



UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT LANDS

INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR INGROUND POOLS IN THE SF-1/SF-2 LAND USE DISTRICTS

POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to inform owners, builders, plumbers and professional engineers of the University Endowment Land (UEL) requirements pertaining to the installation of inground pools.

Inground pools must be designed, installed and operated in conformity with the provisions of Section 16 and Schedule 9 of the [UEL Land Use, Building and Community Administration Bylaw](#) (the "Bylaw"). It is advised that applicants familiarize themselves with the requirements set out in these sections of the Bylaw when planning an inground pool project; for example, there are minimum setback requirements between inground pools and the property line(s) as well as between inground pools and other structures on the site.

A **Building Permit** is required for the construction or installation of an inground pool and any associated accessory building(s) (e.g. cabana, etc.). The application must include the following information:

- [Building Permit Application Form and Letter of Authorization](#) (if applicant is not the property owner)
- Current copy of the Certificate of Title
- A site survey
- A site plan showing existing and proposed principle and accessory buildings on the site
- Two sets of signed and sealed pool drawings by a registered professional
- Letters of assurance from the registered professional(s)
- Geotechnical letters of assurance (for some sloped sites)

Fencing:

- Any inground pool with a minimum water surface area of 14m² (150 sq.ft.) and a minimum depth of 450 mm (18") shall be enclosed within a non-climbable fence and self-closing gate having a minimum height of 1.2 meters.

Wastewater disposal:

- All water in inground pools shall be separated from any potable water supply by an approved Reduced Pressure Backflow Prevention Assembly (RPBA). A [UEL Backflow Prevention Assembly Test Report](#) must also be submitted at the time of installation and then annually thereafter.

Service equipment:

- Relevant equipment, including gas-fuelled appliances and electrical services, require permits from the [Technical Safety Branch of BC](#). Copies of rough-in and final inspections shall be submitted to the UEL.

Inspections:

- Inspection of the formwork must occur before the concrete is placed. A *Field Review* by the structural professional of record must also be submitted.
- A final inspection is required after the installation has been completed.

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