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Concerned Citizens of Campbell River Hold Townhall to Discuss Controversial Legislation

**Campbell River March 18th 2024—** Concerned Citizens of Campbell River will host a town hall meeting in Campbell River on March 26th at 7-10 pm to shed much-needed light on new provincial acts that have raised public and political concern.

This Campbell River group has invited the leaders of each provincial party in BC, as well as local mayors and councilors, to attend and possibly speak at this public event at the Maritime Heritage Centre, 621 Island Hwy. Local health care workers as well as Regional Districts and School Board Trustees have also been invited.

Since November 2022, several significant bills have been passed in the Legislature that will impact the lives of every British Columbian. These same bills have been criticized for quick passage through the legislature without full consultation of those most affected. The public has been left with unanswered questions and confusion in trying to understand the complex wording of the legislation.

The Acts are:

* Bill 36 (Health Professions and Occupations Act)
* Bill 31 (Emergency and Disaster Management Act)
* Bills 44, 46, and 47 (housing amendments acts)

“We need to unpack the information and ensure everyone has some knowledge and understanding,” said Ingrid Pincott, Event Coordinator.

“We believe it is essential for citizens to be aware of such important laws and to bring attention to them in a clear and comprehensive way. The goal is to provide a neutral and respectful platform to give the public an opportunity to hear all perspectives and form their own opinions”.

The town hall aims to fulfill that goal by featuring speakers well versed in aspects of these five pieces of legislation and provide an hour- long moderated question-and-answer period, followed by time for mingling.

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