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### **Builders: Earn professional credits and learn how to build more energy-efficient homes**

Get the scoop on the most recent requirements for energy efficiency in new home construction and all the technical details to ensure you're building to code – and take home professional credits, too.

The Community Energy Association, its partners, and the City of Campbell River will bring local builders Pathways to Building More Energy Efficient Homes, an informative workshop on Friday, March 4 at the Campbell River Community Centre (401 11th Ave).

*“This workshop will provide a more detailed look at the material we introduced at last year’s Builder and Developer Forum that focused on Building Code changes,”* explains Mark Barnhart, a building inspector. *“Since there will be plenty of opportunity for questions, it will also clarify some issues we’d been discussing last year.”*

Join Murray Frank of Constructive Home Solutions Inc. and learn about section 9.36 of the BC Building Code, EnerGuide, ENERGY STAR® for New Homes and utility support. The workshop will also include:

- Prescriptive requirements for airtightness
- How to calculate thermal resistance of wall assemblies
- Compare Building Code regulations with options for enhanced energy performance
- Below-grade assembly requirements
- Calculation examples of ceiling, wall, window and door areas
- Insulation requirements
- HVAC requirements and mechanical ventilation best practices
- Overview of ENERGY STAR for new homes, EnerGuide and working with a certified energy advisor

Workshop attendees will be eligible for three continuing professional development credits through the Homeowner Protection Office and four credits from the Building Officials’ Association of BC.

*“We encourage all sub-trades to attend the seminar as this affects the installation of their work,”* Barnhart adds. *“Ensuring builders and sub-trades are aware of the most current information will help new construction comply with regulations, and keep the building inspection process smooth and efficient for everyone.”*

Join us March 4 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Community Centre. Cost is \$100 (\$90 early bird rate for those who register by Feb. 26. (A light breakfast is included with registration.)

To register and for more information see: [www.communityenergy.bc.ca](http://www.communityenergy.bc.ca), and go to “New Builder Workshops”

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