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### **20 free home energy audits available – while they last!**

Is your monthly energy bill through the roof? Sign up for a home energy audit and learn how to save energy and money.

The City of Campbell River has 20 more rebates for energy audits available on a first-come, first-served basis for Campbell River residents. The rebates are valued at \$150 plus tax and cover the cost of an energy assessment conducted by a certified energy advisor.

*“With the popularity of our program we are pleased to have the opportunity to offer twenty more rebates. So far 80 home energy audits have already been completed, and the feedback has been very positive,”* says Amber Zirnhelt, the City’s sustainability manager.

*“By participating in this program, home owners will learn ways to reduce energy use, add value to their home, and help lower greenhouse gas emissions in Campbell River,”* says Councillor Larry Samson, whose portfolio includes the environment.

The energy audit rebate program is a key step in implementing the City’s Community Energy and Emissions Plan. Buildings represent approximately 51 per cent of energy use and 23 per cent of Campbell River’s greenhouse gas emissions.

Residents interested in participating in the rebate program can access a rebate number and voucher form from the City of Campbell River. Residents should contact the City right away to book their energy audits as the program wraps-up in early September.

The energy rebate program is sponsored by BC Hydro in support of its mandate to conserve energy to help meet demand for electricity.

The program compliments the Live Smart BC Energy Efficiency Incentive Program, which offers incentives for home energy-saving upgrades ranging from insulation, air tightness and mechanical ventilation. The Live Smart BC program runs until Mar. 31, 2014 and requires energy audits before and after retrofits. Learn more at: [www.livesmartbc.ca/incentives/efficiency-home/index.html](http://www.livesmartbc.ca/incentives/efficiency-home/index.html).

Campbell River home owners are eligible for one rebate per household – even if they are not participating in the Live Smart BC program.

To participate in the program, home owners will be required to make an “Energy Pledge” committing to an energy reduction in their home. Energy pledges could include building retrofits or upgrades to insulation, weather stripping, caulking and appliances or changing habits such as committing to unplug household appliances not in use, turning out the lights or other energy-saving initiatives.

To access a rebate number, voucher and learn more about the program, please contact Amber Zirnhelt via email [amber.zirnhelt@campbellriver.ca](mailto:amber.zirnhelt@campbellriver.ca) or telephone 250-286-5742.

More information is available online at [www.campbellriver.ca/residents/greencity](http://www.campbellriver.ca/residents/greencity).

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