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LATERAL SEWER EXTENSION PROGRAM

For over 8 years the Building Standards Department has conducted a pilot program entitled “Lateral Sewer Extension Program”, where builders were permitted to install and have inspected their lateral sewer piping extensions prior to applying for a building. The aim of this program was to assist home builders in starting construction sooner and safer. The Building Standards Department is pleased to announce that the pilot program was extremely successful and that the program has now become part of our inspection program standards of practice.

Background - According to the Ontario Building Code Act, no construction can proceed before a building permit is issued. In August 2001, we recognized the need for safety and construction scheduling accommodation that ‘pre-servicing’ residential lots offers. The program permits plumbing sewers to be extended from the public street mains to approximately 3 metres onto private property during servicing of a subdivision and prior to the application for a building permit for the sewer installation.

Procedure - Under the program a builder must request an inspection of the installed lateral sewer extensions when servicing a new subdivision or installing lateral extensions to enable a future sewer connection of an adjacent lot. The lateral extension will be affixed with a metal lateral extension approval tag. Each tag is numbered for future reference and verification that the building sewer was inspected prior to backfill and application for a building permit. During the inspection building inspectors will confirm the following;

- cross-connections are avoided by viewing the connection of the storm and sanitary sewers at the municipal property line. (to confirm the colour coding)
- storm and sanitary piping for material, slope, size, depth, bedding, etc.

For further information or to set up a lateral sewer extension program for your project, please contact Tony Boyko, Manager, Building Code Inspections at (905) 475-4719.

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