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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.

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COUNCIL MEETING 1980 03 10

RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO PERMIT FEE SCHEDULES - BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Following is a report from the Chief Building Inspector regarding proposed revisions to permit fee schedules which are administered by his department.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Chief Building Inspector be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1980 MARCH 04

FROM: CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR

RE: PERMIT FEE REVIEW

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Municipal Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to the Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Gas Fitting By-Laws to revise the respective permit fee schedules upward by 5%, and
2. THAT the Municipal Solicitor be requested to prepare amendments to Section 13, Section 4.(2), and 5.(4) of Burnaby Building By-Law No. 6333 to effect the changes covered in the body of this report.

REPORT:

A review of permit fee schedules has been undertaken in relation to the budgetary process for 1980. Revenue received for permit fees in 1979 amounted to \$652,867.00, or 81.9% of the Building Department's annual budget. On the value of construction predicted for 1980, the existing schedules of fees would recover 78% of the department's budget for 1980. Since this predicted revenue recovery is slightly below the target amount of 80%, it is proposed that the various by-law fee schedules all be adjusted upwards by 5% with the amounts rounded to the nearest half dollar. On the basis of all current indicators of construction activity, it is believed the 5% adjustment, if enacted by mid-April, will meet the target revenue of \$703,000.00 for 1980.

The following miscellaneous amendments to the Building By-Law No. 6333 are also proposed at this time:

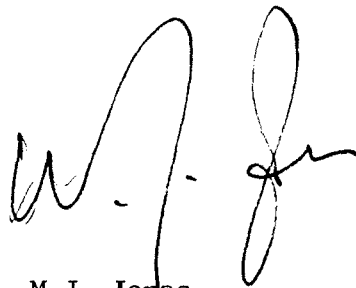
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1. Climatic data for the design of buildings - Section 13 - Change from present Imperial only and Fahrenheit temperatures to Metric and Celsius temperatures with Imperial and Fahrenheit continuing to be shown in brackets. When the changeover of by-laws to metric was made May 1978, the data in Section 13 was overlooked.
2. Add a new sentence to Section 4.(2) - the conditions governing issuance of building permit - to introduce the requirement for the posting of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$800 to guarantee the installation of landscaping in accordance with the approved plans promptly during or following the construction or alteration of any building, other than a single-family or two-family dwelling, for which Preliminary Plan Approval is granted pursuant to the Zoning By-Law.

The patrol of landscaping and site development is a heavy demand on the building inspection and office staff of this department, and is a cost which is now partly recovered from the general building permit fee. The above proposed bond is seen as a means of securing more prompt completion of this "after construction" phase of site development, thereby freeing staff to give increased inspection service during the building construction period.

The proposed by-law amendment would provide for the release of the bond immediately upon certification by the Building Inspector of completion of the required landscape and site development work.

3. Alter Section 5.(4) - the provision of an hourly rate for miscellaneous inspection for which no fee is recovered by building permit - to increase the hourly rate from \$20.00 to \$25.00, and thereby bring the Building By-Law into line with the rate set out in the existing Plumbing, Electrical, and Gas By-Laws for similar inspections; and extend coverage of the section to also include the same hourly rate for special search of building records to determine by-law compliance.



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