



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF MOTION

From: Councillor Meagan Brame

Introduced: January 21, 2019

Subject: Food Truck at 1237/1243 Esquimalt Road

WHEREAS: Esquimalt has many fine small restaurants and Cafes in the area,

AND WHEREAS: There has been a concern raised for the sustainability to those small restaurants with the addition of a food truck at 1237/1243 Esquimalt Road,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Out of respect for the current businesses, that the Township of Esquimalt not put out a Request for Proposals for a food truck in the parking lot of 1237/1243 Esquimalt Road.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

One of Council's strategic priorities is to promote economic development and sustainability within the Township, which includes current businesses.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As there is staff time required to put out and process Request for Proposals, this would limit that. The Township would lose the revenue that could be had from the Food Truck, but that amount has not been factored at this point.

BACKGROUND:

Part of the main driver for the Food Truck at this location when first was proposed, was to support the Donair owner who had just purchased the business a few months prior to the Township purchasing 1237/1243 Esquimalt Road. Council at the time wanted to allow him the opportunity to continue to have his business in operation through the food truck. If he does not want the parking spot for a food truck, Council should look to not put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to help support the current businesses within that area.

Various businesses, restaurants and others, will be coming to that area in the future, but will be with the inclusion of further residential developments. The increase in residential development will allow for more sustainability for a variety of businesses.

The timing of a food truck in that location currently, could create undue hardship on our current small businesses in the area.

Food businesses located in that area include: Sunnyside Café, Guido's Café and Red Barn Market.