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## SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY ON THE BOARD OF VARIANCE

Members of the public are invited to apply to serve on the Board of Variance, an independent panel of five members appointed by Council to consider minor variances from the City's Zoning Bylaw.

Appeals to the Board are generally made by homeowners or developers when compliance with a minor aspect of Zoning Bylaw (such as a side yard setback) would cause "hardship" to the applicant.

Why join the Board? This is an opportunity to play a role in land-use decision-making in Campbell River. No specific knowledge or qualifications are required, but an interest in civic governance and land use regulations is important.

The Board meets when applications are received, typically three to five times a year.

Criteria for membership on the Board includes being available to meetings during working hours, with at least 10 days' notice. Meetings generally last no longer than an hour.

During a meeting, the Board will consider whether the application is "minor" and whether "hardship" is evident, and will either deny or approve an application. The Board hears representations from an applicant and/or their neighbours before making a decision. City staff provide administrative and technical support.

The terms for these positions will commence April 1, 2018 through to March 31, 2021.

Questions? Please contact Tracy Bate, Deputy City Clerk at 250-286-5705 or email [tracy.bate@campbellriver.ca](mailto:tracy.bate@campbellriver.ca)

Information and applications are at City Hall or at [www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca)

Apply today! Deadline is 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2018

## DOWNTOWN TREE PRUNING SCHEDULED FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS

- As part of its annual street tree maintenance program, the City will prune the London plane trees along the Shoppers Row and Pier Street sidewalks on two Sundays, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The London plane trees will be pollarded, a pruning technique that might look unusual to some people. Pollarding involves cutting back all branches to control the size of the tree and limit the reach of the tree canopy while promoting a dense head of foliage and sturdier branches to withstand high winds
- London planes are pruned this way approximately every three years, the last time in 2015. All other trees will be pruned using regular methods
- The tree trimming equipment will temporarily take up some parking spaces where the work is being done, and sidewalk areas could be briefly closed when branches are being cut
- Downtown street trees are part of the urban forest, and the benefits of this significant community investment include carbon emissions capture, shade, cooler temperatures and the attractive streetscape



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## CITY PROPOSES RENEWING LOCAL SERVICE TAX TO PROMOTE WILLOW POINT BUSINESSES FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS

To support local business promotion, the City of Campbell River, in cooperation with the Willow Point Business Improvement Area Association proposes renewing a local service tax for business properties in the Willow Point Business Improvement Area (WPBIA) for another five-year term.

Over the past five years, owners of Class 6 (Business/Other) property within the WPBIA have paid the tax (collected by the City) to fund marketing and beautification projects to promote Willow Point.

See map for WPBIA boundaries.

**How much would it cost?** The WPBIA's proposed budget is: \$24,390 in 2018, \$25,101 in 2019, \$25,807 in 2020, \$26,547 in 2021 and \$27,685 in 2022. In order to raise the funds requested by the WPBIA, owners of Class 6 property lying within the WPBIA would be required to pay a local service tax at a rate of approximately \$1.64 per \$1,000 of assessed value of the improvements (buildings) on their property.

**What happens next?** In order for the WPBIA to continue operating, City Council must adopt a new bylaw that would re-establish the WPBIA for five years. The WPBIAA has asked that the bylaw be processed as a "Council initiative" under the authority of the Community Charter – Part 7, Division 5.

