

# **Staff Report for Decision**

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SUBJECT BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED

WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 311 WOODHAVEN DRIVE

#### **OVERVIEW**

## **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 311 Woodhaven Drive.

#### 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 311 Woodhaven Drive for construction started without a building permit in contravention of "Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224".

#### **BACKGROUND**

An inspection was completed on 2019-JUN-03 in response to a complaint received regarding illegal construction. The inspection confirmed that work to enclose the upper deck to create living space was underway, and the front entry deck, including stairs, was being rebuilt without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted on the job site and correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that the illegal work is to be deconstructed and a permit to rebuild would be required. The deadline for deconstruction and application for a building permit was 2019-JUN-19. As the property owner indicated a building permit application was close to being submitted, an extension was allowed. However, 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".

Further to the registration of the notice, Staff will be seeking a Safety Upgrade Order at a future Council meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice (Section 57 of the *Community Charter*) 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.



## **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, Staff will be seeking a Safety Upgrade Order at a future Council meeting.

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