

## Lesley Gibbons

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**From:** Robert Gritten [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 12, 2025 12:15 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Attached letter  
**Attachments:** 202507 - RDOS Letter.pdf

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We are writing regarding the attached letter, which, while the subject line indicates Okanagan Falls, we assume is a typo and is intended to reference Naramata village.

While **we support this bylaw amendment**, we would encourage planning staff to also consider eliminating the requirement for a building permit or engineered drawings for non-structural alterations to shipping containers. These improvements are completed by the container supplier, Nehring Containers (<https://nehringcontainers.com/>). Shipping containers are used worldwide for moving goods in extreme conditions, stacked on top of each other and bolted together. The frame of these containers is extremely robust and any alterations to the side walls have zero impact on their structural integrity. Indeed, the supplier in Oliver has never been requested to deliver engineered drawings of the alterations, nor of the original construction of the containers. The alterations allow for windows and doors to be installed in the non-bearing, non structural, side walls of the storage containers. We would add that the city of Penticton recently entered a contract for Nehring to provide over \$2 million of containers for various uses throughout the city. There was no requirement from the city of Penticton to provide structural drawings.

The use of these containers is intended to encourage temporary/semi permanent installations providing quick and economic opportunities for pop-up and seasonal uses. In our case the requirement for a BP and all that entails has resulted in missing the entire season for us to test retail uses, and inform ourselves before we develop permanent structures.

We look forward to working with RDOS to conclude this process and get on with our business to try and deliver a "vibrant village" for the community.

Regards,

**Robert Gritten**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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July 30, 2025,

Project No. E2025.005-ZONE



[REDACTED]  
NARAMATA BC V0H 1N0

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Public Information Meeting - Proposed DP Exemption in the Okanagan Falls Town Centre**

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) will be holding a Public Information Meeting regarding the Development Permit (DP) exemption proposal involving the Naramata Village Centre development permit area, as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Virtually (Webex)

Meeting Number: 2773 815 6759

Password: RD@S

The purpose of the OCP amendment is to facilitate an exemption for the temporary placement of metal storage containers in Naramata Village Centre development permit area designation. More specifically, it is being proposed to allow for the following:

- adding a new sub-section 23.5.7.5 (Exemptions) under Section 23.0 (Naramata Village Centre Development Permit Area) of the Electoral Area "E" Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 3010, 2023;

The Regional District staff will be available to answer any questions residents may have regarding this amendment.

Additional information regarding this, including draft amendment bylaws and a feedback form, can be found at the Regional District's web site: [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca) (Property & Development → Planning, Zoning & Subdivision → Strategic Planning Projects → Naramata Village Centre DP Review).

Written submissions, including completed feedback forms, may be provided to the Regional District via email at [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca) or in-person at 101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5J9.

The Regional District does not accept anonymous submissions, except in extenuating circumstances. All representations, including names, will be made public if and when they are included in an RDOS Board Agenda. If you have concerns for personal safety with respect to this disclosure, please contact Christy Malden, Corporate Officer, at [cmalden@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:cmalden@rdos.bc.ca).



Any personal or proprietary information that may be included in your representation will, however, be collected, used and disclosed in accordance with provincial *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA). Protecting personal information is an obligation that the RDOS takes seriously and our practices have been designed to ensure compliance with the privacy provisions of FIPPA.

I trust that this is of assistance and should you have any queries on this matter I can be reached at 250-490-4108, ext: 4263 or by email at [tprakash@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:tprakash@rdos.bc.ca).

