

ERRATUM

The following corrections were brought to CFIB's attention regarding the report "Flushing Out the Nonsense: An Analysis of Municipal Renovation Permitting Across Canada."

St. John:

The city of **St. John's** has provided revisions on the following findings:

- Applicants are only required to submit floor plans with their application and are not required to submit a 'survey' and 'section details, and structural details'. These latter two forms are only required when an extension is being added to an existing dwelling.
- The electrical permit cost is \$87.60 (*\$273 in the report*). In St. John's, electrical permit fees are calculated based only on the scope of electrical alterations. According to the City of St. John's calculations, the electrical work is projected at \$1,500 (*the report estimated electrical permit fees based on the \$20,000 total cost of construction*)
- The plumbing permit cost is \$73.92 (*\$126.72 in the report*). St. John's only includes the fee per fixture to a minimum permit (*the report indicated that the plumbing permit cost included minimum renovation permit plus the cost per fixture*).
- Total permitting costs are \$341.50 (*\$579.32 in the report*), and total number of documents are 4 (*6 in the report*).

Vancouver:

The city of **Vancouver** has provided revisions on the following findings:

- According to the City of Vancouver's calculations for a project of a similar scope to the one outlined in the report, the cost of the building permit would be \$395.50 (*\$362 in the report*).
- The plumbing permit cost is \$262 (*\$353 in the report*).
- The electrical permit cost is \$521.50 (*\$1,314 in the report*). In Vancouver, electrical permit fees are calculated based only on the scope of electrical alterations, which the city of Vancouver has projected at \$5,000 (*the report estimated electrical permit fees based on the \$20,000 total cost of construction*).
- Total permitting costs are \$1,179, (*\$2,029 permitting costs in the report*). The corrected permitting costs (\$1,179) would result in a 5% increase on top of the \$20,000 renovation project costs (*10% increase in the report*).

Implications for the report

The corrections provided do not significantly alter the understanding or overall findings of the report, thus no retraction or addition of information is warranted. This erratum is issued to acknowledge the corrections.

Considering these corrections:

- St. John's is actively addressing unclear information regarding permit applications by updating their website with the correct information to prevent future errors among permit applicants. We commend St. John's responsiveness.
- The average permitting costs across all municipalities studied would be \$415.60 rather than the reported figure of \$506.20.

These developments reinforce CFIB's recommendations that the information provided by municipalities is clear, accessible and easy to understand.