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Building Better with Energy Step Code – free workshop for builders

Want to find out how you can benefit from building more energy-efficient construction in Campbell River?

The City is offering a free builders workshop on April 25 – Building Better with the Energy Step Code. The workshop will take place at the Coast Discovery Inn in Campbell River from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Builders will have the opportunity to learn about optimizing building envelopes, air tightness testing, energy efficient mechanical systems and sizing, requirements for energy modelling, and how to work with an energy advisor.

Building industry professionals will also learn how to achieve the different Energy Step Code targets for residential building construction. In the afternoon, attendees will visit a housing construction site in Campbell River to see a blower door test demonstration. This workshop is eligible for 6.5 continuing professional development credits.

“We’ve had really positive feedback from the building community about our previous workshops on the Energy Step Code and a desire for the City to offer more training opportunities,” says Amber Zirnhelt, long range planning and sustainability manager. “We’ve designed this workshop to provide builders with the opportunity to learn more about the technical construction requirements of the Energy Step Code.”

The workshop will feature Niels Anthonen from Enerlytics Engineering and Performance Energy Advisors. Anthonen is a professional engineer with more than 35 years of experience, a certified energy advisor, and a specialist in Part 3 and 9 energy modelling, analysis, and prescriptive compliance. He is a certified instructor for building science and R-2000 courses and will speak to different ways to improve the building energy efficiency to meet the Energy Step Code.

Cristi Sacht from Elemental Energy Advisors will provide insights into working with an energy advisor. Sacht is a certified energy advisor with Natural Resources Canada, facilitating many programs including the EnerGuide Rating System, ENERGY STAR® for New Homes Initiative, and now the BC Energy Step Code. She focuses her advising on new Part 9 buildings.

The workshop is provided through a partnership between the City and the Community Energy Association, with support from BC Hydro, FortisBC, BC Housing, the Province of BC, the Canadian Home Builders’ Association (CHBA) BC, and CHBA Vancouver Island.

Refreshments, lunch, and parking are included and space is limited.

To reserve your seat, contact the City’s Development Services Department by email to building@campbellriver.ca or by telephone at 250-286-5757.

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