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TOWN OF PORT HAWKESBURY

A By-Law Respecting Fees in Regard to Building Permits

Short Title

1. This by-law shall be known and may be cited as the "Building Permit Fees By-Law"

Interpretation

2. In this by-law:

- a) *"Act"* means the *Building Code Act*;
- b) *"Accessory Building"* is a Building which is Accessory, and less than 55 square metres in area, and only one storey in height;
- c) *"building official"* means the authority having jurisdiction in the Town under the Act and the Building Code Regulations of the Province of Nova Scotia;
- d) "Council" means the Council of the Town;
- e) *"commercial, industrial or institutional construction"* means construction governed by Part 3 of the National Building Code;
- f) *"policy"* means a policy adopted by Council pursuant to Part III of the Municipal Government Act.
- g) *"residential construction"* means construction governed by Part 9 of the National Building Code, and includes modular homes;
- h) *"Town"* means the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Fees

- 3. (1) The fees for an application for and the issuance of a building permit shall be as follows:
 - a) For residential construction, including modular homes:
 Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$0.14 per square foot, per floor; and \$0.08 per square foot for basements, finished or unfinished
 - b) For mobile homes: Seventy Five Dollars (\$75)

- c) For commercial, industrial or institutional construction:
 Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$0.18 per square foot
- d) For agricultural buildings: Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$0.08 per square foot
- e) For accessory buildings: Fifty Dollars (\$50) flat fee
- For additions to, or alterations of, existing buildings:
 Twenty Dollars (\$20) plus: \$2.50 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) value of the construction.
- (2) Where any construction, repairs or alterations are commenced without issuance of a building permit, as required by the Act and the Building Code Regulations, the fee for issuance of a permit shall be double the amounts set out in subsection (1).
- (3) The fee for issuance of a renewal of a building permit, a development permit, or a demolition permit shall be \$20.00. No fee shall be charged for issuance of an occupancy permit.
- (4) Where a permit issued under this section is not used, and an application for a refund is made in writing to the building official within 30 days of issuance of the permit, the applicant shall receive a refund of 50% of the fee paid.

Effective Date

4. The fees prescribed in section 3 hereof shall be in effect in regard to all applications filed with the building official of the Town from and after the date upon which this by-law comes into force.

Amendment of Fees

- 5. (1) Council may amend the fees fixed under section 3 by a policy adopted pursuant to paragraph 49(1)(c)(iii) of the Municipal Government Act.
 - (2) A certified copy of a policy adopted under subsection (1) hereof shall be appended to the copy of this by-law maintained by the Town, and shall include the effective date of the amendment.

Repeal

- 6. (1) That part of any previous by-law or policy of the Town respecting those fees fixed under section 3 is hereby repealed and of no further force.
 - (2) The Building By-Law approved March 3, 1987 together with any amendments thereto is hereby repealed and of no further force.

Annotation for Official By-Law Book	
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Date of Mailing Certified Copy to SNSMR:	March 29, 2016
I certify that this By-law to Amend the Port Hawkesbury Building By-Law was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.	

Maris Freimanis P. Eng. Chief Administrative Officer <u>March 29, 2016</u> Date