

# Bulletin: Builder Incentive Offer

## For Energy Step Code Compliance for Part 9 Residential Buildings

### **Purpose**

To inform staff, building contractors and residential property owners of the Village's Builder Incentive Offer for Energy Step Code compliance.

### **Background**

Village of Pemberton Building Bylaw 867, 2019, references the BC Energy Step Code, with Step 3 coming into effect for Part 9 residential buildings on January 1, 2020, and Step 4 planned for January 1, 2021.

The BC Energy Step Code is a performance path to energy efficiency in buildings that exceeds the current prescriptive requirements of the BC Building Code.

In recognition of the challenge of transitioning to a new metric, the Village, with the support of a grant from BC Hydro, is offering financial incentives to builders.

Incentives are available until July 31, 2021, while funds last.

### **Incentive 1: Mid-Construction Air Tightness Testing**

Builders who conduct a mid-construction air tightness test are eligible for a financial incentive of up to \$500 upon submission of the mid-construction blower door test report completed by a certified Energy Advisor.

Did you start your build before Step 3 became mandatory? You are eligible for this incentive, provided you commit to achieving Step 3 or higher.

**Think you can exceed our expectations? There is an incentive for that!**

### **Incentive 2: Achievement of a Step higher than mandated by Building Bylaw No. 867, 2019:**

Builders who achieve a Step higher than the Step mandated by Building Bylaw 867, 2019 are eligible for an incentive of up to \$500 upon final inspection and submission of the As-Built Compliance Report prepared by a certified Energy Adviser.

Did you start your build before Step 3 became mandatory? You are eligible for this incentive if you achieve Step 4 or higher.

Please contact Building & Planning Clerk Nikki Segovia at [negovia@pemberton.ca](mailto:negovia@pemberton.ca) or Building Official Chris Derouin at [cderouin@pemberton.ca](mailto:cderouin@pemberton.ca) for further information.

## CleanBC Better Homes New Construction Program

The CleanBC Better Homes New Construction Program provides rebates up to \$15,000 for the construction of new, high-performance, electric homes. Through the CleanBC plan, the Province is supporting the adoption of the BC Energy Step Code and making energy efficient, climate-friendly homes more affordable and accessible for British Columbians.

### Available Rebates

#### Choose your rebate pathway:

- **Energy Step Code pathway:** build a new home that meets a minimum BC Energy Step code level and uses electric space and water heating systems.

**OR**

- **Heat pump pathway:** build a new home that uses an electric heat pump for space heating or water heating, regardless of Energy Step Code level.

#### Choose your add-on rebates:

- **All-Electric Bonus:** build a home with no fossil fuel (e.g. natural gas, propane, oil) connection whatsoever (including for cooking, fireplaces, or other uses) and receive an additional \$4,000 per home.
- **Energy Advisor Support Rebate:** work with a Program Qualified Energy Advisor and receive an additional \$1,000 per home.

For further information please go to <https://betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/cleanbc-new-construction/> to apply directly.