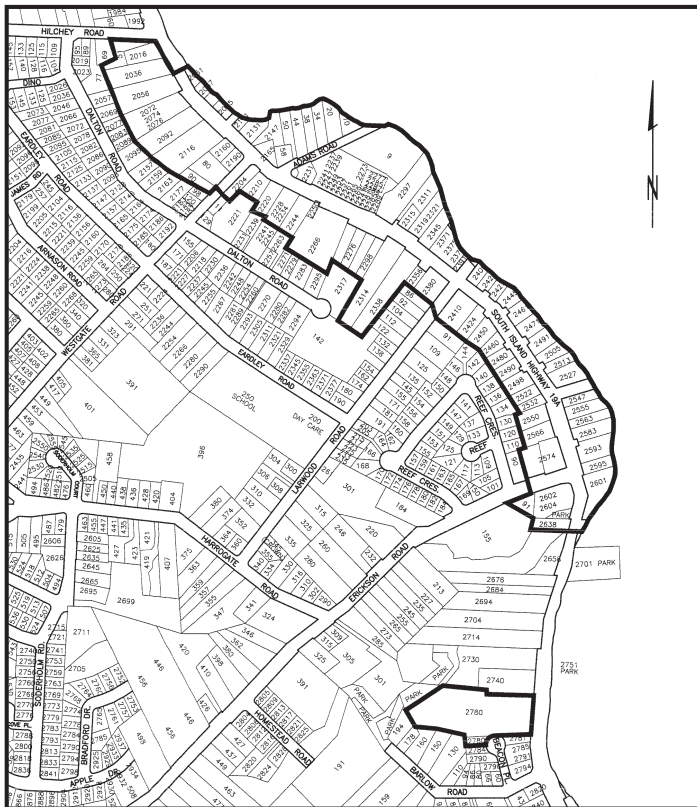
Under the "Council initiative" method, Council may proceed with the renewal of the WPBIA unless a petition against the bylaw is received, signed by at least 50 per cent of the owners of properties that would be subject to the local service tax and in total represent at least 50 per cent of the assessed value of land and improvements.

Owners of Class 6 property located within the WPBIA boundary who are opposed to the renewal of the WPBIA must notify the City in writing no later than March 9, 2018.

Information about the renewal of the Willow Point Business Improvement Area, including copies of relevant legislation, is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at Campbell River City Hall, 301 St. Ann's Road. Request an electronic copy by e-mailing [tracy.bate@campbellriver.ca](mailto:tracy.bate@campbellriver.ca), or by calling 250-286-5705.

For more information on the WPBIA's business promotion, please contact WPBIA President, Sandra Allen at 250-923-3121.

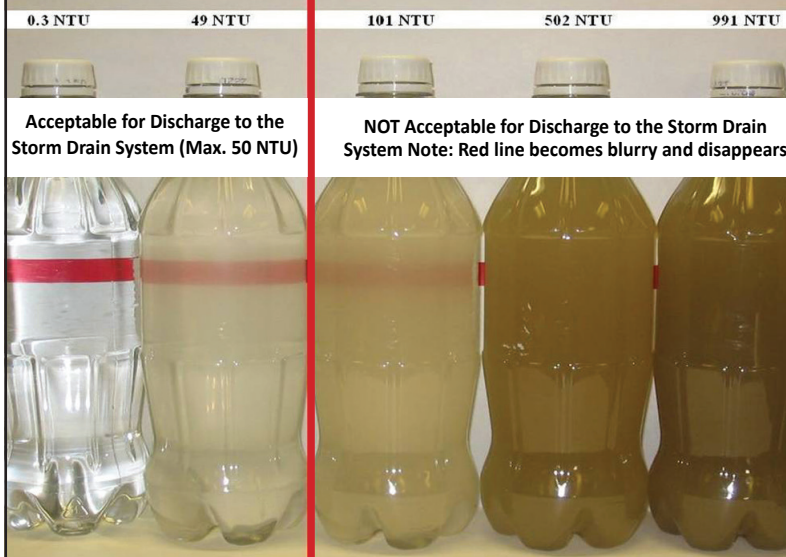
T. Bate, Deputy City Clerk



## EROSION EXPLOSION

### How dirty is too dirty?

#### Turbidity Measurements



### If water leaving your site is too dirty to see through, it is too dirty to discharge.

With the onset of winter rains, we're seeing some turbid times as heaps of sediment wash off development sites into City storm drains, ditches and creeks.

Large areas of exposed soil can suffer severe erosion, turning water runoff into a muddy discharge that smothers fish habitat and increases infrastructure maintenance costs.

Developers are responsible for implementing and maintaining erosion and sediment control plans.

Sediment laden water leaving a development site may be subject to a fine for "fouling a watercourse or the storm drainage system" under the City of Campbell River Environmental Protection Bylaw.

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