

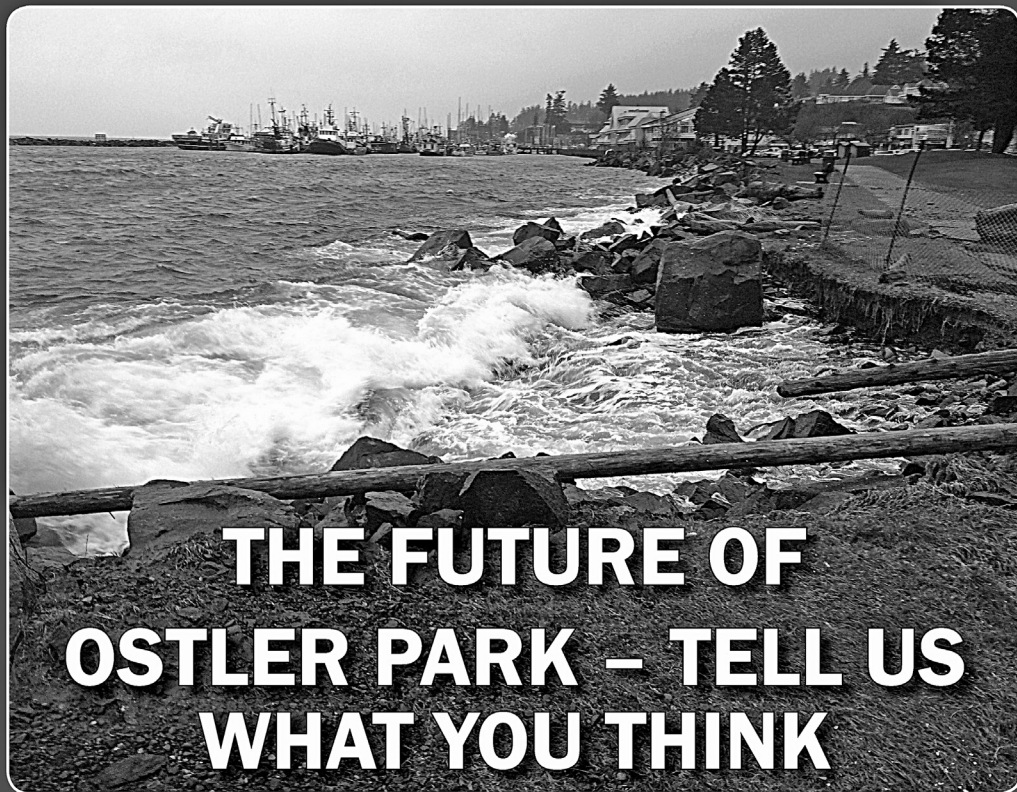


FREE SESSIONS ON CHANGES TO BC BUILDING CODE AND PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Local builders and developers are invited to the City of Campbell River's free information sessions on the new amendments to the BC Building Code that came into effect in December. Sessions will also introduce new requirements for City building permit applications.

Dates: January 28, 30 and February 4 from 9 a.m. until noon
Location: Enterprise Centre

Coffee and tea will be provided.
To register contact: Ruth Laviolette at 250-286-5725



THE FUTURE OF OSTLER PARK – TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Would you like a beach or riprap along the shore of Ostler Park

COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

Available online or on paper from Jan. 22 through Jan. 31



Paper copies are available at City Hall, the Community Centre and the Sportsplex. Survey link posted under *What's New* at www.campbellriver.ca



NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Notice is hereby given that the City of Campbell River, in cooperation with the Heart of the City Business Improvement Area Society (HoCBIAS), is proposing to establish a business improvement area in the downtown core for a 5 year term.

Over the past 5 years the owners of Class 6 Business/Other property lying within the Heart of the City Business Improvement Area (HoCBIA) have paid a "local service tax". The tax is collected by the City of Campbell River to be used by the HoCBIAS to operate a "business promotional scheme". The funds raised through the local service tax have enabled the HoCBIAS to promote the downtown core through marketing and beautification projects. The boundaries of the HoCBIA are defined on the following map.

In order for the HoCBIA to continue operating, City Council must adopt a new bylaw which would re-establish the HoCBIA for 5 years. The Society has asked that the bylaw be processed as a "Council initiative" under the authority of the *Community Charter* – Part 7, Division 5.

Under the "Council initiative" method, Council may, by bylaw, proceed with the renewal of the HoCBIA unless at least 50% of the owners of the parcels that would be subject to the local service tax sign a petition against, and the persons signing are the owners of parcels that in total represent at least 50% of the assessed value of land and improvements that would be subject to the local service tax.

HoCBIAS' proposed budget for 2015 is \$42,586, with a 7% increase the first year and 5% annual increase thereafter. In order to raise the funds requested by the HoCBIAS for 2015, owners of Class 6 property lying within the HoCBIA would be required to pay a local service tax at a rate of approximately \$2.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value of the improvements (buildings) on their property. The Discovery Inn and Harbourside Inn are included in the HoCBIA boundaries on the basis that it will pay a percentage of its assessed improvement value representing the retail portion of the building.

Owners of Class 6 property located within the HoCBIA boundary, that are opposed to the renewal of the HoCBIA, must notify the City in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 4, 2015.

Information relating to the renewal of the Heart of the City Business Improvement Area, including copies of the relevant legislation, is available for inspection during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday at Campbell River City Hall, 301 St. Ann's Road. Information can also be obtained by e-mailing tracy.bate@campbellriver.ca, or by calling 250-286-5705. For more information on the HoCBIAS' business promotional scheme please contact HoCBIAS President, John Wheat at (250) 286-1233.

Tracy Bate, Deputy City Clerk

