

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE, ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Stephen Parry  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**4 March 2009**

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## REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

MARCH 2009

### 1. BUILDING CONTROL INCOME

(Memo from Building Control Manager – 02.03.09)

A question was raised at the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 10 February about the projected income levels indicated in this year's budget analysis.

Even though it has been widely labeled as a "doom and gloom" year, I am predicting a steady flow of consent applications, based on what has been seen already since the Christmas break. To date, the Gore District has not been affected by the downturn experienced further north.

Staff are currently involved in a review of all building consent fees and charges and have already identified several that may be subject to change.

A comparison is also being done with several other local authorities to ascertain the sustainability of some of our current fee categories, eg hourly charge rate, per square metre rate for new housing etc. These two in particular have drawn criticism in the past from customers seeking our services.

Accreditation costs associated with continued compliance are also a factor under consideration. Several Building Control Authorities have a dedicated accreditation fee as part of every consent application.

Increased vigilance is now standard practice for the dollar values submitted with building consents. Previously several customers appeared to have set a ridiculously low figure as the "value of works" which, if undetected, resulted in a lesser fee being charged.

Consequently, we are constantly checking the monetary values placed on all consent applications lodged to ensure the income received is relevant.

The introduction of several new categories of exempt works under Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004 has meant some jobs requiring consent no longer need one. This has had

no real impact on income as yet, and will generally only affect smaller works of a minor nature.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the information be received.**

2. REGULATORY BULLETIN

(Memo from Chief Executive – 02.03.09)

Attached is a schedule of building consents issued for February 2009, together with comparisons with the previous two years.

A schedule of resource consents issued to 2 March is also attached.

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