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OCP & Zoning Bylaw review – Share your ideas for the future of Campbell River!

What you think about secondary dwellings, shops and services and plans for the development of Quinsam Heights?

The City of Campbell River is reviewing its Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw, and over the next 18 months, citizens, businesses and community organizations will be invited to weigh in on how the community should grow and develop.

“It has been just over four years since the community completed a very extensive Sustainable Official Community Plan. Following best practices, Campbell River and other local governments review OCPs every five years to ensure the plan is current and that the vision and directions are being achieved. This review will help confirm what is working and where adjustments may be required,” says Mayor Andy Adams. *“The review will also provide direction to align the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan and correct any inconsistencies, to help eliminate confusion or conflicting interpretations. The review process and opportunities for public engagement will provide clarity and certainty for future planning and development in all areas of our community – and we encourage people to participate and share their ideas.”*

This highly collaborative update process is designed to align both the plan and the land use regulations for clarity and consistency, and will address important topics such as:

- Making the Zoning Bylaw simpler, clearer, and consistent with the SOCP.
- Confirming the urban containment boundary for the City of Campbell River.
- Clarifying what types of shops and services we need and where they should be located, through updated policy and zoning for village and neighbourhood centres.
- Improving the appearance of commercial properties facing highways through updated policies and guidelines.
- Clarifying the vision and plan for the form and pattern of development in Quinsam Heights, and updating zoning regulations to match.
- Through zoning changes, clarifying the process for establishing a legal secondary dwelling, while managing impacts.

The plans will be updated in two stages, starting with the Official Community Plan.

The first public open house will take place **Thursday, Mar. 8 at the Maritime Heritage Centre**. This drop-in event will run from 6 to 9 p.m., with a presentation at 7 p.m. and opportunities for people to learn more and share their ideas through engaging, interactive activities.

For information about the project, visit the project web page at campbellriver.ca/OCPreview for more information and to sign up for email updates about events and activities.

People are also welcome to contact the City’s Community Planning and Development Services Department at 250-286-5725.

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