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Changes to the City Building Bylaw

If you are thinking of building, renovating, adding on, or changing the use of a building, there are important changes to the City of Prince Albert Building Bylaw that were approved under Bylaw 8 of 2010 at the March 22, 2010 City Council meeting including.

1. If you have a building permit for a building that has not passed all required inspections, and are selling the property the new owners must obtain a new building permit.
2. If the new Owners attend City Hall prior to transfer of title, the existing permit will be amended, without cost, to them. If the Department does not receive notification, the new owners will be required to obtain a new building permit at cost, inclusive of the \$250.00 fee applied for construction undertaken without a valid permit.

The requirements for applying for a building permit have changed. The only person(s) who may apply for building permit are as follows:

- The registered owner of the property wherein construction is occurring;
- A tradesman/contractor who has a current valid business license in the City of Prince Albert or;
- A person who holds a valid contractual commitment with the City to purchase the property upon which construction is to occur.

Extensions to a permit to complete work beyond the normal expiry date require a new permit, which will be issued for the minimum fee for an amount of time determined by the Building Inspector. Please note extensions are only provided when a project has reached final stage.

Several adjustments have been made to schedule "A", which defines the fees charged by the department. These include:

- Charges for after hour's inspections and inspections which require travel outside City limits have been changed. Minimum hourly rates are now \$100.00 per hour.
- Demolition and Moving permit minimum fees are now \$50.00 and demolition permits have an effective rate equal to a cost of \$1.00 per thousand dollars worth of value.

- There is now a \$100.00 fee for the provision of a report, stamp or other verification by the building department required by an establishment to show compliance with a licensing requirement.
- Building permits cancelled upon written request of an applicant within 90 days of issuance will have all fees refunded less a \$50.00 administration fee. After 90 days from the date of issuance, no refund will be provided.

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For more information go to www.citypa.com or contact:

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