



BC Building Code

Free online access!

In August 2019, the Province made the decision to provide, at no cost, access to the online version of the BC Building, Fire and Plumbing Codes. The hard copies will still have a purchase price based on the cost of the printing. You can access these free, online versions, here: <http://www.bccodes.ca/index.html>

NEW!

Inspection Request Phone Line

On September 3, 2019, North Cowichan introduced a new, dedicated, building inspection request phone line. All inspection requests should be directed to this number (250-746-3102) or by emailing building@northcowichan.ca. Requests received before 4:00pm will be conducted the following business day. For calls received after 4:00pm, please add one business day.

New BOABC North Zone Director Brian Marcell

Brian Marcell, Building Inspector for City of Campbell River, has recently volunteered for the role of North Island Zone Director for the Building Inspectors Association of BC. Brian will be organizing zone meeting for all building inspectors from Cobble Hill to the Sunshine Coast. There are also plans to hold an annual meeting in the Cowichan Valley. This is a great opportunity to meet with and be engaged in building code and similar related discussions. The meetings are free to attend, and they will provide Continuing

New Building Inspector

We are pleased to announce that Ben Robertson has joined North Cowichan's Building Department as our Chemainus and Crofton Building Inspector. Ben has spent his last two years working as a building inspector for the City of Langford.

Code Change Alert!

For private stairs (stairs serving dwelling units), non-public, the minimum stair run nosing to nosing is now 10" or 250mm.

Contact Us:

building@northcowichan.ca

Education points for registered builders. Meeting details will be shared in future newsletters.

Radon Ready

Duncan addresses only

Among the many changes in the 2018 B.C. Building Code, and for the first time on Vancouver Island, the climatic data now lists Duncan as one of British Columbia's radon potential locations. To be consistent with the Building Code all new buildings with Duncan addressing are required to be radon ready. Each building permit issued with a Duncan address is provided documents that describe installation.

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