the diversity in the style of food being offered (eg. ethnic or dessert or western or carnival) that differs from the nearby established restaurants. Concentrated reasonable competition benefits all businesses alike.

Restricting the business parameters of Food Trucks, especially limiting the hours of operation, is highly damaging. Not only to specific to the business opportunities of food trucks, but also to the employment (often young persons) who work in the food trucks, and the public who enjoy going out to grab a treat or a quick bite to eat. Bluntly, a bylaw without thought which broadly restricts the operation of food trucks will kill an economic sector and public enjoyment.

Specifically, I look at the negative impact that this bylaw will have on the Drifter's Creamery food truck (soft serve ice cream), which has become a much-loved establishment of the Cobble Hill community. In no way has Drifter's taken business away from any nearby restaurant because they offer a

completely different product (dessert). It is very common for Drifter's to be busy in the evenings as family's come out for an after-dinner treat. It is also busy in the daytime as people seek an ice cream treat during the heat of the day. No other restaurant in Cobble Hill, Shawnigan Lake, Cowichan Bay, or Mill Bay offers this to the public.

I ask that Bylaw 4.14 be revisited and rewritten to something that is more balanced.

Regards,

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