



REQUEST FOR DECISION

To: Mayor & Members of Council

Title: Director of Planning & Community Services – Downtown Food Truck Application

Date: July 14, 2025

Motion for Consideration:

THAT: Council approve the temporary use of one (1) parking stall on Ross Street (adjacent to 310 Ross Street), for a mobile food truck, to Ricochet Tap House on Sunday July 20, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., subject to the mobile food vendor having a City business licence.

Background:

On June 20, 2025, the City received a request from Downtown Salmon Arm, on behalf of Ricochet Tap House, to temporarily locate a food truck (mobile food vendor) in a parking stall adjacent to the Ricochet business at 310 Ross Street, at the intersection with Hudson Avenue (kitty corner to the Ross Street Plaza). The request is to occupy the single stall from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday July 20, 2025. This is to celebrate the 3 year anniversary of the brewery and 1 year anniversary of the taphouse.

The Mobile Food Vending Policy 3.19 deals with the location and approval of mobile food vending in the Downtown area, and the policy limits the location only to the three on street parking stalls on Hudson Avenue adjacent to the Ross Street Plaza (as shown in the attached map). The applicant is seeking to have the food truck located immediately adjacent to the Ricochet Tap House in a parking stall located on Ross Street. The application is therefore not consistent with Policy 3.19.

The application is, however, very close to the approved location, and the request is for a single stall for a time period of 14 hours for a special (one time) event. Staff therefore see no compelling reason that the request should not be approved. Requiring the applicant to locate the food truck in the approved location would simply make it much less convenient for those attending the event. The impact on adjacent businesses would be no different if the food truck was located in either the approved or requested parking stalls.

The staff recommendation provides for an additional half hour at the start and end of the requested hours, to allow for set up and take down work.



Legislative authority / plans / reports:

	Official Community Plan		Master Plan
	Community Charter/LGA		Other
X	Policy 3.19 (Mobile Food Vending)		Corporate Strategic Plan
	Zoning Bylaw		2025-2029 Financial Plan
			Long Term Financial Plan

Financial Considerations:

None.

Alternatives & Implications:

Council could not approve the application. The applicant would then need to make alternate arrangements with a nearby property owner to accommodate the food truck for the time period requested, or locate in the approved location.

Communication:

The applicant will be duly notified of Council's decision.

Prepared by: Director of Planning & Community Services

Reviewed by:

Approved by: Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: None