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Campbell River helps explore opportunities for island value-added wood industry

The City of Campbell River will contribute \$5,000 to explore opportunities for value-added wood production on Vancouver Island.

The recommendation to support this economic development project led by the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance came from the City's Forestry Task Force.

The City is one of a number of community and private sector partners contributing \$30,000 toward the total budget of \$60,000. The Island Coastal Economic Trust is funding the other half of the budget

"The project will begin immediately and include a comprehensive inventory of value-added wood producers on Vancouver Island as well as a report on the economic impact of this industry and the opportunities for investment and expansion of this sector," says Councillor Charlie Cornfield, chair of the Forestry Task Force. "This is an example of Forestry Task Force working to its mandate to enhance and retain business, attract new forest investment capital, and enhance the sustainability of the forest sector to benefit the community and the City of Campbell River."

Find more information about the project on the Island Coastal Economic Trust's website at: <http://www.islandcoastaltrust.ca/uniting-forces-explore-opportunities-island-value-added-wood-industry>.

The City of Campbell River's Forestry Task Force was created earlier in 2016.

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