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SUBJECT | BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 120 SWAN PLACE |

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 120 Swan Place. |

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 120 Swan Place 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

As the result of a Stop Work Order being posted on 2021-JAN-26 for work started without a permit, a building permit (BP127611) for enclosing and finishing the basement was applied for and subsequently issued 2021-NOV-29. The permit was revised on 2022-APR-06 to include the exterior stairs and landings. The permit has now expired with deficiencies remaining outstanding in contravention of the Building Bylaw. Correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising of the expiring permit and providing opportunity to rectify the outstanding deficiencies, but to date, the deficiencies have not been resolved.

Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, it is recommended that a notice be registered on the above-noted property title to reflect the work undertaken without a permit or inspections in contravention of “Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224.”

The construction is considered a safety issue and will be referred to Bylaw Services for a Safety Upgrade Order. |

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.
- Further to the registration of the notice, this matter will be referred to Bylaw Services for further enforcement.

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