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**Open house seeks feedback on shipping container use**

City of Campbell River will host an open house to seek public input on the use of shipping containers in the community.

“In response to an increasing number of community complaints about the look of the shipping containers, Council is considering a proposed bylaw to restrict their use in certain parts of the community, particularly in residential and more prominent commercial areas such as the downtown core,” explains Ross Blackwell, the City’s land use services manager. “Community feedback will provide valuable information for Council to consider.”

Members of the business community are invited to provide their input.

**DATE: November 13**

**TIME: 6:30 to 8 PM**

**WHERE: Enterprise Center (next to City Hall)**

People who are unable to attend the meeting are welcome to share their opinion via email to [Ross.blackwell@campbellriver.ca](mailto:Ross.blackwell@campbellriver.ca).

Some quick facts:

- Many communities in the province restrict the use of shipping containers in some manner.
- The City’s proposed bylaw restricts the use of containers to industrial zones, with exceptions in some instances. With a written request, the proposed bylaw would allow temporary use for between 30 and 90 days to accommodate construction or for stores bringing in stock, for example.
- The proposed bylaw also includes an opportunity for exemptions for future installations through the City’s variance application process. Exemptions for existing containers would also be considered on a case-by-case basis through a formal variance application to the City.

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