



## REMINDER: Step 2 of the Step Code - May 1, 2021

To remind you – on May 1, 2021, the following changes to North Cowichan's Building Bylaw come into effect:

- *Any new building or structure to which Part 9 of the BC Building Code applies, and is within the scope of application of the Energy Step Code, as described in the BC Building Code, must be designed and constructed to meet the performance requirements specified in Step 2 of the BC Energy Step Code.*

To demonstrate compliance with the bylaw, all new residential building permit applications (excluding renovations) submitted on or after May 1, 2021, will be required to include the Step Code compliance documents, along with the current building permit application requirements.

**Incentive Program:** North Cowichan's Energy Step Code incentive program will continue. Anyone choosing to achieve Steps 3 - 5 will be eligible for rebates of up to \$1,250. Details at [www.northcowichan.ca/StepCode](http://www.northcowichan.ca/StepCode)

## Driveway Grade

During review of building permit applications, proposed driveway grades are reviewed to ensure a maximum 20% engineering slope standard. Proposals that do not meet this requirement are required to make adjustments by the applicant until the Engineering Department is satisfied with the final design. This final design forms part of the final approved building plans and permit.

If the driveway grade needs adjustments due to site conditions, the applicant must communicate with North Cowichan's Engineering Department to receive approval for the new proposal.

**Questions?  
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