

AGENDA SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (PUBLIC HEARING)

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Shaw Auditorium, Vancouver Island Conference Centre

80 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, BC

SCHEDULED RECESS AT 9:00 P.M.

Pages 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:** 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: 4. **PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:** Chair to explain the Public Hearing process. 5. CALL THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER FOR COVENANT AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. CA19 - 6340 MCROBB AVENUE 4 - 12 a. Covenant Amendment Application No. CA19 - 6340 McRobb Avenue [Note: Please click to view the <u>Public Hearing Written Submissions</u>.] To be introduced by Staff. The Applicant to be provided an opportunity to outline their proposal. Comments from the Public.

Following the close of the Public Hearing for Covenant Amendment Application No. CA19 - 6340 McRobb Avenue, no further comments or submissions can be

ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CA19 - 6340 MCROBB AVENUE

Section 219 covenants at 6340 McRobb Avenue as proposed through Covenant Amendment Application No. CA19 - 6340 McRobb Avenue.

Recommendation: That Council direct Staff to discharge and replace existing

accepted by members of City Council.

6. REPORTS:

a. Bylaw Contravention Notice - Construction Started Without a Building Permit - 431 Maple Street

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To be introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Purpose: To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 431 Maple Street.

Delegation:

1. Han Lei Huang

Recommendation: That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 431 Maple Street for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

b. Bylaw Contravention Notice - Construction Started Without a Building Permit - 5380 Fillinger Crescent

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To be introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Purpose: To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 5380 Fillinger Crescent.

Recommendation: That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 5380 Fillinger Crescent for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

c. Bylaw Contravention Notice - Construction Started Without a Building Permit - 668 Pine Street

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To be introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Purpose: To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 668 Pine Street.

Recommendation: That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 668 Pine Street for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

d. Bylaw Contravention Notice - Construction Started Without a Building Permit - 2306 Pheasant Terrace

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To be introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Purpose: To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a

Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 2306 Pheasant Terrace.

Recommendation: That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 2306 Pheasant Terrace for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

e. Bylaw Contravention Notice - Construction Started Without a Building Permit - 5326 Dewar Road

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To be introduced by Jeremy Holm, Director, Planning and Development.

Purpose: To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 5326 Dewar Road.

Recommendation: That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 5326 Dewar Road for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

7. ADJOURNMENT:



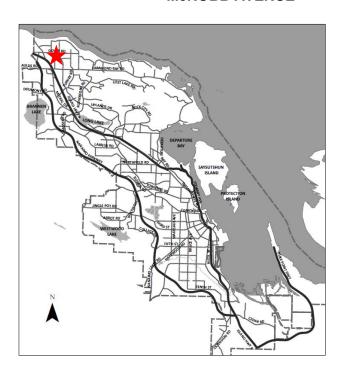
File Number: CA000019

DATE OF MEETING April 7, 2025

AUTHORED BY CALEB HORN, PLANNER, CURRENT PLANNING

SUBJECT COVENANT AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. CA19 – 6340

McROBB AVENUE



Proposal:

To amend covenants on the property title to facilitate the development of a multi-family residential project



Zoning:

R9 - High Density Residential

City Plan Land Use Designation:

Woodgrove Secondary Urban Centre

Development Permit Areas:

DPA8 - Form and Character

Lot Area:

1.28ha - Total Lot Area

1.04ha - Buildings 2 and 3 Area





OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To seek Council's direction on an application to amend previously approved Section 219 covenants at 6340 McRobb Avenue, in order to facilitate the development of a proposed multi-family residential project.

Recommendation

That Council direct Staff to proceed with a Public Hearing for the proposed Covenant Amendment for 6340 McRobb Avenue.

BACKGROUND

A Covenant Amendment application, CA19, was received from Townsite Planning Inc., on behalf of 6340 McRobb Holdings Ltd., to amend previously approved Section 219 covenants for the property located at 6340 McRobb Avenue. The amendments would facilitate the proposed development of Buildings 2 and 3 for a multi-family residential project. Building 1, branded as "The Mint", is a 6-storey building currently under construction on the easterly portion of the lot and will consist of 66 residential dwelling units.

