



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

DATE: April 20, 2021

Report No. CSS-21-006

TO: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Blair McDonald, Director of Community Safety Services

SUBJECT:

Building Regulation Bylaw [Amendment No. 1]

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give first, second and third readings to Building Regulation Bylaw, 2017, No. 2899, Amendment Bylaw [No. 1], 2021, No. 3019.

RELEVANT POLICY:

Building Regulation Bylaw, 2017, No. 2899
Parking Bylaw, 1992, No. 2011

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Healthy, Livable and Diverse Community - Develop and implement strategies that reduce impact on the environment consistent with our Climate Action Charter goals

BACKGROUND:

At the April 12, 2021 meeting, Council approved changes to the Parking Bylaw relating to a requirement to provide Electric Vehicle parking under certain circumstances. This change to the Parking Bylaw necessitated a change to the Building Regulation Bylaw to allow for registered professionals to provide letters of assurance attesting that the requirements of the Bylaw have been met.

Additionally, several other changes to the Building Regulation Bylaw were required and are recommended at this time. The changes are outlined as follows:

- Amendments 1 through 5 relate to the changes to the Bylaw to bring it into alignment with the Parking Bylaw
- Amendment 6 makes changes to Section 15, allowing for the cancellation of an application in circumstances where the fee has not been paid nor the permit issued. It also will allow the building official to renew a permit.
- Amendment 7 changes the minimum permit fee from \$50 to \$100.

- Amendment 8 changes the fee calculation estimate chart values to reflect the change in the minimum permit fee amount.
- Amendment 9 establishes a minimum permit fee amount for a plumbing permit and deletes some text that is inaccurate and not used.
- Amendment 10 provides clarity to the conditions under which a deposit fee shall be forfeited to the Township

ISSUES:

1. Rationale for Selected Option

To aid in implementation of the EV charging ready requirements, an amendment to the Building Regulation Bylaw is necessary to allow for registered professionals to confirm the installation of electrical infrastructure to support EV charging. Several other housekeeping amendments are proposed as well.

2. Organizational Implications

There are no significant organizational impacts.

3. Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications

4. Sustainability & Environmental Implications

The amendment to the Building Regulation Bylaw will help to ensure EV ready new building construction

5. Communication & Engagement

The updated bylaw will be posted to the Township website.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. That Council give first, second and third readings to Building Regulation Bylaw, 2017, No.2899, Amendment Bylaw [No. 1], 2021, No. 3019.
2. That Council directs any amendments it considers appropriate to Bylaw No. 3019 prior to giving it first, second and third readings.
3. That Council refer Bylaw No. 3019 back to staff for further revision.