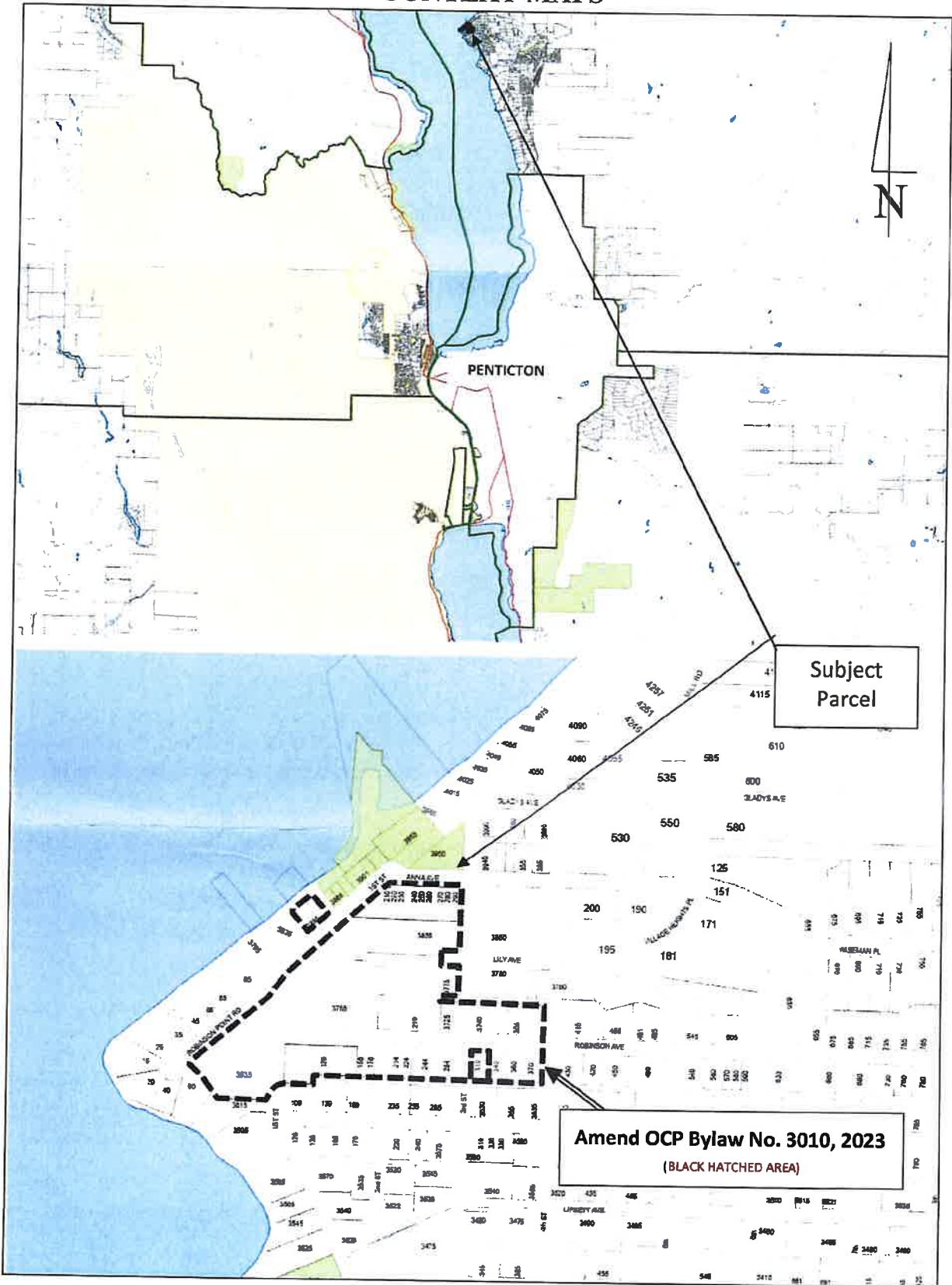
Sincerely,

Tharini Prakash

Tharini Prakash  
Planning Technician

p.c. A. Fedrigo, Director, Electoral Area

## CONTEXT MAPS



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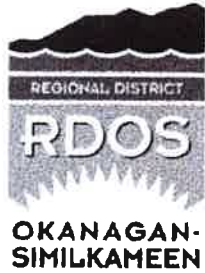
**From:** Peter Gibbenhuck [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 14, 2025 11:44 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** File NO. E2025.005-Zone  
**Attachments:** RDOS Steel Containers.pdf

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Attached is my completed form.

Peter Gibbenhuck  
[REDACTED]





# Feedback Form

**Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen**

101 Martin Street, Penticton, BC, V2A-5J9

Tel: 250-492-0237 / Email: [planning@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:planning@rdos.bc.ca)

**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

**FILE NO.:** E2025.005-ZONE

**FROM:** Name:

PETER GIBBENTHICK

(please print)

Street Address:

**RE:** Electoral Area "E" Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3010.04  
Naramata Village Centre Development Permit Area – Metal Storage Container Exemption

My comments / concerns are:

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I do support the proposed amendment to the Naramata Village Centre DP Area Designation.

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I do not support the proposed amendment to the Naramata Village Centre DP Area Designation.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider:

- 1- The containers are "NOT" mobile. The wheels are for pushing the containers into position. They must be hoisted and trawlered.
- 2- NO washrooms - A porta-potti is available a block away.
- 3- The container is "NOT" on the tree fruit grower property. It is outside the perimeter fence in the laneway of the General Store.
- 4- There is NO electrical service in the containers.
- 5- NO available parking for staff or customers. They are relying on the General Store parking lot.
- 6- They are unsightly in their present location.

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**From:** Eileen Meehan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 18, 2025 9:15 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Electoral AREA E Official Community Plan Possible Amendment bylaw # 3010.04  
**Attachments:** FeedbackForm RDOS Naramata Village proposed admendment.pdf; RDOS Village containers Area E pop ups Page 2 .pdf

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Thank you

Eileen Meehan

Eileen Meehan

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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen **FILE NO.:** E2024.014-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: Eileen Meehan  
(please print)

Street Address: [REDACTED]

Date: Aug 17th/25

**RE:** Electoral Area "C" OCP & Zoning Amendment Bylaw Nos. 3010.02 & 2800.46  
3305 Narama Road, Area E — Lot 2, District Lot 207 SDYD, Plan KAP26537

My comments / concerns are:



I do support the proposed rezoning of the subject parcel.



