

DATE: July 13, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Proposed amendments to City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018 (Amendment Bylaw No. 9326, 2022)

ATTACHMENT(S): Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9326, 2022

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 9326, 2022”.

PURPOSE:

Administration proposes to amend the City of Prince George Building Bylaw No. 8922, 2018 (“Building Bylaw”) to include Step 1 of the BC Energy Step Code, which will be effective on September 1, 2022. The proposed amendments to the Building Bylaw are attached as Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9326, 2022, and discussed in more detail below.

Background

On March 14, 2022 Council directed Administration to proceed with early implementation of the BC Energy Step Code, and to require Step 1 of the BC Energy Step Code for both Part 9 (standard), and Part 3 (complex) buildings for September 1, 2022.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The proposed bylaw amendment is consistent with the City of Prince George Strategic Plan’s sustainability pillar of Environmental Leadership and Climate Action Goals. The inclusion of Step 1 of the BC Energy Step Code will support the continued implementation of the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plans to ensure a higher standard of new construction energy efficiency.

DISCUSSION:

In order to facilitate early implementation of Step 1 of BC Energy Step Code, Bylaw No. 9326 proposes Section 2.0 – Definitions and Section 8.0 – Permit Application the Building Bylaw be amended as follows:

Section 2.0 - Definitions

The “Definition” section be amended to include new definitions for “BC Energy Step Code” and “Energy Advisor”. These definitions will define these terms and provide guidance for the application of the BC Energy Step Code. See Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9326 for the proposed definitions.

Section 8.0 - Permit Application

The “Permit Application” section be amended to reflect new application details for Part 9 and Part 3 buildings, as shown on Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9326. This will ensure compliance with the BC Energy Step Code at application submission.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Administration proposes amendments to the Building Bylaw, as shown on Appendix “A” to Bylaw No. 9326, to facilitate early implementation of Step 1 of the BC Energy Step Code as directed by Council on March 14, 2022. The BC Energy Step Code requirements will be effective September 1, 2022 for all Part 9 and Part 3 buildings.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Meeting Date: 2022/07/25