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Forestry



Forestry has shaped Campbell River's economy and community for over a century and remains a central industry in the region.

Forestry in Campbell River includes harvesting alongside a full network of contractors, services, and industrial support.

The community's advantage lies in close access to forest resources, deep-water port infrastructure, and established transportation and processing capacity.

The sector is advancing toward stronger fibre utilization, value-added wood products, and emerging bioeconomy applications.

The future of coastal forestry is focused on maximizing value from available fibre through processing, innovation, and new product development.

Why Invest in Campbell River

Regional Forestry Service Centre

Campbell River supports forestry operations across North Vancouver Island, with established contractors, suppliers, and industrial services.

Established Industrial Base

The community has existing processing, transportation, and marine infrastructure which supports demand for vessel services, maintenance, logistics, and related contractors.

Fibre Utilization

Opportunities to maximize fibre use through secondary processing and value-added products

Evolving Sector

Growth in engineered wood, specialized manufacturing, and emerging bioeconomy applications.

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Industry Data

Campbell River Data*

Total Forestry Wages	$60.5 M
Total Forestry Sales	$422 M
Total Forestry Exports	$368 M

200
Campbell River 2024 Forestry Businesses

577
Campbell River Forestry Jobs in 2024

*Economic data provided by Lightcast Analyst, with custom calculations by McSweeney & Associates.

Education and Training Opportunities

Campbell River offers direct access to workforce training and post-secondary education aligned with industry needs.

North Island College delivers coastal logging, heavy equipment, and industrial programs, supported by advanced simulators and custom training designed with industry.

Vancouver Island University: 2-Year Forest Resources Technology Program, Bachelor of Natural Resource Protection, Fundamentals of Forest Harvesting Practices Program, Heavy Equipment Operator, Heavy Duty Mechanical Foundations.