



Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission

February 8th, 2021

Public Notice: All Residents and Contractors

All residents and contractors working in Southwestern New Brunswick, please take notice. On Monday February 1st 2021, the Department of Public Safety brought in changes to the building regulations that apply in all areas of the Province effective immediately. **Be advised, these changes may have wide-ranging effects upon any residential and commercial construction projects you may have planned.** The New Brunswick Building Officials Association, municipal building inspectors, and Regional Service Commissions received were informed that the new regulation came into effect on Friday, February 5th 2021.

Two major the changes to the building regulations include:

- 1) in rural areas and municipalities, the immediate adoption of the 2015 National Building Code;
- 2) in rural areas, small camps (under 625 sq. ft.), garages and outbuildings (over 215 sq. ft.), will no longer be exempt from the Code.

All new construction must now comply with these changes. If you already received a permit from the Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission (SNBSC), you may continue with your construction project as per your existing permit in compliance with the 2010 National Building Code.

Please also be aware that SNBSC has no authority over building regulations. As a services provider to municipalities and rural areas we only apply the laws and regulations as adopted by the Province. The Department of Public Safety has direct authority over the building regulations. **If you have questions or comments about the content of the new regulation, you may contact the Department of Public Safety.** If you have questions about how these new changes may affect your construction project in planning stages, you may contact SNBSC's building inspectors at (506) 466-7369.

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