



Outstanding Building Permits

Policy Statement:

The District of Sooke shall review all outstanding building permits and only those meeting one of the following criteria will receive active enforcement:

- i) Building permits issued after December 31st, 1994; or
- ii) Building permits issued for a structure intended for commercial use, institutional use, or public assembly; or
- iii) Building permits issued for buildings or structures that are known by the District to have outstanding safety issues that may not have been resolved.

All other building permit files older than December 31st, 1994 shall not be actively pursued for enforcement and those files shall be closed. Owners of property with an outstanding building permit will be encouraged to complete the requirements of the outstanding building permit and obtain an occupancy permit

Policy Objective:

To pursue compliance with health and safety requirements to the extent that is feasible and to reduce any potential liability exposure of the Capital Regional District and the District of Sooke in relation to incomplete building permit files.

Policy Background:

Prior to incorporation of the District of Sooke, building inspection and regulation services were carried out by the Capital Regional District pursuant to the "Building Inspection Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1750". As of December 7, 1999 that service was transferred to the District of Sooke by Section 14.0 of the Letters Patent issued pursuant to Order In Council 1159.

Due to the large number of outstanding building permits, the age of the permits, and the limited financial resources of the District of Sooke, it is a severe financial burden to actively pursue all permits.

Policy Goal:

It is the District of Sooke's responsibility to enforce the provisions of the BC Building Code.