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**SUBJECT | BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED  
WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 63 HOWARD AVENUE |**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 63 Howard Avenue. |

### **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 63 Howard Avenue 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-SEP-03 in response to a complaint received regarding illegal construction. The inspection confirmed that work was underway to construct a carport without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted on the jobsite and correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that the construction does not comply with City of Nanaimo Zoning and Building Bylaws, as well as BC Building Code, therefore, full deconstruction and removal were required. The deadline for deconstruction and removal was 2024-NOV-20. To date, only a partial deconstruction has taken place.

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 for full deconstruction and removal has passed and only partial deconstruction has taken place.
- 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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