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Subject: Sprinkler Permit Fast Track - Update

Good morning Mayor and Council,

Over the past year, we have been working on the comprehensive recommendations for improvement of our sprinkler permitting program. These recommendations were developed with support from Deloitte. We have made progress in some key areas like our website, refined checklists, training, and additional resources on our sprinkler permitting team.

Beyond our work with Deloitte, we have also been engaging with industry representatives and Engineers and Geoscientists BC (EGBC) and have identified additional opportunities for improvement which we moving to implement imminently. These changes, summarized below, will be complemented by further work with EGBC on training for industry partners as applicants assume more responsibility in the administration of the sprinkler permitting program.

Industry Reliance

On Monday January 29th, we will be implementing the Sprinkler Permit Fast Track program. This will allow applicants to receive certain Sprinkler Permits within 24hrs. The scope of the Sprinkler Permit Fast Track includes the following:

- Majority of buildings four stories or less
- All underground parking
- Backflow preventers
- Tenant improvements
- Construction standpipes

Sprinkler permits will also no longer be required for:

- Simple repairs
- Sprinkler head replacement
- Sprinkler valve replacements

In addition to expediting the projects described above, the Fast Track program will also enable our permitting staff to focus their time and effort on timely reviews for more complex, higher-risk applications.

Engineer

- We are currently interviewing for an Engineer, with sprinkler industry experience, to oversee the sprinkler permit processing team.

Industry Sessions

We are looking forward to connecting with Industry again in Q2 of 2024, to gather feedback on these improvements.

Should you have any questions regarding sprinkler permitting or the above changes, please contact Andrea Law at [**Andrea.law@vancouver.ca**](mailto:Andrea.law@vancouver.ca)

Best,
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