



JOB OPPORTUNITY **Internal & External**

BUILDING INSPECTOR - PLANS EXAMINER

Working for City of Thorold

By joining the City of Thorold team, you will be choosing to become part of the fastest growing municipality in the beautiful Niagara region.

Working with us means a great pension, superb benefits package and a supportive and collaborative team environment. We invest in our people and prioritize creating opportunities for our employees to learn and grow in their roles.

We are proudly home to Canada Games Park, an internationally recognized and certified athletics and wellness facility. Our 300+ acres of parks and trails, two community centers, two arenas and outdoor pool are what makes Thorold the ideal place to build your career.

Primary Function

Under the direction of the Manager of Building Services, perform on-site inspections of building construction and review and examine plans and specifications to determine compliance with the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code and applicable law. Perform enforcement duties associated with the Building Code Act and Ontario Building Code.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Inspect all buildings for compliance with the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code and applicable law
- Determine adequacy of a building or part thereof for occupancy
- Issue occupancy reports
- Enforce the Building Code Act and Ontario Building Code
- Proactively and reactively investigate properties for violations of the Building Code Act and Ontario Building Code
- Collect, prepare and maintain evidence in relation to enforcement of the Building Code Act and Ontario Building Code
- Serve summonses pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act
- Attend legal proceedings as a creditable witness
- Inspect damaged/unsafe buildings
- Process and examine permit applications for small, large and complex

buildings for compliance with the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code and all applicable laws.

- Issue building permits, demolition permits and change of use permits in accordance with the Building Code Act and regulations
- Assist the Plans Examiner with processing and examining permit applications for housing construction projects.
- Ensure permit issuance timelines are met as set out by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Research zoning maps, survey and property files to verify compliance with Zoning By-Laws, Subdivision Agreements, Consent Agreements and Development Agreements
- Assist customers at the counter and through correspondence on matters associated with the Ontario Building Code, Zoning By-Laws, accepted construction practices, regulations and procedures
- Advise, communicate and liaise with staff, other departments and industry professionals with all issues relating to interpretation of Ontario Building Code, Zoning By-Laws, accepted construction practices, regulations and procedures
- Liaise with persons in outside public or private organizations supplying or obtaining detailed and specialized information
- Attend site meetings
- Advise on procedures and regulations where deviations or revisions have occurred after issuance of building permits
- Input and retrieve data
- Assist with administration and interpretation of Development Charge By-Laws including answering inquiries, performing calculations, and collecting fees
- Review and comment on Alternative Solution applications for consideration by the Chief Building Official
- Compose correspondence
- Responsible for periodically providing advice, guidance, instructions and directions to the Plans Examiner and Development Services Technician when the Manager of Building Services is unavailable
- Attend training
- Functional supervisory responsibility of the Development Services Technician and/or Plans Examiner may be required as needed
- Other related duties as assigned

Education/Experience

- Diploma in a minimum three (3) year college or university program related to construction management, construction engineering or architectural technology or a combination of equivalent related education and relevant work experience.
- CBCO certification with the Ontario Building Officials Association or working towards it
- A minimum of six (6) years related plans examination experience, building inspections experience and/or related work experience in building construction

- Experience with zoning review and interpretations
- Experience using and interpreting the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code as well as referenced documents and standards
- Experience with a Windows based operating system and Microsoft Office Suite
- Data entry experience and electronic plans examination experience considered an asset
- Ability to accurately interpret complex construction plans from various design professions
- Ability to understand and explain municipal and provincial regulations
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills required
- Excellent customer service skills required
- Ability to manage time effectively to meet tight deadlines
- Detail oriented
- Capacity to use a wide range of procedures or techniques occasionally devising new methods to new situations
- Effective organization skills
- Must possess numerical aptitude and computer literacy skills
- Must possess a high degree of tact, courtesy and judgement to be able to deal effectively with the general public, industry stakeholders and staff
- Excellent critical thinking and decision making skills required
- Ability to focus on a large volume of work within a limited time with frequent interruptions
- Ability to focus on specific tasks while remaining aware of surrounding conditions.
- Intermediate knowledge and skills on Microsoft Office programs (e.g. creation and manipulation of excel spreadsheets and advanced letter formatting)
- Ability to work effectively as an individual and as part of a team
- Ability to walk over rough terrain, climb stairs, ladders and scaffolds
- Must possess a Ministry of Municipal Affairs Building Code Identification Number (BCIN) and be qualified in 'General Legal', 'Small Buildings', 'Building Services', 'Building Structural', 'Plumbing – All Buildings', 'Large Buildings', and 'Complex Buildings'.
- Extensive knowledge of the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code, referenced documents and standards
- Knowledge of the legislative, legal and administrative aspects of the building permit process
- Familiar with land use planning such as site plan approval and zoning
- Knowledge of health and safety regulations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Acceptable driver's abstract

Conditions of Employment

Required to work under the direction of the Manager of Building Services with considerable independence of action. Required to work in an office environment and carry out onsite Field Inspections. Valid driver's license. Overtime may be required.

The above statement reflects the principal functions and duties as required for proper evaluation of the job. Other related duties can only be considered part of the job if they directly relate to the primary function contained herein.

Job Location: City Hall
3540 Schmon Parkway, Thorold

Job Rate: \$47.40 - \$48.18 – inclusive of an \$8.36 per hour market premium

Job Type: Unionized

Hours of Work: Monday to Friday (inclusive)
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (35hr/wk)

Start Date: Immediately

This posting is available to both internal and external applicants, internal CUPE applicants will be considered first as long as the application is received by Monday April 8, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and cover letter marked “**Building Inspector – Plans Examiner**” to hr@thorold.ca, this posting will be available until the position is filled. We appreciate all applications but please note only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Additional Information

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and the Ontario Human rights code, the City accommodates the individual needs of all applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process. If selected to participate in the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process, please inform staff of the nature of any accommodation(s) that you may require.

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