
Support for Food Trucks & Flexible CZB Regulations (Section 4.14)

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Dear Director of Planning/Zoning and Director Wilson,

I am writing as a local resident and supporter of small businesses in the Cowichan Valley to express my concern regarding the proposed updates to the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw (CZB), specifically Section 4.14 relating to food trucks.

Food trucks contribute greatly to the character, convenience, and vibrancy of our communities. They provide accessible local food options, create gathering spaces, and support local employment and entrepreneurship. Businesses like Drifters Creamery at Cobble Hill Station are a perfect example of the positive role food trucks play—they offer high-quality local treats, friendly service, and an experience that adds to the community atmosphere.

The proposed restrictions limiting food trucks to operating no more than 8 hours per 24-hour period on a single parcel, and requiring removal at the end of the vending period, feel unnecessarily burdensome and could make it difficult for small operators to remain viable. These kinds of limitations increase costs, reduce stability, and create barriers for local businesses that are already operating responsibly and contributing positively to the community.

Food trucks are not just a convenience—they are part of what makes our area welcoming and enjoyable, especially in the summer months and at popular community hubs. I strongly encourage the CVRD to reconsider these restrictions and instead implement regulations that support safe, fair, and sustainable operations while allowing food trucks to remain an important part of the local economy.

Please consider revising Section 4.14 to allow for more flexible operating hours and more practical requirements that reflect the realities of running a small mobile business.

Thank you for your time and for considering community input.

Sincerely,

Maria Mihok

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