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**Land exchange partnership makes way for downtown sobering assessment centre**

A downtown land exchange will help fill a vacant site near the fire hall and provide a home for a sobering assessment centre.

The City of Campbell River will exchange its property at 1241 Dogwood Street for property at 1180 Fir Street, currently owned by Discovery Chiropractic. Discovery Chiropractic will also pay the City the difference in the value of the lots (estimated at \$86,000) as part of the land swap.

Upon taking possession of 1180 Fir Street, the City will enter into an agreement with the Campbell River Family Services Society to establish a sobering assessment centre at this location in the downtown area to provide enhanced treatment services for addictions and homelessness.

Discovery Chiropractic intends to re-locate its business to 1241 Dogwood once a new building has been constructed.

*"We are excited to move our clinic to the new Dogwood Street location as this allows us to expand our facilities and services, while also assisting with downtown revitalization by building a new and aesthetically-pleasing building in the downtown core,"* says Dr. Richard Cronk.

*"We are so grateful to the City for their overwhelming support for this project; once this sobering assessment centre is in place, it will function as a point of contact to individuals in need and function as a resource centre for the downtown core,"* said Camille Lagueux, Executive Director, Campbell River Family Services Society.

Paul Mason, program manager for the Campbell River Housing Resource Services (a program of Campbell River Family Services Society) also stated that *"the sobering/assessment centre will be unique to the North Island and will provide a service that has been identified by the partners who work with the homeless as something much needed in our community."*

City Council approved the land exchange at its Aug. 12, 2014 in-camera meeting.

Campbell River Family Services Society is a non-profit, charitable organization that has been providing services to individuals, children and families living in the Campbell River area since 1977. The society offers a wide range of programs and services including support, counselling, education, prevention and crisis intervention.

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