



BUILDING INDUSTRY NEWSLETTER



2019 BC Building Code Revisions

One year after the introduction of the 2018 BC Building Code, the Province has made some revisions and additions. The new code revisions came into effect on December 12, 2019, and all new building permits applied for after this date must comply with the changes.

For those who are interested, the revisions can be reviewed here: [List of 2.01 Revisions](#)

BC Housing Info Session

To learn more about these changes, BC Housing is hosting an Information Session on January 22, with the opportunity to participate via webinar. Details here: [Building Smart with Changes to the BC Building Code](#)

The Building Permit Process

Providing all required documents at the application stage

Ideally, applying for a building permit is a smooth and painless process for applicants, as well as for the municipality. Providing all the necessary legal documents, when submitting a building permit application, is a key factor in this process. This includes copies of any covenants,

BC Energy Step Code Progress

On December 18, 2019, staff introduced the BC Energy Step Code to Council with the goal of determining the merits of implementing an Energy Step Code program. Council requested that staff prepare a report to review in January outlining multiple methods of implementation, including timelines and the possibility of including incentives. More details on the proposed program will be provided as they become available.

Happy New Year!

From all of us in the Building Department at North Cowichan, to you, we wish you all a very happy New Year!

Here's to a healthy and successful 2020!

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easements and/or statutory rights-of-way with your proof of title/ownership.

Applicants often ask why the municipality does not supply these legal documents, and while North Cowichan often creates the covenants, etc., the final copies are registered and kept separately with the Land Titles Office. Additionally, these documents need to be accessed and considered by applicants **before** submitting a building permit application to the municipality, as any limitations and/or requirements identified in the legal documents need to be reviewed and incorporated into the proposed design of your new building or addition to an existing building.

Providing these documents at the building permit application stage will help to avoid delays, and ensure a smoother, successful process for all of us.