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PURPOSE

To inform staff, developers, designers, licensed builders, plumbers, gas fitters and owners of the natural gas, plumbing and building permit fee increases.

BACKGROUND

Council Policy 224 directs the Building and Permitting Branch to review all user fees annually to ensure full recovery of administrative and inspection costs. As per Council Policy 224 staff has reviewed all bylaws pertaining to natural gas, plumbing and building permit and inspection fees. The review found that the last fee increases were as follows Natural Gas Permit Fees 1987, Plumbing Permit Fees 1988 and Building Permit Fees 1993. In order to comply with the Council Policy for cost recovery, it is necessary to increase the fees relating to Natural Gas, Plumbing and Building Permits.

A review of comparable municipalities has shown that the City of Kelowna currently has nearly the lowest permit fees with respect to the subject bylaws. The tables on the following page show that after the necessary fee increases the City of Kelowna will continue to have one of the lowest fee levels when evaluated against comparable cities. The fee values shown for all three bylaws are estimated based on an average \$200,000.00 construction value for a home.

CONCLUSION

The fee rate increases are in effect for all applicable projects applied for on or after January 1, 2012.

Information regarding the changes to natural gas, plumbing and building fees can be obtained at the City of Kelowna or by calling 250-469-8960.

Building Bylaw Schedule A
Gas Bylaw Schedule A
Plumbing Bylaw Appendix A

