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### **Service update for builders and developers in Campbell River**

The City of Campbell River continues to provide services for local builders and developers.

*“We know local builders and developers are working hard to remain open for business, and we have reached out to all our contacts to assure them that we are, too,”* says Ron Bowles, general manager of community development. *“With health and safety our top priority, some service methods have changed, and we have sent a detailed update to let people know how to reach us, and how we’re working to meet their business needs.”*

*“From affordable housing to rental units, Campbell River needs more housing variety, and we’re focused on supporting local builders and developers to help them be as productive as possible during this difficult time,”* says Mayor Andy Adams.

The City’s message to builders and developers outlines how, with COVID-19 requiring physical distance, the City is adjusting processes to safely and efficiently process development applications.

*“Employees who look after all three of the City’s development-related services, including development engineering, planning and building inspections, have found unique ways to work from home while providing much-needed services,”* Bowles says.

With a few limitations, the City continues to provide, process or issue:

- **Planning applications** such as zoning or official community plan amendments, development permits, development variance permits – processed electronically
- **Engineering Applications** such as development subdivisions and temporary use permits
- **Works on City Lands Permits**, except no work on the City water system at this time
- **Engineering and Construction Approvals** such as subdivision and building permits
- **New Building Permit Applications**
- **Building Inspections**, where required public health directives can be met
- **BC One Calls** continue as normal

Instead of in-person meetings, City employees will connect with builders and developers by telephone and email.

Cash will not be received but electronic payment methods are available.

*“We expect COVID-19 related restrictions will affect development processing times, and, in some cases, will not allow an application to proceed,”* Bowles adds. *“We’re doing our best to limit the impact of this virus on our local community.”*

For more information, or to ask development-related questions, please email [planning@campbellriver.ca](mailto:planning@campbellriver.ca) or call 250-286-5725.

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