

New stores joining at Thrifty

Representatives for **Thrifty Foods** have confirmed a number of new businesses that will be joining the new grocery store now under construction at the corner of Lerwick and Ryan Roads.

Two of the tenants - a Starbucks coffee shop and a yet-to-be-named bank - will offer drive through facilities. In addition, the shopping centre will see an insurance broker, a TD Wealth Management office and a private liquor store.

There is still commercial space available for lease, the Thrifty spokesperson said. Building permits have recently been approved by City Hall for two of the additional buildings on the 12-acre site, and an application for a third has been submitted. Another two will follow at a later date.

All are in addition to the main grocery store and attached commercial units that are currently being built.

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A traffic study is currently underway as part of the development permitting process for a 25,000 square foot addition to the **Zellers/Target** store located at the **Driftwood Mall** in Courtenay.

A development permit application has been submitted, and could be presented to council next month for consideration of first and second readings.

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The City of Campbell River has received a major development permit application from **Berwick Retirement Campbell River Ltd.** for a 123 unit Seniors Housing Complex located on 16th Avenue.

The housing complex will be built on two currently

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vacant lots between the **Tyee Plaza** and **McDonald's**, on the corner of 16th Avenue and Roberts' Reach. Access to the building would be from 16th Avenue.

The project will be comprised of a six-storey residential building and will contain 123 units. The units will be a mix of bachelor, one and two bedroom units. The building will also contain a large dining room, library, exercise room, theatre, patio and gardens. Underground parking will be provided containing 62 parking spaces.

Construction is expected to begin once all approvals are in place.

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Alberni Mall has applied for a development permit for exterior renovations.

The Mall has been undergoing major renovations to the site, and exterior renovations to the balance of the main mall building are planned. A small portion of the mall will be demolished and some parking and landscaping will be added.

The anchor tenant for the west portion of the mall building will be a **Home Hardware** store. Between the Home Hardware and the existing **Dollar Giant** store there will be four additional commercial retail units varying in size. Additional parking and landscaping will also be completed.

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The City of Port Alberni has issued a development permit to **Beaver Creek Home Centre** for the expansion of their business with a new warehouse building on their property.

The new building will be approximately 6,800 square

feet. This will allow some of the existing warehouse space on 4643 Gertrude Street to be converted to retail space, expanding the main store.

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