

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE DOWNTOWN CAMPBELL RIVER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

The City, in cooperation with the Downtown Campbell River Business Improvement Area Society (DCRBIAS), is proposing to amend the Downtown Campbell River Business Improvement Area (DCRBIA) to include additional properties along Pier Street.

Over the past four years, the owners of Class 5 (Light Industry) and Class 6 (Business/Other) properties within the DCRBIA have paid a "local service tax". The tax is collected by the City to be used by the DCRBIAS to operate a "business promotional scheme". Funds raised have enabled the DCRBIAS to promote the downtown core through marketing and beautification projects. With the recent dissolution of the Pier Street Association, the DCRBIA has requested that the existing boundaries of the DCRBIA be amended to include these properties.

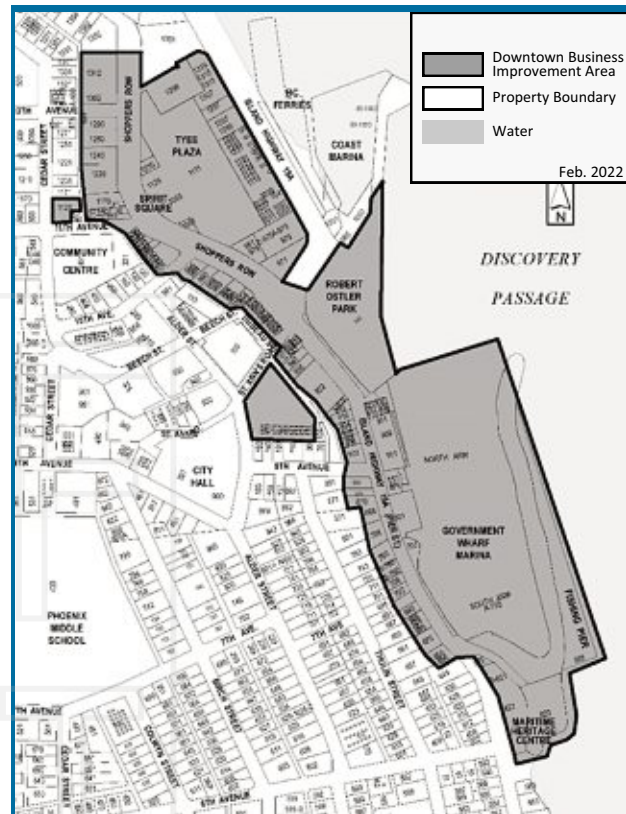
To amend the DCRBIA boundaries, City Council must adopt an amendment bylaw. The DCRBIAS has asked that the bylaw be processed as a "Council initiative" under the authority of the Community Charter – Part 7, Division 5.

This allows Council to proceed with the amendment of the DCRBIA boundaries unless at least 50% of the owners of the additional parcels that in total represent at least 50% of the assessed value of land and improvements that would be subject to the local service tax sign a petition against.

Organizations with property tax exemptions in the amended DCRBIA will not be included.

The DCRBIAS' proposed budget for 2023 is \$82,793.00 with a 3% annual increase thereafter. To raise these funds owners of Class 5 and Class 6 properties within the amended DCRBIA will be required to pay a local service tax at a rate of approximately \$2.06196 per \$1,000 of the assessed value of the improvements (buildings) on their property.

Owners of Class 5 and Class 6 properties located within the amended DCRBIA boundary that are opposed to the amendment and expansion of the DCRBIA must notify the City in writing no later than **4:30 p.m. on April 14, 2023**.



For more information on the DCRBIA's business promotion, contact DCRBIA Executive Director Jan Wade at **250-286-8642** or contact the City at front.reception@campbellriver.ca or **250-286-5700**.

BC ENERGY STEP CODE REQUIREMENTS

Provincial changes to the *Building Act General Regulation* and the *BC Building Code* will affect City building permit applications beginning May 1, 2023.

The updates will require most new construction buildings to achieve an energy use performance rating 20% better than the existing building code.

For information on the BC Energy Step Code Requirements, visit energystepcode.ca/requirements – BCBC 2018 Revision 5: Effective May 1, 2023.



For City building permit information, contact building@campbellriver.ca or **250 286 5757**.

2023 BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS

If you have a business in the City of Campbell River, you should have received your business licence renewal invoice for 2023.

A municipal or inter-municipal business licence costs \$150 and is valid for up to one year beginning February 28. All business licences expire on February 27 of each year. Renewal notices for 2023 have been mailed and must be paid by March 30, 2023. After this date, a late charge of \$25 is applied.

If you have applied for an inter-municipal business licence in addition to your primary business licence, you will receive two invoices. The inter-municipal business licence will not be sent until both the primary and the inter-municipal business licences have been paid.

If your business has closed during the last year and you have not yet done so, please notify the City Business Licensing department in writing and your account will be updated.



For more information, contact Business.Licence@campbellriver.ca or **250-286-5725**.