
Subject: URGENT: Oppose Section 4.14 of the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw - Support Cowichan Food Trucks

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To the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Board and Zoning Department,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed **Section 4.14 (Food Trucks/Mobile Vendors)** of the new **Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (CZB)** currently under review for 2026.

While I understand the goal of harmonizing regulations across our electoral areas, the current draft of Section 4.14 risks stifling local entrepreneurship and reducing the vibrancy of our community.

In particular, I am calling for the immediate removal or amendment of the following two clauses:

- **The 8-Hour Rule:** Restricting vending to no more than **8 hours in any 24-hour period** on a single parcel is arbitrary and punitive. For a business owner, this timeframe must include setup, prep, service, and teardown. It effectively kills the ability to serve both a lunch and dinner crowd, forcing entrepreneurs to choose between being profitable or being legal.
- **Mandatory Daily Removal:** Requiring that a food truck be **removed from the vending site at the end of each period** is an unnecessary logistical nightmare. Forcing a business owner to hitch up and haul their equipment off-site every single night—even when they have a multi-day agreement with a property owner—adds massive fuel costs, wear and tear, and safety risks for no discernible community benefit.

These bylaws don't "regulate" food trucks; they **sabotage** them. These rules create a "move-along" culture that treats our local chefs like a nuisance rather than the economic drivers they are. This isn't about fair competition with brick-and-mortar restaurants; it's about making it physically and financially impossible for mobile vendors to exist in the Cowichan Valley.

I urge the Board to support our small business community by removing these restrictive "vending period" clauses from Section 4.14 before the bylaw is adopted.

Sincerely,
Jaclyn Boyd
Cowichan Valley Resident