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Development Charge and Permit Fee Updates

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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 2026 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 2025 Region of Waterloo DC rate is increasing by 3.9%.
For additional Regional DC information check the [Region of Waterloo](#) webpage.
- The 2025 City of Kitchener DC rate is increasing by 3.9%.
For additional City DC information check the [City of Kitchener](#) webpage.

The DC rate change is effective December 1, 2025. Complete applications for permits with a 10 business day review period must be applied for by end of day November 15, 2025. The new development charge rates will apply to all permits issued after December 1, 2025.

2026 Building Permit Fees

The 2026 building permit fees are proposed to remain the same as the [2025 rates](#), subject to slight adjustments in administrative fees.

As always, thank you for your understanding. If there are any questions or comments, please contact Kelly Vaillancourt or Jordan MacLaughlin directly.

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