Adam Zack

Dear committee members,

While I appreciate all of the careful planning and work that has gone into to Lopez Village Subarea plan, I would like to state my objections to the section on mobile food vending units, in hopes of consideration of a re-write of this section. I am a resident who believes that mobile food vending can be an asset to the Lopez community, both resident and non-resident, especially when providing food of such quality and care as "El Taco 'bout It". This summer residents and visitors have enjoyed the presence of this food unit as a much-needed addition to our food choices, and it has provided a kind of community camaraderie not otherwise experienced on Lopez. As far as I know, it has been encouraged by other food providers as well. I believe we should welcome such additions to Lopez, not discourage them by limiting the time they may serve food in the Village. And, of course, the Village is the only legal and reasonable place for them to be serving.

I will add that the main reason I have committed to return to Galiano Island (B.C.), and have recommended it to others, is the amazing quality of food provided by their mobile food vendors. These were great experiences that allowed for casual interactions of locals and visitors, enjoying wonderful, affordable, and often unique, food. Perhaps Lopez could be remembered by others for similar reasons, as well as our not-so-regulated and very friendly atmosphere.

I admit that I do not understand the reasons or underpinnings for the proposed mobile food vending restrictions. However, I do hope for more discussion and consideration before finalizing a plan that does not allow for the continual or regular presence of vendors who comply with health and other food and access regulations already in place.

Thank you for your consideration
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Landrum