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Message to Mayor & Council: Dear Mayor and Council

I understand that a business in the Village of Pemberton has been asked to remove a Shipping Container from their lot as it is a non-conforming structure. Though these structures may not fit the bylaws of the day, we must recognize these bylaws were put in place before Pemberton had unmanageable increases in Commercial /Industrial property values. Pemberton has undergone land price increases that is making it extremely challenging for businesses to continue to grow with the increased population needs. In some cases, businesses are considering shutting down due to their inability to create the types of returns needed and maintain any profitability. The costs of leases are pressing rates that one would expect to pay in communities with trading areas over 100 000 people. Why are shipping containers a needed structure? They offer a very fast way for any business to create space within their operation by creating instant storage for a fraction of

the price of having to purchase more land or building a structure.

I feel that The Village of Pemberton could help businesses if there was a mechanism created to allow shipping containers on sites that have room for said structures, with some attainable requirements. Attainable, may be fenced from neighboring properties, sided with fashionable products to take away from the obvious shipping container look or simply painting in a way that blends with surroundings or existing buildings. Additionally, it would make sense that allowing this option should come with a yearly fee and possibly a 5–10-year term. This would give any business appropriate time to structure their business model allowing for ongoing success.

The economy, in my 36 years in business in the VOP, even when the population of the Village was less than 700 people, has never been as difficult as it is today. The increase in population is a boon for most businesses but the increased pressure from entities outside the area has also increased exponentially, many businesses are struggling to find their new balance. Any added stressor will be challenging to manage at this time.

Having owned and operated businesses within the Village of Pemberton for the last 36 years I have always felt that the Village Leadership and staff have done their best to be accommodating. It would be great if there could be some consideration to businesses needing shipping containers to help their operations survive for the next few years.

Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated.

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Freedom of Information:

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