



## Media Release



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### **Warming centre offered for City residents without electricity or heat**

People who are getting by without electricity or a heat source are welcome to attend at a temporary warming centre at the Coast Discovery Inn tonight (Mar. 13).

The City of Campbell River, in partnership with Strathcona Regional Emergency Program, is setting up a temporary space in the hotel's Vancouver Room, where up to 40 people will be able to drop in to warm up.

On hand will be a warm beverage, comfort food, the opportunity to read a book or play cards.

*"We've heard from people who are concerned that, with temperatures expected to drop tonight, they won't have enough blankets to keep warm," says Howie Siemens, Strathcona Emergency Program coordinator. "Although no overnight accommodations are being offered, people are welcome to stay or to simply drop in and return home."*

Campbell River Emergency Support Services is hosting the space.

For more information, call 250-203-0646 (after-hours).

People in outlying areas can call the number above for more information regarding assistance in their area.

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