



Media Release

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Council meetings a mouse click away

Council meetings will be available for live viewing on the City of Campbell River website in 2012.

During Council's first meeting of the year, Jan. 10, City staff tested new equipment that broadcasts Council meetings live over the Internet.

Future Council meetings will be available live and will be archived for on-demand viewing.

To see meeting webcasts as of Jan. 24, go to the City's website www.campbellriver.ca and click on the link from the homepage. A link will also be available from the Council Meetings page.

"Webcasting of Council meetings offers an inexpensive, easy-to-implement way for the City to share information, potentially around the globe," says Mayor Walter Jakeway. "People will be able view Council meetings live or check in and see what happened at Council meetings at their own convenience, wherever and whenever they have Internet access."

The archived video and audio recordings of meetings will be indexed (and searchable) by agenda item so people can view the entire meeting or meeting segments by clicking on agenda items. The webcast is also available on iPads and most smart phones.

Webcasting technology is currently used by a number of other municipal councils as well as provincial and federal ministries.

Campbell River's webcasting service will cost approximately \$8,000 a year. The fee will cover the cost of data storage and linking camera and recording equipment already installed in Council Chambers to technology for streaming the meetings over the Internet.

Webcasts will run in conjunction with Council meetings, which begin at 6:30 p.m., every second Tuesday. A schedule of Council meetings is posted on the City's website under City Hall / Council Meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are available via the website. Click on Agendas and Minutes from the homepage.

People will still be able to view Council meetings on the local Shaw TV channel Wednesdays at noon and 4 p.m. (schedule permitting).

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