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August 24, 2020

His Worship, The Mayor and Council,
Town of Lake Cowichan,
P.O. Box 860,
Lake Cowichan, B.C. V0R 2G0

Your Worship and Council:

REQUEST

Gerard's Specialty Foods Ltd. Is requesting a 52 foot loading zone be established at South Shore Properties, 205 South Shore Road. We occupy #101, (Receiving & Shipping) 102, 103 and 104. Please see attached drawing indicating the location of the loading zone.

REASON #1 RECEIVING

Gerard's business has increased substantially. On a regular basis, sometimes weekly, we have supplies delivered by SnowCap Enterprises, BakeMark Ingredients, ColdStar, Argus Transport, etc. All these vehicles are either long trailer trucks or large vans, all of which off-load pallets of supplies. If they can't park at our Receiving and Shipping door, they stop in the street.

Traffic is blocked travelling east out of town. When these cars attempt to drive around the parked trucks, they interfere with traffic travelling west into town. Traffic appears to be much heavier than it used to be.

Obviously, these large units cannot off-load pallets from across the street.

REASON #2 SHIPPING

Gerard's needs to have access to our Shipping and Receiving areas to load our frozen cases of product, often 30 to 40 cases per shipment, destined to northern and southern Vancouver Island, as well as Salt Spring Island. We always need access to power for our freezing units.

But so often, cars will park so passengers can walk across the street to Mochica Café, even though there are no cars parked on that side of the street.

Or drivers will park their cars and walk back to town, sometimes leaving their vehicles parked for hours.

IMPACT

There is no negative impact on the area:

1. Bell Flooring and South Shore Cabinetry; have their own parking.
2. Mochica, across the street, has lots of parking in front and along the street beside the High School
3. The residents of South Shore Properties have reserved parking for each apartment, with additional over-flow parking, as well as reserved parking for visitors
4. The Food Bank occupies #105, the commercial area at the opposite end of the building.
 - a) Volunteers park beyond the bus stop, in front of Gerard's and across the street.
 - b) Customers, who come once per month, can park across the street and easily walk to the Food Bank.

SUPPORT FOR THIS REQUEST

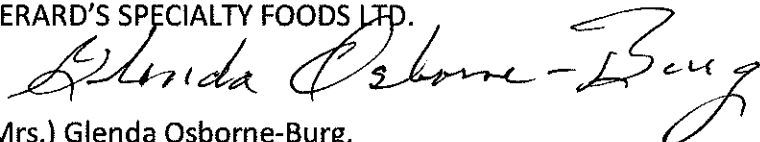
The owners of South Shore Properties, Kajody Property Management Inc, supports this request, as do the Managers, Peter Castle Enterprise, since there will still be public parking in front of the building.

Before Superintendent Nagy retired we had a discussion regarding this subject and he agreed. Later when Cam became Superintendent, he actually measured the distance and thought it a good idea because of traffic. Subsequently, COVID-19 interfered with our plans to pursue this request last spring.

We cannot think of a single problem with this request; we trust you will agree.

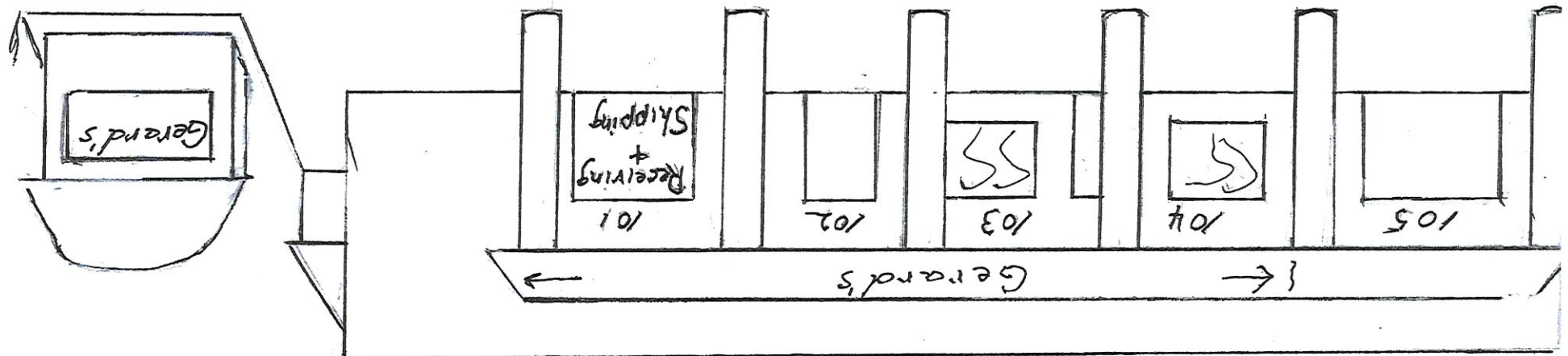
Yours truly,

GERARD'S SPECIALTY FOODS LTD.



(Mrs.) Glenda Osborne-Burg,
Manager, Gerard's Specialty Foods Ltd.

205 So. Shore Rd.



Loading Zone
52 feet

Driveway

Mochica

West to Mesachie Lake

High School

*not to scale

East
Downtown