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New resources to meet demand for City development

There's new support on the way for development in Campbell River.

City Council has approved a new community development engineer position to streamline the review of development applications – and to help keep up with anticipated future demand.

“Campbell River continues to see high levels of construction and development, and each year, we receive a larger number of applications for developments that include complicated infrastructure requirements,” says Peter Wipper, the City’s director of planning. “Approval of this new role will help the City meet the continued demand by developers to review and process these applications.”

The City’s former utilities manager, Jennifer Peters, will take on this new role by early October. Peters is a professional engineer and worked in private industry before joining the City in 2010. As the community development engineer, she will lead Campbell River’s development engineering services and will also be instrumental in assisting the City in long term planning for major capital assets for the organization. Peters was previously the utilities manager, and the City will recruit for a new person to fill this position.

“The City continues to see record-setting growth in housing development and construction in addition to the large City infrastructure projects. Over the past year and half Council has supported restructuring of staffing in the Building Inspection and Planning Departments, but there have been challenges in Engineering keeping up with the applications that require detailed review and approval,” says Mayor Andy Adams. “By adding this position now, we will be able to process applications in a more timely manner, which ultimately generates revenue that helps offset the cost of the position.”

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