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**Proposed bylaw amendment to address shipping containers outside industrial zones**

Campbell River City Council will consider a proposed zoning amendment bylaw to limit the location of shipping containers in non-industrial zones at the July 23 meeting.

The report is based on complaints from community members about unsightly shipping containers in residential and commercial areas.

Many BC communities regulate locations for shipping containers. (See chart below.)

The proposed amendment to the city's Zoning Bylaw would limit long-term use of shipping containers to industrial zones. The draft also includes proposed provisions for temporary use of containers in all zones. This will provide flexibility for short-term storage requirements on construction sites for example.

Also, if long-term use of containers is desired at any particular non-industrial site, owners may make an application for a Variance Permit.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed amendment (either in favour or against) is invited to attend the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 23.

Council will decide at a subsequent meeting whether or not to adopt the proposed bylaw, or whether any changes should be made.

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***See next page for a comparison chart of 14 BC communities re: use of shipping containers.***

Municipality	All zones allowed	Only in specific Zones	Temporary Provisions	Detail
Courtenay		x		Limit of two containers allowed per lot in industrial zone.
Nanaimo			x	Only allowed for uses relating to shipping i.e. railyard, dock, etc. Temporary provisions in industrial and commercial zones, subject to a location permit.
North Cowichan		x	x	Permitted in industrial zones only, with limits on numbers. Temporary provision on construction sites.
Summerland		x		Not permitted within residential zones.
Merritt		x		Permitted within commercial & industrial zones as an “accessory unit” subject to siting restrictions.
New Westminster		x		Permitted as an “accessory use” within Industrial Zones.
Penticton		x		Permitted in industrial and certain commercial zones, subject to limits and siting restrictions.
Prince George		x		Permitted in industrial or commercial zones only when enclosed within a building.
Prince Rupert		x		Permitted within the industrial zones. Not permitted in any circumstances elsewhere.
Powell River		x		Prohibited in all residential and commercial zones. Permitted in rural and institutional zones subject to screening and setback regulations; require a development permit in Industrial zones.
Surrey		x	x	Permitted within industrial zones and during construction elsewhere.
Sooke	x			Not to be used for residential purposes.
Vernon		x	x	Permitted in non-residential zones subject to screening. 30 day limit in residential zones.
Victoria	x			No regulations relating to shipping containers
<b>Campbell River</b> Current Zoning Bylaw	x			No zoning regulation
<b>Campbell River</b> Proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw 3517		x	x	Permitted permanently in industrial zones only. 30 day limit in other zones, extendable to 90 days with written justification. Permitted on all construction sites for duration of construction