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**Free Energy Step Code Workshop and Consultation for Builders**

Builders will have the opportunity to learn about the BC Energy Step Code and local financial incentives for new energy efficient construction at a Builder and Developer's Forum Feb. 21 at the Coast Discovery Inn.

The City of Campbell River, in partnership with the Comox Valley Regional District, the Community Energy Association, and BC Hydro is hosting a free-of-charge regional workshop and consultation for builders.

Building industry professionals will learn about the BC Energy Step Code, costs involved and financial incentives for residential building construction. Builders will also be able to make suggestions for future training opportunities and potential future construction requirements in Campbell River. Attendees will earn three Continuing Professional Development credits.

*"Our aim is to provide builders with up-to-date information on the Province's Energy Step Code that has recently been incorporated into the BC Building Code,"* says Amber Zirnhelt, long range planning and sustainability manager. *"The City will also announce a new incentive program for energy efficient construction that is funded through our Carbon Neutral Reserve Fund."*

Both the City of Campbell River and the Comox Valley Regional District will provide an overview of incentives programs for energy efficient construction that align with the Energy Step Code.

The workshop will feature Energy Step Code expert Remi Charron. Charron worked on the 2017 BC Energy Step Code Metrics Report, which considered costs and construction techniques required to meet the Energy Step Code. Charron has a PH.D. in Building Engineering, with a focus on net-zero homes and passive design, and is an Associate Professor at New York Institute of Technology. He will speak to Zone 4 and 5 requirements and the costs involved with building to different steps.

Learn more about the Energy Step Code Feb. 21 from 7 to 10:30 a.m. at the Coast Discovery Inn (975 Shoppers Row). Breakfast, refreshments, and parking will be provided free-of-charge during the workshop.

To reserve your seat, contact Ruth Laviolette – Development Services, City of Campbell River 250-286-5757 or by email to [Ruth.Laviolette@campbellriver.ca](mailto:Ruth.Laviolette@campbellriver.ca).

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