

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY FOR COURTENAY UNITS

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Construction is well underway for the first of two identical four-storey buildings, each contacting 47 units at 355 Anfield Road in Courtenay. These units will be built as apartments for rent. The third floor is currently being framed for Building A, and the roof is expected to go on in the next few weeks. The building is scheduled for completion on August 1, 2015. This property is located at the south end of Cliffe Avenue, across from the Anfield Mall where Walmart is located and is being built by **Crowne Pacific Developments**. Courtenay Council has approved a development variance permit to allow for 117 parking stalls for the project. A building permit with a value of \$3.75 million was issued in January.

Work on the 1,600 sq. ft. addition for the adult day program at Glacier View Lodge is currently

ahead of schedule, and is expected to be completed by the end of April. Electrical and mechanical work is complete, while dry walling, flooring and finishing work have begun. Once complete, the existing adult day program will move into the new space. The Lodge will likely hold an open house to showcase the new space in late summer or early fall, to coincide with the City of Courtenay's 100-year anniversary.

Following feedback from residents on the proposed scenarios for the south region liquid waste management plan, the **Comox Valley Regional District** (CVRD) has recommended scenario C (Cape Lazo at a cost of \$56 million) to south sewer project partners **K'omoks First Nation** and the **Village of Cumberland**. This scenario will see secondary treatment at a facility in the south region, connection to outfall at the Comox Valley Water Pollution Control Centre (CVWPCC), and discharge into the Strait of Georgia off Cape Lazo. The CVWPCC currently plans to undergo an expansion/replacement. This scenario was selected through triple-bottom line analysis, assessing each option based on social, environmental and financial considerations. Project partners K'omoks First Nation and the Village of Cumberland must now review the scenario. Once a preferred scenario is selected by all the project partners, final reports

will be completed and planning will begin for construction. Construction must be complete by September 30, 2018 to qualify for Gas Tax funding.

Park Place Seniors has met with the **City of Campbell River** to present conceptual drawings for the construction of a new residential care wing on its existing facility. This new wing will house 40 new publicly-funded care beds, and five new private-pay beds for a total residential care capacity of 126 publicly-funded and 13 private-pay beds. Park Place Seniors expects to submit its application for a development permit in the spring, and to start construction on the foundation and building envelope this summer. Tenders are expected to be released in the late spring, and construction is expected to take 21 months. This project will be coordinated with the opening of the new Campbell River Hospital in 2017, as this is when funding for the beds will become available. Construction costs of the new facility will be in the range of \$9 million, with annual operating costs for the 40 beds, funded by Island Health, in the range of \$2 million.

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