

From: **"Levitt, Karen"**
To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**
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Subject: Correction: Permitting Improvements - Council Update

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please note the small correction to the headline for point no. 1 highlighted in red below.

Thanks,

Karen

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 12:13 PM
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Subject: Permitting Improvements - Council Update

Smith,

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you may be aware, in June 2024 staff will be providing a comprehensive update to Council on the City's land use permitting improvements. As a preview to that update, we are sharing here the attached memo, which outlines four significant changes that have been implemented that will substantially move the City toward our 3-3-3-1 permit processing targets. We note that the information we are sharing here is not confidential.

Key takeaways:

- **Faster sewer and water connection permits. Faster residential renovation permits.** Have raised the residential renovation threshold for sewer and water connection upgrades from \$95,000 to \$250,000, allowing 10% more permits to be processed within three days, and saving homeowners on average \$30,000 per application.
- **Faster multi-family applicant processing times.** Have eliminated the requirement for traffic impact studies in development permit applications, leading to faster processing times and saving multi-family applicants \$10,000 per application.
- **Faster permits for home renovations valued under \$250,000.** Coming into effect end-April 2024, the City will no longer require a street use permit and insurance naming the City as insured for home renovations valued under \$250,000, making 10-15% more permits eligible for processing in 3 days, reducing costs and review times.
- **24-hour auto-issuance for most sprinkler permits.** Recently implemented auto-issuance within 24 hours for most sprinkler permits, with 93% of applications qualifying within the first nine weeks of the program (approximately 250 permits).

The June 2024 comprehensive Council update will be supported by a full communications package. Should you be speaking to the media on this topic before then, we encourage you to reference the information above and in the memo. And, in the interim, you are as always welcome to refer media inquiries to media@vancouver.ca.

Thanks,

Karen

Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager (she/her)