The subject property is zoned for high-density residential use and allows a maximum 20-storey building height. Section 219 covenants that dictate development conditions were registered on the property title in 2005 and 2009 through rezoning. Subsequent modification covenants were registered in 2020 to allow Building 1 to proceed as a 6-storey building.

At its special meeting of 2023-NOV-16, Council directed Staff to discharge and replace the existing Section 219 covenants as proposed through Covenant Amendment application CA17 (see Attachment D). Those amendments were to facilitate a change in the proposed building form for the remaining phases from 20 storeys to 6 storeys. Since that time, the applicant has proposed changes to Buildings 2 and 3 in order to accommodate a purpose-built rental component (CA19).

A Development Permit application for Buildings 2 and 3, DP1260, is being reviewed concurrently and will be considered for approval if the Covenant Amendment is approved.

Subject Property and Site Context

The subject property is located in north Nanaimo in the Woodgrove Secondary Urban Centre. The property is generally flat and has previously been cleared of most vegetation except for some stands of trees. Sentinal Drive, a privately maintained road with public access, borders the northeast portion of the property and connects to McRobb Avenue. Another portion of Sentinal Drive bisects the lot to connect with Calinda Street and separates the undeveloped portion of the site from Building 1.

The surrounding neighbourhood is a mix of medium-density residential, institutional, and commercial uses. Adjacent properties include a 16-unit townhouse development to the north in addition to other multi-family apartment buildings across Sentinal Drive. Residential building heights on neighbouring properties range from two to six storeys. Nearby amenities in walking



distance (within 500m) include retail and restaurant services (e.g. Woodgrove Shopping Centre), McGirr Sports Fields, Dover Bay Secondary School, and the Vancouver Island Regional Library.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Development

The proposed site and building design for Buildings 2 & 3 will be considered through the associated Development Permit (DP1260). The design is generally the same as presented through CA17 in 2023, with some minor form and character changes on the north elevation of Building 3 including an increased setback and reduced window openings to address concerns of overlook raised during the CA17 process.

Along with the minor form and character change, the owner is proposing to increase the combined number of dwelling units for Buildings 2 and 3 from 266 to 296 if Building 2 is constructed as purpose-built rental. This flexibility will allow a change in unit composition, with fewer three-bedroom units and more one- and two-bedroom.

Proposed Covenant Amendment

In order to facilitate the proposed development, the applicant is proposing revisions to the covenant terms approved through CA17. A comparison of the original covenant terms, the approved CA17 terms, and the current proposal (CA19) is summarized in the below table, with the proposed CA19 items underlined:

Covenant Term	Original Covenants (2005, 2009, 2020)	Approved CA17 (2023) Covenant	Proposed CA19 Covenant
Maximum Building Height	66.0m and 20 storeys	20.5m and 6 storeys	20.5m and 6 storeys
Maximum Number of Dwelling Units (Combined Buildings 2 & 3)	308 units	266 units	266 units, or 296 units if Building 2 is 100% purpose-built rental
Minimum Setback from North Property Line	17.0m	7.5m; 10.0m for uppermost floor	8.4m; 10.0m for uppermost floor
Parking	Minimum 95% underground	Minimum 95% underground	Minimum 95% underground
Maximum Building Footprint	809m ² – West Tower 838m ² – East Tower	n/a	n/a
Minimum Separation Between Buildings	23.0m	n/a	n/a

The proposed general terms of the covenant are included as Attachment B. While the total number of units proposed (296) has increased since 2023 (266), the proposed number of units in



Buildings 2 and 3 will still be less than what is permitted by the original covenant (308). The applicant intends to develop Building 2 as a purpose-built rental building, but would like to keep flexibility for market ownership units in the event that unforeseen circumstances impact financing for purpose-built rental. The proposed terms include a restriction on the number of units (266) as approved through CA17 if rental tenure is not provided. Additionally, the proposed covenant terms will secure shared access for residents to the outdoor common amenity spaces located between Buildings 2 and 3 (e.g. walkways, seating area, play areas) regardless of tenure.

