

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

MOTIONS

Minute No. 693

Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS a building permit helps ensure that any work done on your home was done correctly, complies with local building codes, zoning etc.;

AND WHEREAS a homeowner may have purchased a home that had prior work done to it without any building permits being issued;

AND WHEREAS a homeowner may have performed work and not realized at the time that a building permit was required;

AND WHEREAS a homeowner may be discouraged from obtaining a building permit for previous work due to the penalties applied for work already done without a permit;

AND WHEREAS we want to encourage everyone to get building permits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an amnesty program be approved, beginning January 2024 to allow homeowners to declare renovations, repairs, or other activities that were undertaken in their primary residence without proper permits, and that the associated non-compliance fees for post construction permits, be waived, upon application and payment for necessary permits for the declared project(s).

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy
Committee on Property and Development,
in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the
Procedure By-law