



NOTICE ON CHANGES EFFECTIVE 2023

Effective January 1, 2023, a number of areas in southwest New Brunswick will undergo changes as a result of municipal reform, and amendments to provincial planning and building regulations will also come into effect. Here's a quick summary of what will change:

Everywhere (due to changes of the Building Code Administration Act):

- Accessory buildings larger than 55 square metres (592 square feet) will require building permits. This includes things like garages and outbuildings.
- Structures that are Code-exempt will require formal land-use approval, similar to the "development permit" system in effect from 2001-2021.
- The size of camps/small dwellings exempt from building code changes from 56.08 m² (604 ft²) to 58.96 m² (625 ft²) in floor area. (This includes loft spaces.)

Boundary changes due to municipal reform

Harvey/Manners Sutton (inc. Oromocto Lake):

Applications for development (building/subdivision) must be made through RSC 11 based in Fredericton. Those with active files must contact RSC 11 (453-2956) for required inspections after Jan. 1.

Musquash/Dipper Harbour:

Those in the new Fundy Shores Rural Community (former Lepreau and Musquash Local Service Districts) will have to contact our office (RSC 10/SNBSC) for development applications. The Fundy Regional Service Commission will transfer past and existing files to our office for inspections required on existing and new construction.

Eastern Charlotte:

Our office will assume responsibility for new projects and partly-complete construction in Blacks Harbour, in addition to continuing to provide building inspection to the former Town of St. George, Local Service Districts of St. George, Pennfield, Fundy Bay, and Beaver Harbour.

Municipal District of St. Stephen:

Our office will continue to accept land-use and permit applications, however, building inspection for new and existing files will now be provided by the Municipal District. (Inc. areas like Old Ridge, Oak Bay, St. David, south of Moores Mills Lake, etc.)

All other areas in southwest New Brunswick not mentioned here will see no changes to land-use and permit delivery.