The covenant terms will maintain the requirement for the Community Amenity Contribution of \$175,000 to be paid at the time of the first Building Permit, as previously approved through rezoning.

Policy Context

City Plan

City Plan identifies the subject property within the Woodgrove Secondary Urban Centre future land use designation where residential uses are supported in apartment building forms with typical building heights between two and 12 storeys. Staff support the proposed Covenant Amendment which is consistent with City Plan objectives to allow for greater flexibility in housing types and tenure.

OPTIONS

Council's Covenant Amendment Process Policy outlines the process for considering an amendment to a covenant previously secured through rezoning. Where the proposed Covenant Amendment pertains to land use, density, or community contributions, Council may choose to direct the application to a Public Hearing. A Public Hearing for a Covenant Amendment is not a statutory requirement and is not impacted by provincial legislation for Public Hearings in the Local Government Act. Given that CA19 pertains to density and includes revisions to CA17 which was previously considered at a Public Hearing, Staff recommend directing CA19 to a Public Hearing.

Per the City's Policy, should Council not direct the application to a Public Hearing, the Covenant Amendment can be considered for approval at an upcoming regular Council meeting in a manner consistent with notification requirements for Development Variance Permits. The two options available to Council are outlined as follows.

- 1. That Council direct Staff to proceed with notification to consider the proposed Covenant Amendment at an upcoming <u>Public Hearing</u>.
 - The advantages of this option: Neighbours will be given the opportunity to be heard at a Public Hearing which is consistent with the previous Covenant Amendment application (CA17).
 - The disadvantages of this option: The application will need to wait until the next available Public Hearing which is scheduled in May.



- 2. That Council direct Staff to proceed with notification to consider the proposed Covenant Amendment at an upcoming <u>regular Council meeting</u>.
 - The advantages of this option: The application may be considered earlier based on Council's meeting schedule than by proceeding with Public Hearing.
 - The disadvantages of this option: The format for neighbours to be heard would not be consistent with the previous Covenant Amendment application (CA17).

SUMMARY POINTS

- Covenant Amendment Application No. CA19 proposes to amend previously approved Section 219 covenants at 6340 McRobb Avenue to facilitate the development of Buildings 2 and 3 of a multi-family residential project.
- At its special meeting of 2023-NOV-16, Council directed Staff to discharge and replace the existing Section 219 covenants in accordance with Covenant Amendment application CA17.
- Since that time, the applicant has proposed changes to Buildings 2 and 3 in order to accommodate a purpose-built rental component (CA19).
- Staff support the proposed Covenant Amendment which is consistent with City Plan objectives to allow for greater flexibility in housing types and tenure.

