



November News Brief

Welcome to the first of a series of monthly notices by the Royal District Planning Commission on land development activities in Royal Planning District. These short articles are intended to provide information of interest to land owners, land developers, and consultants on some of the current activities taking place in the District. We trust you will find it useful. We also welcome feedback/suggestions. This notice focuses on applications that were before the Board in November.

The Royal District Planning Commission provides building permits and inspection services, approvals for the subdivision of land, and advice on development. In most instances, advice and approvals can be obtained from RDPC staff. In some cases, where specified under the provincial *Community Planning Act*, aspects of a development proposal may be subject to approval of the Board of the Royal District Planning Commission. This past month, the Board provided recommendations on proposed revisions to the Village of Cambridge-Narrows Rural Plan and also approved the location

of a private road associated with a proposed subdivision also located in the Village of Cambridge-Narrows.

Construction activity reports for the months of September and October indicate that RDPC issued 135 building permits with a construction value of \$7,925,600. This compares to 143 building permits with a construction value of \$7,817,099 issued during the same period last year. The Royal District Planning Commission also approved the creation of 23 new building lots in September and October this year. This is about half the number of lots created during the same time period in 2010.

We would like to correct a misunderstanding there may be regarding the need for building permits. If you have heard that buildings under 625ft² (58m²) do not require a building permit, this is not that case. All buildings require a building permit. While some buildings may be exempt from the requirements of the National Building Code, a building permit is still required and can be obtained from the Planning Commission.

For more information on building permits, subdivision of land, and the other activities undertaken by the Royal District Planning Commission please visit our website at www.royaldpc.com or phone 1-888-245-9155.