



COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Council Questions – Standing Committee May 19, 2026

1. Updates to City Bylaws in Relation to Zoning Bylaw 2025-37

- a. Can Administration clarify the basis for the proposed \$500 development permit appeal fee, including comparable fees within the City and other jurisdictions, and whether a successful appellant could be reimbursed??*

The proposed \$500 development permit appeal fee was developed to recover a portion of the administrative costs associated with processing an appeal, including staff time and the Council process required to consider the matter. The fee was informed by comparable planning-related files requiring Council consideration and a review of other jurisdictions. For example, the City of Yellowknife currently charges a \$400 fee for development permit appeals.

Administration also reviewed appeal provisions under the City's primary regulatory bylaws and confirms that no appeal fees currently exist under the Animal Control Bylaw, Maintenance Bylaw, Vacant and Unoccupied Building Bylaw, Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, Building and Plumbing Bylaw.

With respect to reimbursement, Council could consider a mechanism to refund the appeal fee where a Development Officer's decision is reversed; however, this would require an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw. As Administration implements the new Zoning Bylaw and tracks potential future amendments based on operational experience, this concept will be added for future consideration.