



# CP Program – Permit Fee Refunds CP Seminar

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## Program history

- Refund requests have been an option for eligible projects since 1987:
  - Original intent was to encourage developers to engage CP's as an alternative processing stream
- In 2019 procedures were updated to reflect a 90 day request period limit post-Occupancy:
  - Intent was to accelerate administrative processing by limiting claim period
  - Effect was to support close-out of claims before applicant enterprises wrapped-up
  - Accountability was improved through limitation of refund to the entity that paid fees

## Refund eligibility

Building Permit refund practice:

- Future eligibility for CP BP fee refund will end on 31 December 2023 for CP projects that do not have an accepted intake
- ‘5-year transition’ rule:
  - CP Projects that have an accepted building permit intake as of 31 December 2023 will remain eligible to apply for a refund if those projects achieve final occupancy by 31 December 2028
- The last CP BP fee refund eligibility date would be ~ 1 April 2029 (31 December + 90 days)

# Changes to be implemented

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## Fee discount

*Social Housing* Building Permit fee discount (as of January 2024):

- Social Housing projects may be eligible for a 20% BP fee discount
  - This discount acknowledges the City’s mandate to use CPs for certain Social Housing projects, and is eligible per the discretion of the CBO
  - The project must meet the Social Housing definition per the Zoning and Development By-law
  - The permitting and construction of the project must be supported by City Project Facilitation staff
  - The project must proceed through the CP project alternative building permit stream
  - Limited to valid BP applications submitted on, or after, 1 January 2024
- BP fee discounts must be applied for prior to payment
  - Liaise via Project Facilitator





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- **Update on new Vancouver Building By-law**
- **Council Motion on “expansion of CP Program”**
- **Introducing Jacky Tsang**
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