
Fw: Concern Regarding Proposed OCP Food Truck Bylaw

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Subject: Concern Regarding Proposed OCP Food Truck Bylaw

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Dear Director Wilson,

I am writing as the owner of Drifters Creamery, located in Electoral Area C / Cobble Hill, to express my concerns regarding the proposed food truck regulations being considered as part of the Official Community Plan (OCP) update and the associated Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw project for the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

The draft bylaw defines a "food truck" as:

"Food truck" means a truck or trailer from which a vendor sells goods, food, or food products and which is capable of being moved on its own wheels and is fully self-contained with no service connection required.

My primary question is this: If a vendor requires service connections (power, water, and grey water), does it still fall under the following regulations outlined in section 4.14?

4.14. Food Trucks

Where a food truck is permitted in a zone under this Bylaw, the following conditions of use apply:

- 1. A food truck is not permitted to operate on a parcel that contains an existing restaurant.*
- 2. The vending of any goods by a food truck shall not be carried out on any highway, strata access route, strata common property, or foreshore area.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. The food truck shall be removed from the vending site at the end of the vending period.*
- 5. No buildings or structures shall be placed or erected in association with the food truck operation.*
- 6. A food truck must not occupy or otherwise reduce the number of parking spaces required for any use on the parcel, nor interfere with access to any required parking space.*

Many food vendors in the Cowichan Valley rely on utility connections and are not designed to be fully mobile. Requiring them to move their setup every day would be both impractical and environmentally

unsustainable. Additionally, limiting operations to only 8 hours per day feels like an unnecessary overreach that would severely impact local businesses and public access to services. Drifters Creamery, which has been successfully operating for the past four years, serves soft-serve ice cream that requires continuous refrigeration of the dairy mix. As a result, our unit cannot be moved daily without compromising food safety and product quality. Could you please clarify whether businesses like Drifters Creamery that are already established will be grandfathered under the new regulations?

Thank you for your time and consideration. I know you are likely receiving a high volume of feedback on important issue.

Best regards,

Reana Borthwick
Owner, Drifters Creamery

