

Fw: CVRD zoning bylaws

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Thank you. Please also add this as an example. In my original feedback I made the point the bylaws need to be linked to solving a clear and real problem. Food trucks in the valley attract tourism, create vibrant communities, add to our local culture as an island culinary destination, and represent an accessible way for people to start small businesses that feed and house their families. It is completely unacceptable for a business like Drifters to become unviable due to the proposed changes. I urge you to put these sweeping changes on hold and to design a completely different approach to zoning and a different approach to introducing changes— one that makes sense for the people who live here, own property here, run businesses here.



Drifters Creamery is at Drifters Creamery.

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A Sweet Plea from Your Local Ice Cream Truck – We Need Your Help!

Hey Drifters family! We've been serving up local organic soft serve at Cobble Hill Station with smiles, pup cups, and all the summer joy we can serve. But the future of food trucks like ours is now at risk because of updates in the CZB (Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw) – specifically section 4.14 on Food Trucks.

The new rules include some tough restrictions that could seriously limit where and how long we can operate:

- The vending of any goods by a food truck shall not be carried out on any one parcel for more than 8 hours per 24-hour period.
- The food truck shall be removed from the vending site at the end of the vending period.

These changes could make it much harder for us (and many other small, independent food trucks) to stay viable in the coming years. We're a small, local business run with passion for quality ingredients and community vibes – and we'd love to keep drifting around bringing treats to you for many more seasons.

If you want to see Drifters Creamery around for years to come, please help us by reaching out to the decision-makers:

Write a short, personal email or letter to:

- Director of Planning / Zoning: zoning@cvrd.bc.ca, planyourcowichan@cvrd.bc.ca, legislativeservices@cvrd.bc.ca
- Elected Official (Cobble Hill) Director Mike Wilson - mike.wilson@cvrd.bc.ca

Let them know how much you enjoy supporting small businesses like ours, and why flexible food truck rules matter for community access to local treats, events, and vibrant public spaces. Every voice counts — especially from ~~loyal customers!~~ Feel free to