



Public Safety and Community Services

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## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2021 Sep 29

FROM: DIRECTOR - PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RADIO BUILDING AMPLIFICATION**

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This memo is in response to an enquiry from committee member Mr. Yip regarding the number of buildings in Burnaby that have complied with the Emergency Radio Building Amplification Bylaw.

The Burnaby Emergency Radio Building Amplification Bylaw was adopted in 2018 May and pertains to the installation and maintenance of in-building radio amplification systems to provide uninterrupted public safety and emergency network communications.

Building permit applications submitted prior to the adoption of the bylaw are not required to be compliant with the bylaw. It is important to note however, that should the Burnaby Fire Department (BFD) encounter issues with radios not functioning in any buildings prior to the adoption of the bylaw, discussions are held with the building owners to attempt to gain voluntary compliance to ensure uninterrupted emergency communications.

The BFD Chief Fire Prevention Officer advises there are currently 36 building permits which appear to fall under the requirements of the bylaw. Of these, 13 have applied for a system to be designed, 17 that need to apply or are in the process of applying for system design, and 6 which are being reviewed and may not require radio amplification.

As of this date, there are no buildings that have completed and verified that their radio amplification system is functional, however there are some that will be completing this process in the near future.

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Copied to: Chief Bowcock – Burnaby Fire Department