



# Town of Antigonish

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## INSPECTION AND FEES OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Discussion ensued on the need to have a definite policy on electrical inspection and wiring permits.

Moved: Councillor MacIsaac

Seconded: Councillor MacLellan

Motion: That Town Council approve the following:

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#### ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

##### INSPECTION AND FEES OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

- A. The Town of Antigonish Electric Light Utility shall be the Inspection Authority.
- B. Every electrical installation shall be constructed in conformity with the Electrical Installation and Inspections Act (and regulations made thereafter) and Inspection Authority standards. A wiring permit as per Rule 2-004 of the Canadian Electrical Code Part 1, 1994 (and as revised from time to time), shall be obtained before work is commenced on new or existing installations. The inspection authority shall not be required to authorize a connection to any installation until it is satisfied that such installation is in accordance with all applicable regulations and standards. The Inspection Authority shall have the further right to reinspect any electrical installation. If any violations of applicable codes and standards are found, on such reinspection, which in the opinion of the Inspection Authority constitute hazard to life or property, the Inspection Authority may disconnect the electric service until the hazards are rectified.

##### General Requirements

- 1. Electrical contractors, or others responsible for carrying out the electrical work, shall obtain a wiring permit from the Inspection Authority prior to commencing work with respect to the installation, alteration, repair or extension of any electrical equipment.
- 2. Fees for a wiring permit and inspections shall be paid at the time the wiring permit is obtained in accordance with the fee schedules identified in these regulations.
- 3. The Inspection Authority may, prior to approving a permit application, request the submission of plans and specifications for any proposed electrical installation. Plans shall be submitted when the cost of the installation exceeds \$10,000.00.





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## Refund of Fees

The holder of a Permit may apply to the Inspection Authority for a refund of fees with respect to a cancelled or unused permit. No refund shall be issued for a permit under which an inspection has been requested and carried out.

## Expiry and Renewal of Permits

A permit for electrical work is valid for 12 months from the date of issue in respect of residential installation, alteration, repair or extension and 24 months in respect of all non-residential work unless otherwise noted on the permit. Upon expiry a renewal fee to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the original permit will be charged.

## Acknowledgement of Acceptance Respecting Inspection

The Electrical Inspector will sign the job site copy of the electrical permit, at each inspection stage, indicating his approval or disapproval of the installation. An acknowledgement of acceptance shall appear in the form of the Electrical Inspector's signature on the "Final Approval" section on the wiring permit. There is no additional fee for same.

## Permits and Inspections

Permits and inspections will normally be of three types:

1. Regular Permit and Inspection;
2. Annual Permit and Inspection; and
3. Special Permit and Inspection.

## Regular Permit and Inspection

A Regular Permit will be issued for any electrical installation, alteration, repair, or extension to a building or structure. The only exemption from a Regular permit would be for work performed under an Annual or Special Permit as described below.

The fee for a Regular Permit and Inspection will be based on the full installed value, including all labour, material and sundries, of the electrical installation, alteration, repair or extension.

When calculating the installed value the following costs are not included:

1. The costs of individual meters, generators, and power consuming electrical equipment, however, the cost to supply and install the associated control and protective equipment, and the control





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and power cables connecting this equipment to the electrical system would be included.

2. The costs of switches and controls forming an original and integral part of power consuming electrical equipment.

3. The costs, in excess of \$5,000. of each transformer and each factory assembled unit of switchgear.

When a dispute arises regarding the cost of an electrical installation the permit applicant may be required, at the Inspection Authority's discretion, to supply a letter from the owner indicating the value of the contract and/or a bill of materials for the project.

The fees for a Regular Permit and Inspection, including the number of inspection visits, will be as per the attached Inspection Fee Schedule.

## Annual Permit and Inspection

In industrial, commercial or other establishments, where staff members include qualified electrical personnel, a single annual permit may be issued to cover all minor repairs in a single calendar year. An Annual Permit does not entitle the holder to effect major electrical alterations in, or additional to, the establishment as determined by the Inspection Authority.

The holder of an Annual Permit shall maintain a current and accurate record of all minor repairs and shall make it available to the electrical inspector on request.

The fee for an Annual Permit and Inspection will be as shown in the Inspection Fee Schedule attached.

## Special Permit and Inspection

If, in the opinion of the Inspection Authority, the fees of a Regular Permit and Inspection are inappropriate for the inspection of unique electrical installation the Special Permit and Inspection fees will prevail.

Additionally, if inspection visits, greater than the number specified under the Regular Permit and Inspection, are necessitated by the owner or contractor, they will be billed under the Special Permit and Inspection fees.

The fees for Special Permit and Inspection are based on an hourly rate appropriate for the time





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the inspection is performed. The fees will be as shown in the Inspection Fee Schedule, attached.

## Regular Permit and Inspection

The fee for a Regular Permit, and the maximum number of inspection visits, with respect to an installation will be calculated as follows:

COST OF INSTALLATION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF INSPECTION VISITS	FEE
\$0 to \$2,000	2	\$ 45.00
\$2,001 to \$4,000	2	\$ 75.00
\$4,001 to \$6,000	2	\$ 115.00
\$6,001 to \$8,000	2	\$ 155.00
\$8,001 to \$10,000	2	\$ 195.00
\$10,001 to \$15,000	3	\$ 250.00
\$15,001 to \$25,000	3	\$ 350.00
\$25,001 to \$50,000	3	\$ 500.00
\$50,001 to \$100,000	3	\$ 800.00
\$100,001 to \$300,000	4	\$ 1,200.00
\$300,001 to \$500,000	5	\$ 1,600.00
\$500,000 to \$750,000	6	\$ 2,100.00
\$750,001 to \$1,000,000	6	\$ 2,600,000
Over \$1,000,000	10	\$ 2,600 + 0.15% installation cost of \$ 1,000,000.00



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## Annual Permit and Inspection

The fee for an Annual Permit and inspection for any one establishment shall be \$ 75.00

## Special Permit and Inspection

Note: All fees are per inspection visit.

## Normal Working Hours - Fee Schedule

- i) For the first hour or fraction thereof \$ 40.00
  - ii) For each additional half-hour or fraction thereof \$ 20.00
- Motion Carried.

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