

April 25th, 2018

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the Canadian Home Builders' Association Vancouver Island, I am writing to offer our thanks to the City of Victoria for providing this opportunity for industry engagement on the BC Energy Step Code.

In partnership with the UDI and VICA, the CHBA Vancouver Island participated in all of the consultation events. It is our belief that these consultations were very thorough and produced a fair assessment of the industry position.

We would like to commend the city staff for their effort and willingness to work with the industry to deliver the best possible results. We would also like to express our appreciation for the City's readiness to work with other regional partners and municipalities. This regional cooperation will provide the industry with a consistent process that will benefit all involved.

As the region moves to higher performance levels, builder education will become more critical. The CHBA currently has ongoing education programs for this purpose. We look forward to any opportunities to partner with the city to help raise the level of knowledge and professionalism within the industry.

As the Step Code process is implemented, we remain committed to continuing this dialogue and participating as an active partner in this process.

Sincerely,

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