

Building Services, Building Permits and Committee of Adjustment

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To: Audit Committee

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Background – Building Services



Background – Committee Of Adjustment

Grants relief......



In compliance with rules and procedures specified in Planning Act, 1990.

Building Services, Building Permits and Committee Of Adjustment.

Audit objective

- Assess adequacy of controls to manage key risks of COA and Building Permits,
- Assess efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery of Building and Planning Services operations and
- Identify other areas for improvement.

Observations and Findings - Summary

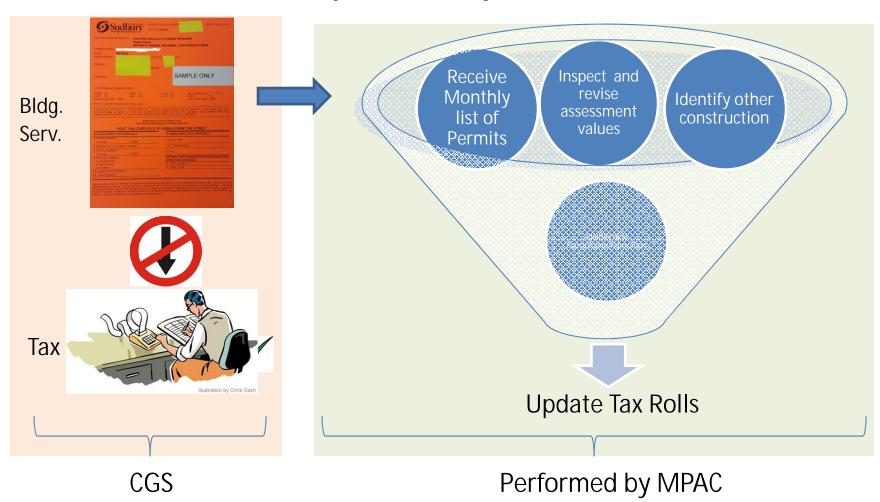
- 1. <u>Process improvements</u> need to be introduced to include revised assessed value of properties on a timely basis in tax rolls for new constructions and upgrades with <u>identified responsibility</u> for their accuracy.
- 2. Information could be <u>shared timely and meaningfully</u> between CGS departments.
- 3. Multiple <u>standalone Information Technology (IT) systems</u> are being used by Building services.

Observations and Findings – Summary (Cont.)

- Complaints, concerns and issues reported and recorded in Active Citizens Request (ACRs) <u>could be managed consistently and promptly</u>.
- 5. A balanced system of <u>equitable distribution of inspection work</u> <u>load</u> needs to be developed and
- 6. <u>Terms Of Reference</u> (ToR) for Committee Of Adjustment need to be developed.

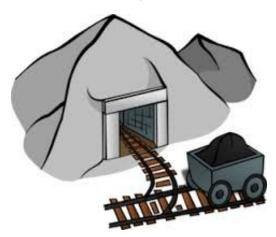
Observations and Findings

Monthly list of Building Permits issued



Observations and Findings

Mining properties







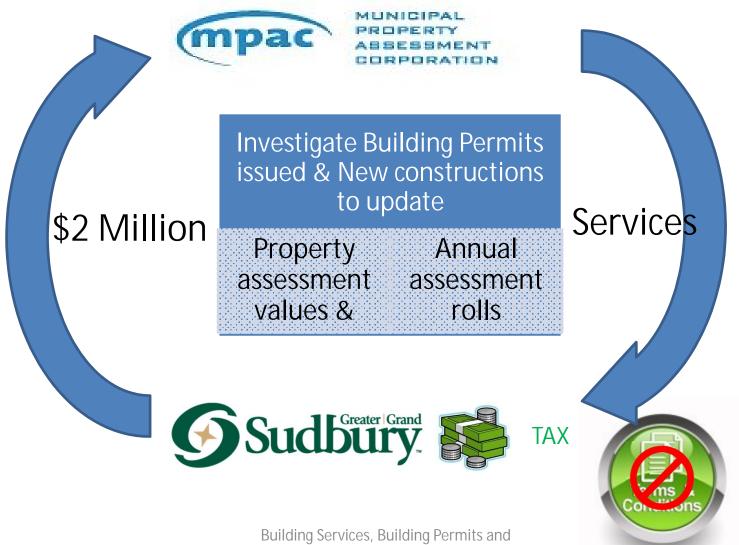




Established process to verify timely update missing.

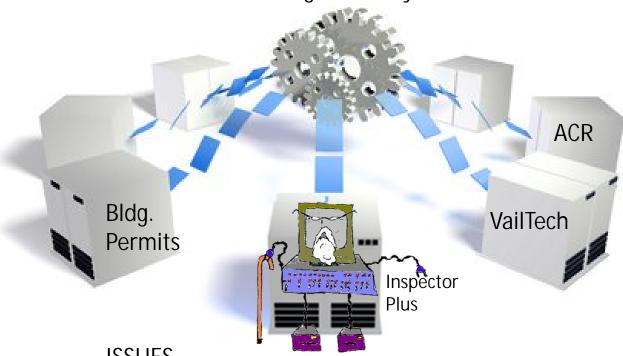
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Services provided by MPAC



Multiple IT systems

Building Permit Systems



ISSUES

- 1. Lack of integration of systems,
- 2. Old systems Maintenance challenges,
- 3. Report generation issues &
- 4. Risk of unauthorized alteration.

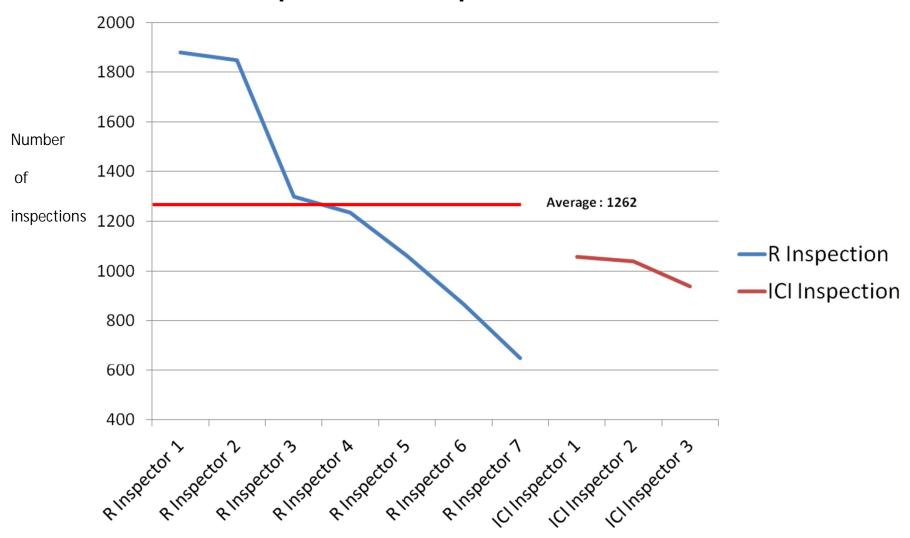
Active Citizens Request (ACR)



ISSUES

- 1. Old orders (some pertaining to 1999) input for administrative reasons.
- 2. All inspectors not adopting a uniform and consistent approach for closure and disposal of assigned cases.

Inspections performed



Committee Of Adjustment



Building Services, Permits and COA

Questions?