

Recommendation:

That the Building Department-2022-01 report, dated February 1, 2022, regarding 2022 Building Department Fees be received and that Council receive the report for information.

Overview:

Near the end of each year, staff review Budget to Actuals and inflation updates to determine the appropriate fees to charge for services in the following year. During 2021, inflation was fairly flat through the start of the year, but rose sharply at the end, which makes the use of our standard September to September year over year comparison a bit unrealistic, especially with construction material pricing being extremely variable at the present time. In addition, the volume of permits in 2021 was very high, which has left the 2021 end of year with positive reserve balance.

It would seem reasonable for 2022 to maintain our permit fees at their current rate and review again for 2023 when the appropriate time comes, considering the increase of inflation from 2021 to 2023 at that future time.

Please note that this would only apply to Building and Septic permit/user fees, but not to Development Charges, which are subject to different by-laws and regulations.

Conclusion:

Based on current situations and volatile inflation changes, it is reasonable to maintain the 2021 fee schedule into 2022.

Financial Impact:

No impact at this time is forecasted by this decision.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To ensure and enable an effective and efficient municipal administration.

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

N/A

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