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SUBJECT | BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 5401 LESLIE CRESCENT |

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 5401 Leslie 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 5401 Leslie 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

An inspection was completed on 2021-JUL-27 in response to a complaint received regarding illegal construction. The inspection confirmed that a large window had been installed in the bedroom on the second floor in the back left corner without a building permit. Correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that a building permit was required for the work. A building permit application was subsequently received; however, the permit has now expired with the illegal works remaining and deficiencies outstanding.

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

- Construction requiring a building permit was undertaken without first obtaining a permit.
- A building permit was issued but has now expired with the illegal works remaining and deficiencies outstanding.
- 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.

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