



Did you know that Since The Building and Accessibility Standards Administration Regulations were enacted in 1997, local authorities may appoint only licensed building officials?

Did you know that fortunately, most owners and builders are reasonable and cooperative and will comply with verbal requests for compliance by a building official?

Building Bylaws-Part 2 of 2: Administration and Enforcement

The WaterWolf Planning Commission has recognized that there is a need for regional bylaw and building bylaw enforcement. In the long-term we envision working towards hiring one or a few enforcement officers for the entire region but for now, if your municipality already has a building bylaw and officer, we recommend sharing your officer with neighboring municipalities. The following explains how the enforcement process should proceed.

Administration

Administration of the building bylaw will be done by different people depending on the local authority. Local authorities that face sufficient building activity to support the hiring of a building official on a full time basis will likely assign all administration of the building bylaw to the official. Local authorities that need part time services of a building official may split the assignment of administrative duties between office staff or the municipal official and the building official. Local authorities that use "fee for service" or contract building officials will likely assign all of the administration of the building bylaw to the office staff or the municipal official. Provisions of the UBAS Act and of the Administrative Requirements for Use with *the National Building Code* form the framework for the administration of the building bylaw.



Enforcement

The selection of appropriate enforcement personnel will be the most critical decision that the governing body will make in effecting responsible enforcement of the Act and regulations. The building official will be entrusted with the powers afforded in the building bylaw, the Act and the regulations to act on behalf of the local authority, in the local authority's best interest and in the service of the public.



If you have not already adopted a building bylaw, please refer to the attached building bylaw handbook for a sample bylaw and further detailed information about building bylaw enforcement. If you have any other questions relating to building bylaws or planning issues, please contact:

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**Note*: Beechy & District Fire are investigating holding an EMO workshop early in 2010. If you are interested in sending representatives please contact Diane Watt @ 859-2270 or email rm226@yourlink.ca*