

## Municipality Temporarily Waives Select Residential Building, Sewer and Solar Fees

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The Municipality of the County of Kings is waiving building permit and sewer connection fees for eligible construction projects proposing the creation of new residential units.

## Examples of eligible projects includes the construction of:

- New dwellings with two or more units
- New Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- · New residential units in an existing dwelling
- New residential units in a commercial building

Building permit and sewer connection fees will still apply for the construction of one-unit dwellings and recreational cabins. The average building permit savings will range from \$250 to \$350 for a two-unit dwelling, \$800 to \$1,100 for an eight-unit dwelling, \$2,100 for an 18-unit dwelling, and \$9,500 for a 60-unit dwelling. Sewer fees are typically \$175 per dwelling.

Municipal Council recently agreed to waive building and sewer permit fees for projects described above until February 2027 to encourage the development of new residential units in the Municipality. Council also agreed to waive the Municipality's \$50 fee for residential solar projects to promote the development of greener communities. The costs associated with waiving select building, sewer connection and residential solar permit fees will be covered by <a href="Housing Accelerator Fund">Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) funding from the Government of Canada</a>.

It is anticipated the \$5.9 million awarded to the Municipality through the federal HAF program will be paid out in four installments spanning a three-year period ending in February 2027. If any unexpected changes result in the discontinuation of forecasted HAF funding, Municipal Council will revisit the decision to waive the fees listed above.

Contact a Customer Service Representative to learn if the building permit, sewer connection or residential solar fees will be waived for your project: call 902-690-6152 or email inspections@countyofkings.ca.

**Did you know?** As of 2024, Secondary and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are allowed in all Residential Zones within the 12 Growth Centres in the Municipality of the County of Kings: Aylesford, Cambridge, Canning, Centreville, Coldbrook, Greenwood, Hants Border, Kingston, New Minas, North Kentville, Port Willams and Waterville. Learn more about ADUs in this <u>Guide to Accessory Dwelling Units</u>. Visit <a href="https://www.countyofkings.ca/ADU">https://www.countyofkings.ca/ADU</a> for pre-approved one-bedroom and two-bedroom ADU plans designed to help builders save time and costs associated with drawing custom plans.