

The SCRD also offers a “No Charge” permit for utilizing alternative energy source technology such as Solar Hot Water heating and Geothermal heating for example, but inspections of these systems must still be done as there are other issues the Inspector must review and confirm.

**The SCRD is pleased to work with owners of existing buildings as well as new construction to make all buildings as energy efficient as they can be.**



**Money Isn't All You're Saving**

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For more information, please contact the Building Services Department:

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# Energy Rebate Program



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**Building Services Department**

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Building Department is offering, with support of the SCRD Board, rebates of **\$50 to \$150** on the Building Permit fee if certain energy retrofits or upgrades are utilized as part of new construction requiring a Building Permit.

The rebates apply to one of three categories:

**1. New construction where Energy Advisers are involved with the design.**

Where new construction is contemplated, the Energy Consultant must verify by way of an ener-guide rating that firstly, EnerGuide 80 has been achieved to obtain occupancy and any further EnerGuide points indicated by the adviser will then make the project eligible for a rebate.

**2. Renovations involving an Energy Consultant who reviews the upgrades.**

Where a renovation/upgrade involving an energy retrofit combined with work requiring a building permit is contemplated, and an energy Consultant is part of the design, the SCRD Building Inspector will rely on the EnerGuide rating established before and after the work is completed in order to determine eligibility for a rebate.

**3. Renovations where the SCRD Building Inspector reviews the upgrades.**

Where a renovation takes place and energy upgrades are contemplated along with work requiring a building permit, and there is no energy adviser involved, a form must be filled out declaring what energy related work is to be undertaken. This form will then be part of the building permit issuance and the Building Inspector must view the site before work starts and at the completion of the work to determine eligibility for a rebate.

**Rebates on permits apply only where a fee for a building permit is collected.**

Below are additional incentive programs that may increase the return on your conservation investments:

**EcoEnergy Program** (ends Mar 2012) <http://tiny.cc/4lt2y>

**LiveSmart BC Program** (ends Mar 2013) <http://tiny.cc/fgahx>

**BC Hydro New Homes Program** <http://tiny.cc/xwwg2>

**FortisBC Incentives** (program deadlines vary) <http://tiny.cc/jazm0>

For a thorough list of additional incentive programs visit:  
<http://www.scrd.ca/Green-Grants-and-Rebates>

The SCRD Energy Rebate Program is made possible through generous support from FortisBC

For details on how to maximize your savings see our **Energy Rebate Program** details bulletin at our Field Road office or download from <http://www.scrd.ca/Forms--Bulletins>.



**Building Department**  
**ECO –ENERGY AUDIT FORM**  
*(for renovations requiring a building permit)*

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For an energy permit fee discount based on a before and after review by the Building Department to determine eligibility; consistent with amendment to Bylaw 535, 2004 Schedule B.

Declared upgrade:

- Energy Solar Window Upgrade
- R40 in attic from \_\_\_\_\_
- R20 in walls from \_\_\_\_\_
- Solar Hot Water
- Roof Solar Voltaics
- Air/Air Heat Pump
- High Efficiency Furnace Installation
- Geothermal Heating System

The above upgrades are to an existing home as part of a building permit for other work.

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Owner Signature

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Date

*This form must be submitted with a Building Permit Application for other work.*

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

### BYLAW NO. 535.6

#### **A bylaw to amend Sunshine Coast Regional District Building Bylaw No. 535, 2004 to provide for discounts to encourage energy conservation**

The Board of Directors of the Sunshine Coast Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as *Sunshine Coast Regional District Building Amendment Bylaw No. 535.6, 2011*.
2. *Sunshine Coast Regional District Building Bylaw No. 535, 2004* is hereby amended as follows:

- a) Insert a new Section B.1(17) as follows:

**B.1.(17) Eco Energy Discount**

Where a permit is required, a discount from the building permit fee otherwise payable shall be available to promote energy conservation as outlined in this bylaw.

- a.) For a building permit that includes the installation of any one or more of the following:

- i. Upgrade to energy star windows
- ii. Upgrade to R40 attic
- iii. Upgrade to R20 walls
- iv. Solar hot water heater
- v. Roof photo voltaics
- vi. Air to Air Heat Pump / ductless split
- vii. High efficiency furnace (renovations only)
- viii. Ultra high efficiency furnace (new construction only)
- ix. Geothermal system

with a construction value of \$50,000 or more, the building permit fee that would otherwise be payable shall be discounted by \$150, subject to a 'pre' and 'post' inspection; or

with a construction value less than \$50,000 the building permit fee that would otherwise be payable shall be discounted by \$100, subject to a 'pre' and 'post' installation inspection.

b.) In concert with a home energy assessment, and with a valid Ener-Guide rating certificate (blower test required) completed to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector, the building permit fee that would otherwise be payable shall be discounted as follows:

- i. EG 83+ \$150
- ii. EG 80-82 \$100
- iii. EG 75-79 \$50

c.) Only one discount will be applied per permit issued.

d.) Permits where no fee is payable are not eligible for the discount program.

e.) Discounts will be applied upon confirmation of successful completion of project, such that the full building permit fee shall be paid at the time of application for a building permit and any discount available under (a) or (b) above shall be returned to the applicant, without interest, upon completion of all inspections required under this Bylaw and confirmation of entitlement to the Eco Energy discount.

f.) This Section is deemed to be in force from the date of adoption to June 30, 2012.

READ A FIRST TIME	this	23 <sup>rd</sup>	day of	June, 2011
READ A SECOND TIME	this	23 <sup>rd</sup>	day of	June, 2011
READ A THIRD TIME	this	23 <sup>rd</sup>	day of	June, 2011
ADOPTED	this	14 <sup>th</sup>	day of	July, 2011

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CORPORATE OFFICER

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CHAIR