



## BUILDING INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER

### Online Building Permit Applications - Now Available!

We are now accepting online building permit applications!

With online submissions, we no longer require a pre-permit meeting. Now, more than ever, it is important to ensure all relevant information is submitted with your applications to avoid delays in processing your application.

To submit an online building permit application, request an upload link by emailing [Building@northcowichan.ca](mailto:Building@northcowichan.ca)

Along with your request, please ensure you provide the following information:

- Full name of applicant
- Phone number

Choose from the following list or describe the type of permit desired.

- New single family dwelling
- Duplex
- Alteration to a single family dwelling
- Addition to a single family dwelling
- Accessory building/garage/work shop
- Demolition of a building
- Sign permit

Visit [www.northcowichan.ca/BuildingChecklists](http://www.northcowichan.ca/BuildingChecklists) for more information, including the building permit application form, and building guides and checklists.

### BC Energy Step Code Program

### Service connections and infiltrator inspections

Service connections (water, storm, and sanitary connections) and storm infiltrator inspections can now be booked by calling 250-746-3102 or by emailing [building@northcowichan.ca](mailto:building@northcowichan.ca)

Inspections requested by 4:00 p.m. on regular business days will be conducted the following day. Staff at North Cowichan realize that these below grade inspections are time sensitive and will make every effort to accommodate morning or afternoon requests.

#### Contact Us:

[building@northcowichan.ca](mailto:building@northcowichan.ca)

## Launch

On July 15, Council approved the North Cowichan Energy Step Code Incentive Policy and gave first three readings to amend the Building Bylaw, which would mandate all new construction in North Cowichan to comply with Step 2 of the Building Code as of January 1, 2021.

In October, North Cowichan will begin offering incentives to commercial builders and homeowners who choose to comply with, at minimum, Step 2 of the BC Energy Step Code. You can learn more about our incentive program here: [www.northcowichan.ca/stepcode](http://www.northcowichan.ca/stepcode)

### **Digital Information Session: August 20**

North Cowichan is hosting an online session for those interested in more information on the BCESC and our incentive program. During the session, there will be presentations from North Cowichan staff and a panel of Energy Step Code professionals. The meeting will take place **August 20, 2020 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.**

To attend the session, please RSVP to [building@northcowichan.ca](mailto:building@northcowichan.ca). Participation will be kept at about 25 – 30 participants.

This session will be recorded and posted on our website, along with a Q&A document for those who are unable to attend. A second information will tentatively be held in September, should there be high enough demand.

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