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Log peeling plant modifications approved, to begin in a week

The City of Campbell River has approved plans to reduce noise at Northern Pressure Treated Wood – and the company expects to begin modifications to its log peeling plant within a week.

Plans for plant modifications to reduce noise at the Duncan Bay Road plant were received at the City yesterday afternoon, and today the City issued both a minor development permit (for building form and character) and a building permit to accommodate the modifications to the plant.

“This will allow the company to install noise-reducing improvements as soon as possible, and the company has indicated it plans to begin the work within one week,” says Ross Blackwell, the City’s Land Use Services Manager.

Modifying the plant is expected to take two to three weeks.

“We will be in touch regularly with the company to monitor the schedule for completing this work,” Blackwell adds.

Northern Pressure Treated Wood Ltd. confirmed that it would modify its operations to reduce the noise of its log peeler in March. The company hired an independent sound consultant to identify modifications necessary to reduce the noise. Next, structural changes to the plant were designed to incorporate all the modifications recommended in the consultant’s report.

Recommended modifications included:

- 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

Once plant modifications are completed, the owner will provide a letter sealed by the sound consultant certifying that the recommendations outlined in its report have been fully implemented.

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