

ATTACHMENT A

BC ENERGY STEP CODE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The proposed implementation strategy is as follows:

2018

- Inform Council and seek direction to pursue step code implementation strategy.
- Continue working with regional partners to coordinate a regional approach to step code implementation and support industry/public engagement.
- Continue supporting the Real Estate Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) program and consider expanding the program to include home builders for 2019.
- Provide support for regional step code workshops and seminars with the Regional District of Nanaimo.
- Implement a home energy rebate program. The program will promote energy efficiency within new and existing buildings and support the implementation of the BC Energy Step Code. The program is to provide homeowners with a \$150 rebate for an initial home energy assessment conducted by a certified energy advisor. Homeowners who achieve Step Two or higher will be offered an additional rebate.
- Amend Schedule D (Amenity Requirements for Additional Density) of the Zoning Bylaw to reward additional amenity points to projects that meet or exceed Step Three.
- Draft a Building Bylaw that requires Step One compliance to become effective one year from adoption.

2019

- Support continuing education to support step code implementation.
- Create rezoning policy within the Official Community Plan that requires all rezoning applications for multiple-family, mixed-use, or commercial buildings to enter into a restrictive covenant that requires Step Two compliance at the time of development and building permit.
- Implement Step One code compliance. All new construction (Parts 9 and 3) will require a home energy assessment conducted by a certified energy advisor (Step One).
- Subject to funding approval, restrict energy rebate incentive to existing homes.
- Continue to work with the realtor community and support the REEP program.

2020

- Subject to funding approval, support continuing education to support step code implementation.
- Subject to funding approval, restrict energy rebate incentive to existing homes.
- Continue to work with the realtor community and support the REEP Program.
- Monitor rezoning policy and report to Council one year after implementation date.