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Next milestone for major office building downtown

The new head office building for Seymour Pacific Developments Ltd. and Broadstreet Properties in the St. Ann's block moved one step closer to construction with the approval of a major development permit at the July 24 Council meeting.

The five-storey contemporary building in the block bordered by Alder, Dubeau, Beech and St. Ann's will feature "glass wall" architecture and include approximately 75,000 square feet of commercial office space with both underground and surface parking.

"The Sustainable Official Community Plan process and Council's strategic priorities both identify downtown revitalization as a key priority for Campbell River, and this development is considered one of the first major building blocks toward reinvigorating the heart of downtown," says Councillor Mary Storry, who holds the Council portfolio for utilities and public works. *"This development is a powerful statement of recognition and commitment to our community that will shape the future character of our downtown core."*

"This project has been in the works for some time and has involved considerable constructive discussions with the City that have led to this very positive outcome," says Sean Roy, CEO of Seymour Pacific Developments Ltd. and Broadstreet Properties. *"We're excited to move forward with the construction of the building in the coming months, and we appreciate the continued collaboration of Council and staff to help us make this investment in Campbell River."*

At the July 24 Council meeting, Roy highlighted that the company is also enthused about public space that will be developed in the St. Ann's block.

"A land exchange between the City and the company related to a lane closure in the development area will result in an extension of the public green space from City Hall along Alder Street," explains Ross Blackwell, the City's land use services manager.

"Architecturally, the Seymour Pacific office block will be the most significant building constructed in Campbell River in a long time," Blackwell adds.

The next step in the process will be a building permit, and the City and Seymour Pacific expect an application to be processed in the coming weeks, Blackwell says.

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