STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 688
In noting that a recent decision by the Court of Queens Bench, which requires plans to be stamped by an Architect, caused a backlog of permits and approvals, Councillor Swandel questioned if the City would seek to have the ruling suspended and what other actions might be undertaken to ensure that matters move through the Planning, Property and Development Department.

Councillor De Smedt confirmed that the ruling has had an impact on permits that have to be issued and, for those that are outside the criteria of 400 square meters, there was going to be some architectural signatures required. He added that the Planning, Property and Development Department are working with Legal Services to see if the City ought to be taking a position to appeal.

Councillor Swandel inquired if any work was being done with the Province in this regard as the legislation in question was a provincial responsibility.

Councillor De Smedt advised that the administration was reviewing the situation in concert with Legal Services and would be advising on the best manner in which to proceed.