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OCP & Zoning Bylaw review – Residents weigh in on the City’s future, with more events coming up

Nearly 100 residents got a hands-on opportunity to weigh in on Campbell River’s future during the March public open house held for the OCP and Zoning Bylaw review – and three more opportunities are coming up this month.

At the March event, residents shared their feedback on a range of topics including secondary dwellings, gateways to the City, neighbourhood centres, development permits and Quinsam Heights. Feedback on Quinsam Heights, focused on where people wanted to preserve rural character or see new development, protect green spaces, maintain and expand trail networks, and upgrade roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure. A detailed summary of feedback is available at campbellriver.ca/OCPreview

“Comments about the City’s proposed updates on development permits, secondary dwellings and other topics were generally quite positive,” says Amber Zirnhelt, the City’s manager of community planning and development services.

“The OCP and Zoning Bylaw Review open house was an informative, engaging event with ample opportunity to ask questions and to contribute ideas to the growth and development of our community,” said local resident, business owner and president of the Young Professionals of Campbell River (YPCR) Laurel Sliskovic. *“I appreciate the transparency and genuine interest the staff showed when discussing with and responding to questions and comments from the public.”*

Building on the feedback from the first public open house, the City is hosting a series of public events to explore key topics in more detail. Upcoming activities include:

- **Workshop:** Join us to discuss secondary dwellings, highway commercial, neighbourhood centres in Campbellton, at 2nd and Dogwood and Willow Point neighbourhoods, and development permits
Thursday, April 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Maritime Heritage Centre. Please RSVP by April 22 to planning@campbellriver.ca
- **Quinsam Heights Design Session:** Join our team of planners and designers to develop and refine options for development in Quinsam Heights.
Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Campbell River Community Centre. Please RSVP by April 22 to planning@campbellriver.ca
- **Quinsam Heights Open House:** View the results of the morning design session and share your ideas and feedback.
Saturday, April 30 at the Campbell River Community Centre. Drop-in anytime from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Design Session & Workshop Questionnaire:** Can’t make it in person? View the results of the workshop and Quinsam Heights design session online and share your ideas and feedback. **Available at campbellriver.ca/OCPreview from May 1 to 15.**

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. Or contact the City’s Community Planning and Development Services Department at 250-286-5725.

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