



# FEE SCHEDULES FAQs

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (PDS) FEE SCHEDULES FAQs

### 1. WHO APPROVED ENOCH CREE NATION'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ECN PDS) FEE SCHEDULES?

Enoch Cree Nation Chief and Council approved ECN PDS Fee Schedule by Band Council Resolution (BCR) on March 26, 2024.

### 2. WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO PDS FEE SCHEDULES BRING TO THE NATION?

- Revenue Generation (fund community initiatives)
- Resource Management (offset costs associated with reviewing and processing planning and development applications)
- Capacity Building (training and build capacity within the Nation)
- Control and Autonomy (greater control over planning and development)
- Sustainable Development (encouraged through fees and incentives)
- Improved Services (improve services and quality of life)
- Community Engagement (increase communication and transparency)

### 3. WHERE ELSE ARE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FEES COLLECTED?

Westbank First Nation, was one of the initial FNs to approve and implement a planning and development fee schedule. From 2005 to 2020, WFN has generated over \$680 million in investment based on building permits. In 2020, WFN processed 130 permits for a total value over \$72 million in investment based on building permits.

Other First Nations that have established planning and development fees schedules include:

- Tsawwassen First Nation
- Kwikwetlem First Nation
- Tsuut'ina Development Authority

Municipalities and Service Provides have also established planning and development fees schedules that are adjacent to the ECN:

- City of Edmonton
- Parkland County
- Alberta Safety Codes Authority

#### 4. WHY DO WE NEED PDS FEE SCHEDULES?

- Initially based on First Nation Fee Schedules from Westbank, Tsawwassen, Kwikwetlem, Tsuut'ina and informed by other fee schedules.
- Aligns & supports the implementation of Enoch Cree Nation Bylaws for Planning and Development of Enoch Lands.
- Set a benchmark for the quality and cost of services in line with Enoch Cree Nation Values and Guiding Principles.
- Help to fund the costs of reviewing planning and development proposals and ensuring that they comply with ECN bylaws and regulations. This process is essential for protecting public health and safety, as well as the environment.
- Help to ensure that the costs of development are borne by those who benefit from it. This is important for ensuring that all members of the community share in the costs of growth.

#### 5. HOW WAS THE PDS FEE SCHEDULES APPROVED?

Enoch Cree Nation Land Use Bylaw No. 2018-01 Part II: General Section 3.3 enables Council to establish fees payable in respect of applications.

#### 6. WHEN DOES THE PDS FEE SCHEDULES COME INTO EFFECT?

The PDS Fee Schedules come into effect as of March 26, 2024, when it was approved by BCR and supersedes all existing Bylaws.

#### 7. APPLICATION FEES: INVESTING IN OUR SHARED FUTURE...

You might think of application fees as just another expense, but they're actually an investment in our Nation's well-being. Application fees play a crucial role in building and sustaining our Nation. Here's a breakdown of how these fees directly contribute to the well-being of the Nation and its Members:

- **They pay for important things:** Application fees help fund infrastructure, facilities, roads, public safety services, and more. These are the essentials that make our Nation strong and vibrant.
- **They protect us and our environment:** Fees support licensing and permits. This makes sure that the people providing services (like builders, engineering, environmental, electricians, plumbers, contractors, health care, emergency services, etc.) are qualified and that projects are safe for everyone.
- **They help support a fair economy:** Fees for things like business licenses create a framework for fair competition, foster entrepreneurship, and contribute to a stable and resilient business environment that facilitates job creation.

When we all chip in through fees, we're building a better future for our Nation and ourselves.

Application fees are an investment in the strength and progress of our Nation. By contributing to these processes, we help ensure the quality of essential services, sustain our values, maintain our standards, and promote a prosperous future for everyone.