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Mayor's Open Door Sessions Continue

With steady attendance in the first three months, Mayor Charlie Cornfield will continue to hold half-day open door sessions twice a month.

"It's very enlightening to meet one-on-one with many people like this, and I appreciate that so many people are taking the time to come to City Hall and share their concerns and ideas," the Mayor emphasizes.

Mayor Cornfield decided to dedicate time for open door sessions thanks to a suggestion from a member of the public during a town hall he held while campaigning for the Mayor's seat. *"An open door for half a day every couple weeks was suggested as a way to make Council and local government more accessible to the public,"* he says.

"It is really great to know that the Mayor puts time aside each month to listen to people," says Jorge Little, Multicultural and Anti-Racism Projects Coordinator with the Campbell River and Area Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association. *"I hope that this open door policy will encourage more people to talk to the Mayor about both their concerns and suggestion."*

The next open door sessions will continue to be held Thursdays: May 21, June 4 and 18 – from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

People are asked to sign in for the sessions and provide contact information for follow-up purposes.

No appointments are necessary for these sessions, and people are welcome to contact the Mayor's Executive Assistant by telephone at 250-286-5710 with any questions.

Dates can also be viewed on the City's website at: www.campbellriver.ca (look under CityHall > City Government > Mayor and Council > MAYOR'S MESSAGE).

At the end of June, the Mayor will evaluate the open door sessions for frequency and effectiveness and make adjustments as necessary.

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