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Owners agree to modify log peeling plant

Campbell River's City Council has received written confirmation that Northern Pressure Treated Wood Ltd. will modify its operations to reduce the noise of its log peeler.

"The owner of the property has agreed to undertake all the modifications outlined in the report by BKL Consultants," says City Clerk Peter Wipper.

Earlier this month, Council requested that the owner of a debarking operation on Duncan Bay Rd. undertake the recommendations of an independent sound consultant's Feb. 23 report to reduce the noise of its log peeler.

Modifications to reduce noise recommended in the BKL sound report include:

- Reduce area of log infeed and outfeed openings
- Enclose log infeed and outfeed openings with insulated tunnels
- Install a series of flexible vinyl curtains along the tunnels

"The owner explained that his engineering consultant, in consultation with the plant manufacturer, will require four to six weeks to design the plant modifications and prepare a building permit application for the City's approval," Wipper says. *"Council has agreed to give the company until Apr. 27 to submit an application for the modifications."*

Once the permit is issued, the owner has indicated that the plant would be scheduled to be shut down so modifications can be completed. Work is expected to take approximately two to three weeks, Wipper adds.

Once the modifications to the plant are completed, the owner will provide a letter sealed by BKL Consultants Ltd certifying that the recommendations outlined in its Feb. 23 sound report have been fully implemented.

"We appreciate the plant owner's prompt response to Council's request and his willingness to undertake this work," Wipper concludes.

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