



Building Bulletin

Bulletin Subject

Hello Valued Customers,

The City of Kitchener Building Division supports communication to our customers and where possible advance notice. This Building Bulletin is to share information related to typical fees that are charged to our customers; specifically, development charges and 2023 Permit Fees.

Development Charge Rate Change (City and Region)

Each year the Region of Waterloo and City of Kitchener adjust their respective development charge (DC) rate based on inflationary costs.

- The 2023 Region of Waterloo DC rate is increasing by 17.2% (17%+.2%).
For additional Regional DC information check [Region of Waterloo](#)
- The 2023 City of Kitchener DC rate is increasing by 8.5% (17%/2).
For additional City DC information check [City of Kitchener](#)

The DC rate change is effective Dec. 1, 2022 including non-issued permits.

The rate change is significantly higher this year because as you are aware, the cost of construction materials over the past year has substantially increased. The reason the City of Kitchener rate change is half of 17% is because the City approved a new DC Bylaw in July of this year.

2023 Building Permit Fees

Based on information to date, the 2023 building permit fees are proposed to remain the same as the 2022 rates.

Annual Industry Workshop Date

Mark your calendars for the Auditorium Complex on Nov. 16 from 9-1pm including lunch. Stay tuned for more details.