

City concerned about unpermitted construction and renovation projects during COVID-19

(Penticton, BC – April 22, 2020) –The City of Penticton’s Building and Licensing Department is reminding residents planning or beginning new construction or renovation projects during the COVID-19 public health crisis to only do so with the proper permits in place and licensed contractors hired.

“Over the past few weeks our department has encountered a number of projects starting without inspections or permits,” stated Deputy Director of Development Services, Ken Kunka. “Although City Hall may be closed to the public, we are still available and have put measures in place to ensure that we are meeting to the needs of the construction industry and monitoring unpermitted work.”

Permits help ensure minimum health, safety and land use regulations are being met. Permits also assist in regulating trades that may not be licensed to do work in the city. Under Provincial law, every owner is responsible for ensuring construction meets BC building regulations. Complications may arise when selling or re-mortgaging a property when it is found works took place without required permits.

“Homeowners are reminded to maintain a safe COVID-19 working environment through social distancing and WorkSafe BC standards when working with contractors.”

For more information regarding building permits, please contact the Building Department at 250-490-2571 or email buildinginfo@penticton.ca to arrange a consultation or digital application.

Building Permit and Licensing information during COVID-19 can be reviewed on the City’s [website](#) and residents can also watch the City’s Building Permit [video](#) for tips and other information.

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