

## Renos for Courtenay Walmart

A development permit for the expansion and renovation of the Courtenay **Walmart** has been approved by the City of Courtenay.

Walmart is proposing to renovate the existing building and construct an addition of approximately 30,000 square metres to the southeast of the existing building toward **Staples** to create a Wal-Mart Supercentre, which includes a full grocery department.

Additional renovations may include a garden centre expansion and enclosure, the addition of a loading bay area and some facade modifications.

Work is expected to begin in 2012.

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Construction will soon begin on a west coast condominium resort on waterfront acreage in Tofino.

**The Waterside**, a project by **LeFevre & Company**, will be two storeys and will include 42 one-bedroom full-ownership units ranging from 517 - 560 sq ft.

Owners will also have access to private moorage, a boat and kayak launch and storage facilities. There will be a reception building with staff quarters. A building permit application has been made.

The site has been cleared, and a permanent sales office is scheduled to be built in the

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The **Mazda** dealership in Campbell River will be relocating to a property along the Island Highway between Park Road and Woodburn Road in Campbell River, after council approved the dealership's major development permit last week.

The new 5,000 square foot building will include four service bays and it is expected to cost approximately \$1.5 million. Once all approvals are in place, construction is expected to be underway.

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1stView.ca presents **Outlook 2012**, the 6th annual economic forecasting forum on Nov. 24, 2011.

Outlook 2012 will take a look at trends in the Vancouver Island construction and real estate markets, with a focus on the North Island.

The event will once again be held at the **Florence Filberg Centre** in Courtenay, and will feature presentations by four industry experts.

"We are excited to bring together business leaders, developers, trades people and others to network and hear industry insights from our panel of speakers," said **Clarice Coty** of 1stView.ca. "We've moved the event from January to November, to give attendees the

opportunity to use the information presented to guide their business planning for 2012."

Keynote speaker **Larry Pollock**, President and CEO of **Canadian Western Bank** will address the "Local Perspective to Global Banking."

Additional featured speakers include: **Travis Archibald**, Senior Market Analyst for **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation**, who will present a Vancouver Island Housing Market Update; as well as **Greg Baynton**, CEO of the **Vancouver Island Construction Association** and **Shirley de Silva**, CEO of the **Comox Valley Airport**.

Outlook 2012 is sponsored by **Presley & Partners** and **Jackson & Associates**. Tickets are \$75, and include a networking session from 4-6 p.m., including a small trade show, dinner, and presentations.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.1stView.ca](http://www.1stView.ca), email [clarice@1stView.ca](mailto:clarice@1stView.ca) or call 250.338.5466.

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