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Subject Property Map

ATTACHMENT B: Proposed General Covenant Terms

ATTACHMENT C: Proposed Site Plan

ATTACHMENT D: Link to Report to Council 2023-OCT-16 – Covenant Amendment

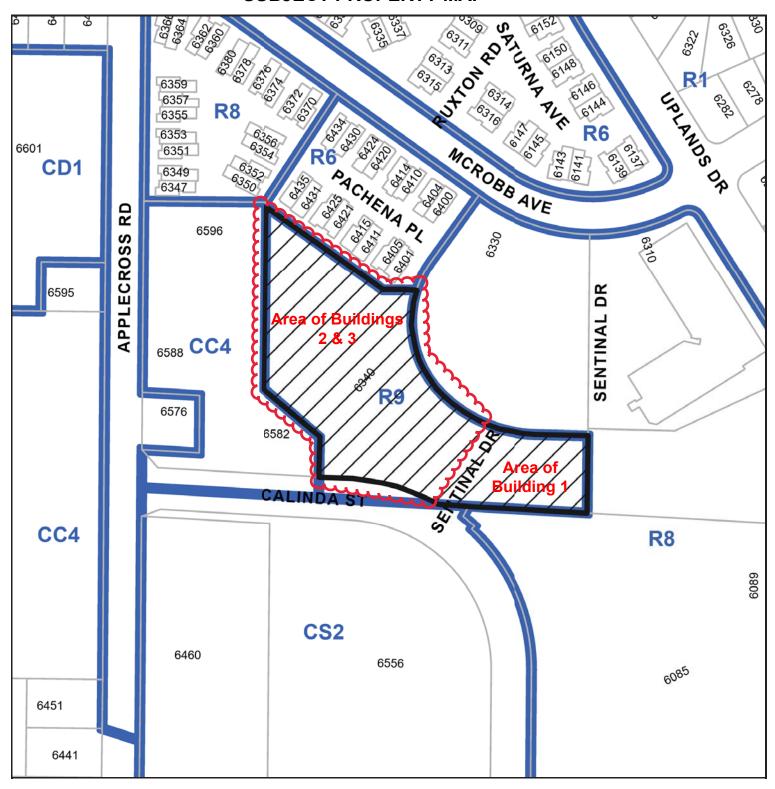
Application CA17

Submitted by: Concurrence by:

Lainya Rowett Claire Negrin

Manager, Current Planning Acting Director, Planning & Development

ATTACHMENT A SUBJECT PROPERTY MAP



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6340 MCROBB AVENUE

ATTACHMENT B PROPOSED GENERAL COVENANT TERMS

6340 McRobb Avenue – General Covenant Terms – CA17 and CA19

Development Details			
1.1	Limit Building 1 on the easterly portion of the lot to:		
	A maximum of six storeys; andA maximum of 66 residential dwelling units.		
1.2	Limit Buildings 2 and 3 on the westerly portion of the lot to:		
	 A maximum of six storeys and 20.5m; and A combined maximum of 266 residential dwelling units. Should Building 2 be secured as a purpose-built rental building, then the maximum combined number of dwelling units of Buildings 2 and 3 must not exceed 296. 		
1.3	Require a minimum setback of 8.4m from the north property line for any portion of building above finished grade, except the uppermost floor which will require a minimum setback of 10.0m from the north property line.		
1.4	Require a minimum of 95% of all vehicle parking provided to be underground with vehicle access only from Calinda Street.		
Outdoor Space			
2.1	Outdoor common amenity spaces located within the central area between Buildings 2 and 3 will be shared between and available to residents in both buildings.		
Amenity Contrib	outions		
3.1	A monetary contribution of \$175,000 will be paid towards the City's Housing Legacy Reserve Fund prior to building permit issuance for Building 2 or 3, whichever occurs first.		

Items underlined are revisions proposed through CA19

ATTACHMENT C PROPOSED SITE PLAN



ATTACHMENT D

2023-OCT-16 CA17 STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Link to 2023-OCT-16 CA17 Staff Report to Council:

https://pub-nanaimo.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?ld=bedd482a-4143-4b9f-9ee6-e0111347b7fa&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=25&Tab=attachments



File Number: CIB06251

DATE OF MEETING May 15, 2025

AUTHORED BY DARCY FOX, MANAGER, BUILDING INSPECTIONS

SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED

WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 431 MAPLE STREET

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 431 Maple Street.

Recommendation

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 431 Maple Street for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

BACKGROUND

Building regulations for the City of Nanaimo are outlined in the "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224" and are enforced by the Building Inspections section and where necessary, Bylaw Services.

Where construction has been undertaken without a building permit, and in violation of the Building Bylaw, a report is brought forward for a resolution of Council to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title under Section 57 of the *Community Charter*. The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

DISCUSSION

An inspection was completed on 2024-MAY-15 in response to a complaint received regarding illegal construction. The inspection confirmed that an addition at the back of the building was underway, as well as some interior renovations, without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted on the jobsite and correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that a building permit was required for the work. The deadline for a building permit application was 2024-JUN-28. To date, a building permit application has not been received. A building inspector attended the property again on 2025-MAR-28 as part of a follow up inspection and confirmed work had continued despite no issued building permit.

Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, it is recommended a notice be registered on the property title to reflect the work completed without a permit or inspections in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No 7224".



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Further to the registration of this notice, the matter will be forwarded to Bylaw Services for enforcement action.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Construction requiring a building permit was undertaken without first obtaining a permit.
- The deadline to submit a building permit application has passed.
- Work has continued despite no issued building permit.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

Submitted by:	Concurrence by:
Darcy Fox	Jeremy Holm
Manager, Building Inspections	Director, Planning & Development

Delegation Request

Delegation's Information:

Han Lei Huang has requested an appearance before Council regarding 431 Maple Street.

City: Nanaimo Province: BC

Delegation Details:

The requested date is 2025-MAY-15

Bringing a presentation: Yes

Details of the Presentation: To discuss circumstances and explore options and

alternatives.



File Number: CIB06225

DATE OF MEETING May 15, 2025

AUTHORED BY DARCY FOX, MANAGER, BUILDING INSPECTIONS

SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED

WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 5380 FILLINGER CRESCENT

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 5380 Fillinger Crescent.

Recommendation

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 5380 Fillinger Crescent for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

BACKGROUND

Building regulations for the City of Nanaimo are outlined in the "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224" and are enforced by the Building Inspections section and where necessary, Bylaw Services.

Where construction has been undertaken without a building permit, and in violation of the Building Bylaw, a report is brought forward for a resolution of Council to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title under Section 57 of the *Community Charter*. The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

DISCUSSION

A Building Inspector and Bylaw Enforcement Officer attended the property in response to a complaint received regarding illegal construction and were denied access on 2024-APR-25 and 2024-OCT-24. A follow-up inspection was completed on 2024-DEC-16. The inspection confirmed that a detached garage had been converted to living space without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted on the accessory building. Correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that full deconstruction was required to return the structure to a garage as the building was not compliant with BC Building Code to create a living space. A Building Inspector attended the site again on 2025-MAR-20 and confirmed that no action has been taken by the property owner.

Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, a notice on title is recommended to reflect the construction undertaken without a permit.

Further to the registration of this notice, the matter will be forwarded to Bylaw Services for enforcement action.



SUMMARY POINTS

- Construction requiring a building permit was undertaken without first obtaining a permit.
- The deadline for deconstruction has passed.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.
- Further to the registration of the notice, this matter will be referred to Bylaw Services for further enforcement.

Submitted by: Concurrence by:

Darcy Fox Jeremy Holm
Manager, Building Inspections Director, Planning & Development



File Number: CIB05658

DATE OF MEETING May 15, 2025

AUTHORED BY DARCY FOX, MANAGER, BUILDING INSPECTIONS

SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED

WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 668 PINE STREET

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 668 Pine Street.

Recommendation

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 668 Pine Street for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

BACKGROUND

Building regulations for the City of Nanaimo are outlined in the "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224" and are enforced by the Building Inspections section and where necessary, Bylaw Services.

Where construction has been undertaken without a building permit, and in violation of the Building Bylaw, a report is brought forward for a resolution of Council to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title under Section 57 of the *Community Charter*. The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

DISCUSSION

A fire inspection conducted by FLPD on 2021-MAR-04 revealed a previous grow operation and structural alterations to the building had taken place. At that time, the owner was maintaining the premises in such a state of disrepair that a fire starting in it might spread rapidly to endanger life or other property. As a result, a Fire Order and Do Not Occupy order were posted. The owner was notified that a building permit application was to be submitted to repair the building to comply with zoning, fire and building codes and to remediate damages from a previous grow operation. The property owner denied access to the building for a follow-up inspection and took no action to resolve the issues.

The property was sold to new owners in February 2025 and the new owner was made aware of the Do Not Occupy Order. In March 2025, there was a complaint received that construction was taking place within the building. In a follow-up inspection on 2025-MAR-19, the building inspector observed alterations to the building were underway and a work crew was working within the



building. At the inspection, the lower floor Do Not Occupy was reposted. Correspondence with the new owner and several meetings have taken place regarding the Do Not Occupy Order that remains in place. Following the registration of the notice, further action will be required to resolve the outstanding issues.

Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, it is recommended a notice be registered on the property title to reflect the work completed without a permit or inspections in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No 7224".

SUMMARY POINTS

- A fire inspection revealed a previous grow operation and structural alterations had taken place within the building at 668 Pine Street.
- A Fire Order and Do Not Occupy Order were posted in March 2021.
- The property ownership changed in February 2025.
- The Do Not Occupy Order was reposted in March 2025.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

Submitted by:

Darcy Fox
Manager, Building Inspections

Concurrence by:

Jeremy Holm
Director, Planning & Development



File Number: CIB06337

DATE OF MEETING May 15, 2025

AUTHORED BY DARCY FOX, MANAGER, BUILDING INSPECTIONS

SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED

WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT - 2306 PHEASANT TERRACE

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 2306 Pheasant Terrace.

Recommendation

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 2306 Pheasant Terrace for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

BACKGROUND

Building regulations for the City of Nanaimo are outlined in the "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224" and are enforced by the Building Inspections section and where necessary, Bylaw Services.

Where construction has been undertaken without a building permit, and in violation of the Building Bylaw, a report is brought forward for a resolution of Council to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title under Section 57 of the *Community Charter*. The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

DISCUSSION

An inspection was completed on 2024-NOV-06 after a building inspector noticed construction underway while conducting an inspection at a neighbouring property. The inspection confirmed framing of a new front porch roof was underway without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted on the jobsite and correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that a building permit was required for the work. The deadline for a building permit application was 2025-FEB-10. To date, a building permit application has not been received.

Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, it is recommended a notice be registered on the property title to reflect the work completed without a permit or inspections in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No 7224".

As the construction is considered a safety hazard, following the registration of this notice, the matter will be forwarded to Bylaw Services for enforcement action.



SUMMARY POINTS

- Construction requiring a building permit was undertaken without first obtaining a permit.
- The deadline to submit a building permit application has passed and no application has been received.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.
- Further to the registration of the notice, this matter will be referred to Bylaw Services for further enforcement.

Submitted by: Concurrence by:

Darcy Fox Jeremy Holm
Manager, Building Inspections Director, Planning & Development



File Number: CIB06289

DATE OF MEETING May 15, 2025

AUTHORED BY DARCY FOX, MANAGER, BUILDING INSPECTIONS

SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED

WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 5326 DEWAR ROAD

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 5326 Dewar Road.

Recommendation

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 5326 Dewar Road for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

BACKGROUND

Building regulations for the City of Nanaimo are outlined in the "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224" and are enforced by the Building Inspections section and where necessary, Bylaw Services.

Where construction has been undertaken without a building permit, and in violation of the Building Bylaw, a report is brought forward for a resolution of Council to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title under Section 57 of the *Community Charter*. The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

DISCUSSION

An inspection was completed on 2024-OCT-18 and 2024-DEC-11 in response to a complaint received regarding illegal suites within the dwelling. The inspections confirmed interior alterations took place on the middle floor to create a short-term rental unit without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted and correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that a building permit was required for the work; or alternatively, removal of the illegal construction to return the dwelling to a single-family dwelling with a secondary suite. The deadline for a building permit application or inspection for removal was 2025-FEB-18. Following the notification of the matter being brought forward to Council, the property owner scheduled an inspection and a building inspector attended the property on 2025-MAY-07. The inspector observed that partial removal of the illegal construction had taken place but some illegal construction remains.

Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, it is recommended a notice be registered on the property title to reflect the work completed without a permit or inspections in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No 7224".



Further to the registration of this notice, the matter will be forwarded to Bylaw Services for enforcement action.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Construction requiring a building permit was undertaken without first obtaining a permit.
- The deadline to submit a building permit application has passed.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.
- Further to the registration of the notice, this matter will be referred to Bylaw Services for further enforcement.

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