



Media Release



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Warming centre open for second night – relocated to Community Centre

A warming centre will be open at the Campbell River Community Centre to offer City residents a second night of respite from homes without electricity and heat.

The City of Campbell River, in partnership with Strathcona Regional Emergency Program, has set up a temporary space in the Campbell River Community Centre's craft room, to offer people without electricity or a heat source a chance to warm up.

"For a second night, people will be able to get a warm drink, a bite to eat and enjoy the company of others who need a break from the effects of the power outage caused by the storm," says Howie Siemens, Strathcona Emergency Program coordinator.

Campbell River Emergency Support Services will host the space.

With another wind storm battering Campbell River, and BC Hydro continuing to work to establish electricity service in some parts of the community, Siemens reminds residents of some basic tips for how to be prepared in the event of a power outage.

"We encourage everyone to make sure they have a battery-operated radio to get updates," he says. *"People can also sign up for City Facebook alerts on smart phones. And, of course, please help your neighbours. Share a generator and important news when you hear it. Even offer to share your home with a neighbour who's without heat."*

For more information about the warming centre, please call 250-203-0646 (after-hours).

Approximately 15 people who needed a break from their dark and cold homes dropped into the temporary warming centre last night at the Coast Discovery Inn.

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