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City of Calgary Addressing Requirements for Retaining Walls Urban Development/Development & Building Approvals

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The City of Calgary – Development and Building Approvals have prescribed the need for a Building Permit for any proposed retaining wall greater than one (1) metre in height. As part of the application and review process, these retaining walls must be assigned an address in order for the Building Permit (BP) to be processed.

Current Situation:

Some applications for Building Permit are being delayed due to the complexity in processing and confirmation of the addressing component.

What can be done to minimize delays?

It is strongly recommended that applicants make advance preparations to confirm address requirements in prior to applying for a BP. Applicants submitting for retaining walls are advised to request address confirmation at least 10 days before making their BP application. Taking these steps will ensure BP for retaining walls are processed in a timely manner.

What is planned for the future?

Most industry stakeholders are aware that the new Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 will come into effect on June 1 of this year. With that comes a change in the requirements for submitting applications for retaining walls. Retaining walls greater than one metre in height will contravene the rules of Bylaw 1P2007 and will require a Development Permit.

Where can you find out more information?

Access the City of Calgary website to view the new Land Use Bylaw. The link is:
http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/planning/pdf/land_use_bylaw_review/bylaw_1P2007.pdf

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the UDI – Calgary office or the City of Calgary.

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