

Staff Report

Report From: Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: 2024 Ontario Building Code

Attachment(s): N/A

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

Report Summary:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has published the new 2024 Ontario Building Code which comes into force and effect on January 1, 2025. The revision to the Ontario Building Code is coined to have over 2,400 changes to the current Ontario Building Code. This will be the largest amendment to the Ontario Building Code to date.

The 2024 Ontario Building Code will have a grace period from January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025, where applications will be received based on the current Ontario Building Code based on certain credentials. As of April 1, 2025, all new building permit applications will conform to the 2024 Ontario Building Code.

Many of the 2,400 changes are an endeavor to harmonize the Ontario Building Code with the National Building Code. It is projected that 72% of the 2024 Ontario Building Code amendments will harmonize with the National Building Code. Amendments will affect every sector of the construction industry and every section of the Ontario Building Code.

The Town of Goderich Building Department has been actively attending training sessions and will continue to do so to understand the changes. The Building Department's 2025 goal proposes to host information sessions for designers and contractors in Goderich and area to assist with transitions and new code requirements.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

During the 4th quarter of 2024 and the 1st quarter of 2025, there will be staff time and training dollars used to stay on top of the amendments to the legislation.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
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