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Free energy efficiency assessments for local businesses

Interested in reducing your business electricity bill? Local businesses that spend less than \$50,000 a year on electricity are eligible for free energy efficiency assessments under the Provincial LiveSmart BC Program.

The free assessments are valued at \$150 and include an easy to follow report provided by a professional energy advisor, as well as assistance with accessing incentives through LiveSmart BC, BC Hydro and Fortis BC.

The City of Campbell River encourages eligible businesses to book a time to work directly with the energy advisor to identify potential energy and money-saving opportunities, ranging from lighting, hot water, heating, ventilation and to a lesser extent building envelope and water savings. Energy retrofits, in homes, and in businesses, support the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan by helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserving energy.

"It is a great program for businesses. They receive a free energy assessment which would generally come with a significant cost. Then they are provided not only energy saving opportunities, but also information about government programs that assist with the cost of upgrades," says Brian Pasquill, Business Energy Advisor for the North Island. *"They also receive support accessing the incentive programs and ensuring the work is done in accordance with program requirements."*

The program including available energy upgrade incentives through LiveSmart BC runs until March 31, 2013. Businesses are encouraged to book energy assessments early to ensure time for the assessment and potential upgrades while the program is available.

"We are pleased to have this LiveSmart BC program available to help local businesses to identify opportunities to save energy and money," says Colleen Evans, President and CEO of the Campbell River Chamber of Commerce.

To book your free energy assessment, contact Brian Pasquill, Business Energy Advisor for the North Island at 250-228-5210 or brian@parksvillechamber.com

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