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Campbell River seniors will soon have home of their own

The Campbell River Seniors' Centre Society will have a dedicated space to call home for the next four years, thanks to a partnership between the society, the City of Campbell River and the Campbell River Common.

At its Sept. 16 in-camera meeting, City Council decided to enter into a four-year agreement to lease space at the Campbell River Common, then sublet that space to the society for a seniors centre. The two agreements will take effect Nov. 1, 2014.

The leased area at the Campbell River Common totals approximately 7,200 square feet and will incorporate a restaurant space with additional activity areas for the seniors to use for the society's daily activities and various events.

The City's annual cost for this lease space will be \$60,000, a reallocation of the amount the City currently spends to host this seniors group in various City facilities. There will be no additional cost to taxpayers with these agreements.

"The partnership between the three organizations that worked together to create this dedicated space for seniors will help enhance the programs and services already offered by the City," says Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture.

"We are so grateful to the City for assisting us with getting this lease space," says Helen Whitaker, president of the Campbell River Seniors' Centre Society. *"This new seniors centre will allow us to renew our efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of seniors in our community."*

The Campbell River Seniors' Centre Society is an organization that has been providing services to seniors living in the Campbell River area since 2009. The mission of the society is to make a positive difference in the lives of the senior citizens of Campbell River and district, by providing a facility in which they can socialize daily on a self-governing basis.

For a complete list of City seniors programming, please visit the Parks, Recreation & Culture section of the City's website at <http://www.campbellriver.ca/parks-recreation-culture>.

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