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Thinking of building or developing? City Hall can make your project easier!

Are you thinking of building a house? Opening a new business? Developing your land? Do you have construction plans for a new building?

2015 was a busy year in Campbell River, with total construction value topping more than \$152,464,500.

The City processed 184 building permits, completed 1,439 building inspections, and processed 79 development applications.

2016 is expected to bring many new construction and development projects. If you're making plans, remember, City staff are happy to provide land and development review advice to help you with your project.

The City's community planning and development services department offers a one-stop shop to help guide you through land use and private property development, and staff can answer questions on a wide range of business start-up and land development topics.

"For residents and developers looking to undertake projects, this department is a single point of service related to private property, development and building projects, as well as environmental services," says Amber Zirnhelt, community planning and development services manager. "Our staff can help you navigate the development process and answer questions to make land use decisions easier and help keep your project on track."

If you have questions about a construction project and are wondering whether or not you require a building permit or need information on the type of inspections your project requires, the City's building staff can guide you through this process.

"Our building staff are a resource to help property owners and builders through the permit and inspection process. Also, watch for the 2016 Builder and Developers Forums covering a wide range of topics such as updates to the BC Building Code, Building Act, energy efficiency for new homes, updates to City bylaws and general information to help navigate building and developing in Campbell River," says Sara Brodie, development engineering and building supervisor.

If you are looking at developing your property, the City offers development review meetings with a team of technical experts who can help guide you through the considerations and development application process for your project. For new businesses, the community planning and development services department provides assistance in determining suitable locations, navigating development and zoning processes, and obtaining a business license.

"The City offers online interactive maps and information for developers. In-person, we are here to help builders and developers through the development review and approval process," says Kevin Brooks, development services supervisor.

For more information, or to book a meeting about your business plans, development or building project, please contact the community planning and development services department 250-286-5755 or email planning@campbellriver.ca.

The City's website also offers a wide variety of online information on planning, building and development, including frequently asked questions, how-to videos, building permit and development permit applications, the City's interactive land use map complete with zoning and development permit information, and a range of other helpful information, visit: campbellriver.ca/planning-building-development

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