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Build an even better home – Energy Star® for New Homes workshop April 25

The City is hosting a workshop on building energy-efficient new homes April 25 at the Coast Discovery Inn.

The ENERGY STAR® for New Homes Standard workshop will demonstrate how energy advisers can support builders with key energy-efficient components and help prepare builders for air tightness testing, modelling and EnerGuide rating and labelling. Attendees will receive an introduction to the BC Energy Step Code, understand how to obtain ENERGY STAR® for New Homes rebates and be eligible for 6.5 continuing professional development credits.

Currently, there are utility incentives of more than \$2,000 per home for ENERGY STAR® for New Homes.

“A builder’s panel will offer first-hand experiences with building better performing new homes, and the workshop will offer guidance on how to access these incentives to help build better homes,” says Stefan Tylak, the City’s community energy adviser. “This workshop will be a great opportunity to increase awareness of the programs and incentives available to builders to encourage energy efficient homes in Campbell River. Energy efficiency helps homeowners save energy; lower utility bills; and reduce our impact on the environment. This includes the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, a key goal of Campbell River’s Community Energy and Emissions Plan.”

There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on working with an energy adviser and EnerGuide modelling/labelling, options for reaching targets (via the performance pathway) and improved building practices.

The April 25 workshop runs 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Coast Discovery Inn. Registration includes lunch, refreshments and parking. Early bird cost is \$158 until April 18; regular price is \$175. A 10 per cent discount is available for members of the CHBA or the Community Energy Association. Space is limited; register early at www.communityenergy.bc.ca/energy-star or contact Susan Chalmers of the Community Energy Association at schalmers@communityenergy.bc.ca, or 604-628-7076, ext. 707.

This workshop is being delivered by the Community Energy Association and CHBA Vancouver Island in partnership with the City of Campbell River, Canadian Home Builders Association of BC, FortisBC, BC Hydro, the Province of BC and BC Housing.

ENERGY STAR® for New Homes is internationally recognised for identifying energy-efficient products, including appliances. Since 2005, energy-efficient new homes can also be Energy Star certified. EnerGuide is the official mark of the Government of Canada for energy performance rating and labelling for key consumer items, including homes. Homes are evaluated by third-party energy advisers to provide EnerGuide ratings and assist with and assist with reaching targets via the performance pathway.

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