I do not support the proposed rezoning of the subject parcel.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider.

You need one more box to tick it is not that cut and dry to pick yes or no.

Please see my additional points to take into consideration.

Thank you

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As we know the Naramata Village has unique a character which is why people love it. Making sure we keep this character is important to the locals that live here and visitors. The existing location of these metal storage containers is just behind an already very busy Naramata General Store parking area.

The lot on most busy summer days is not enough for the sq footage of the business as it is. People leave their vehicles, take their bikes, pets and kids go for walks and take up parking for sometimes more than an hour. A good majority don't even go into the store.

If you are adding 4 new businesses to this lot, you need 2 more parking spots each per business.

This lot has vehicles idling all day long and is not pedestrian friendly during summer months. Large trucks/vans back in on a regular basis which leaves no room on the only grass area along side to safely walk to where these containers have been placed. They continue to idle while eating, scrolling on their phones or shopping.

***Safety of pedestrians, children riding bikes etc needs to be of consideration.***

At present there is only a porta potty across the street-ish by the museum, regular washrooms are a way up past the school, Manitou Park & another outhouse at wharf park. Most people use the porta potty if they are near the general store.

Metal containers are very ugly but can be made to adhere to the charm of the village but ***how is this going to be monitored*** so that they are not just ugly metal containers?

These existing containers now face south and with only 8 ft ceilings and a garage door opening they will be extremely hot during the summer months. My Beach shop now has 12 ft ceilings with garage door opening and faces North and is unbearably hot during 32–40-degree temps. I can't imagine the heat facing South all day and 8 ft ceilings.

The idea of pop-up shops is great and having more business would be wonderful if it is executed properly. Location for any business is important, and the already busy General store parking area doesn't make sense.

Putting them on The Vault (Old packing house property) would make for a very cool new shopping experience. Add one more and make it like a courtyard and groove them up with lights, plants etc. The are very industrial and I don't think where they are currently sitting along with the congestion of that parking area is good for the General Store or the village.

I have been a previous owner of the General Store and have lived [REDACTED] it for over 32 yrs this location doesn't make any sense. I am current operator of the [REDACTED] and would welcome more businesses. I have already scene a decrease in people coming to the area because of the closure of the Grape leaf. More businesses, makes us all busier!

I am not against them; they just need some proper guidelines.

I welcome the RDOS board members and other district representatives to please come out and see that a better location is needed. This should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 18, 2025 2:40 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Emailing: RDOS Feedback form  
**Attachments:** RDOS Feedback form.pdf

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Feedback form attached  
Steve Jasper



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TO: Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

FILE NO.: E2025.005-ZONE

FROM: Name:

STEVE - SUSAN JASPER

(please print)

Street Address:

RE: Electoral Area "E" Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3010.04  
Naramata Village Centre Development Permit Area – Metal Storage Container Exemption

My comments / concerns are:



I do support the proposed amendment to the Naramata Village Centre DP Area Designation.



I do not support the proposed amendment to the Naramata Village Centre DP Area Designation.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider:

We support the "Vibrant Village" Concept put forth  
in the Naramata OCP review process, and as such,  
think this would be a great way to encourage  
businesses to establish themselves in the Naramata  
village centre.

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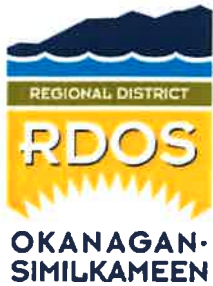
**From:** Debbie Selwood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 19, 2025 2:24 PM  
**To:** Tharini Prakash  
**Subject:** Feedback form  
**Attachments:** Feedback Form.docx

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Hello Tharini,

I hope this meets your requirements.

Debra



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**TO:** Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

**FILE NO.:** E2025.005-ZONE

**FROM:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Debra Selwood

(please print)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: Electoral Area "E" Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3010.04  
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My comments / concerns are:

- ☒ I do support the proposed amendment to the Naramata Village Centre DP Area Designation.  
☐ I do not support the proposed amendment to the Naramata Village Centre DP Area Designation.

Please provide any comments you wish the Board to consider:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the RDOS letter dated July 30, 2025. The purpose of my letter is to express my support for the OCP amendment to facilitate an exemption for the temporary placement of metal storage containers in the Naramata Village Centre. My feeling is the addition of "Pop-up" retail space will provide more options for tourists and locals alike and would be beneficial for the village.

I urge the RDOS board members to vote in favour of the proposed addition to the Electoral E OCP.

Kindly,

Debra Selwood

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**From:** Maureen Ketcheson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 13, 2025 4:42 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Naramata Storage container feedback  
**Attachments:** Feedback-Form-2.pdf

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I DO NOT support the temporary metal storage containers proposed for the Village.

I'm sorry I do not have the capability to print out the feedback form.

Maureen Ketcheson  
[REDACTED]



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**FROM:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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