

# County of St Paul No 19

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## **Issue Summary Report**

## 8.18. Request to Waive Permit Fees

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Meeting: November 13, 2018 Council Meeting

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: 2018/11/13 10:00

### **Background**

On May 14, 2018, the owner of Lot 4, Block 6, Plan 7820850 received a letter regarding the construction of an accessory building in absence of permits.

For this structure, development and building permits are required. The owner completed the development and building permit applications and submitted them to the County. As there is no principle dwelling on the property, the development authority exercised discretion to allow for the structure to remain on the property. The use of this discretion required that the permit be advertised in the event a concern was raised. No appeal to the issuance of the development permit was brought forth. The development authority issued the permit on July 18, 2018.

The building permit was submitted to Superior Safety Codes for review. As per the Alberta Building Code, the structure required professional involvement. The landowner did not wish to expel additional funds for professional involvement. The landowner removed the structure and requested that all permits be cancelled.

The development permit application fee of \$200 was invoiced to the landowner. The development permit was advertised and is required before a building permit can be issued. The average cost of advertising the Development Permit is \$212.93. Because there were 6 permits advertised on the same ad, the cost per permit was \$35.49. The landowner is now requesting that the development permit application fee be waived for this permit application as the structure has been removed. The building permit fee for the structure was \$112.50, of which \$84.37 has been refunded in accordance with our contract with superior Safety Codes.

The landowner also indicated that he was unaware there was a \$200 fee for the Development Permit, however the fee schedule is included in the permit application package as well as on our website. The Development Permit Application form has been updated to include the fee schedule on the permit.

#### Recommendation

Administration is recommending to deny the request to waive the development permit application fees.

#### **Additional Information**

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