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### **City of Campbell River donates property to Habitat for Humanity**

Campbell River City Council unanimously supports donating, the property at 129 Westgate Road to Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North.

*“Council made the decision at the February 18 in-camera meeting, and we are pleased to announce this donation, which creates an opportunity for a residential duplex to be built at this location,” says Mayor Walter Jakeway. “This is the City’s second partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and we’re pleased to continue to support their worthy efforts.”*

The property is valued at approximately \$95,200, and the City has approved \$33,000 from the 2014 Council Contingency budget to cover fees and charges associated with the project such as re-zoning, development and legal costs.

In 2007, the City of Campbell River donated a lot at 901 9th Street – then valued at \$60,000 – as a future building site for a duplex dwelling.

*“We are extremely pleased to receive this donation of land, which demonstrates the City’s continued support for our program,” says Deb Roth, Executive Director for Humanity Vancouver Island North. “We are currently looking for families for our build projects, and I encourage everyone to visit our website [www.HabitatNorthIsland.com](http://www.HabitatNorthIsland.com) for information on who may qualify for this program.”*

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, faith-based housing program dedicated to the elimination of poverty by building homes in partnership with families in need. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and are financed with affordable, no-interest mortgages. In addition to mortgage payments, the homeowner invests hundreds of hours of labour, called “sweat equity”, into building the home and the houses of others.

Habitat for Humanity also operates the ReStore on Willow Street in Campbellton, which is used to raise funds for house-building projects. The ReStore sells used building supplies and household items, all of which are donated.

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