

# BUILDING SERVICES

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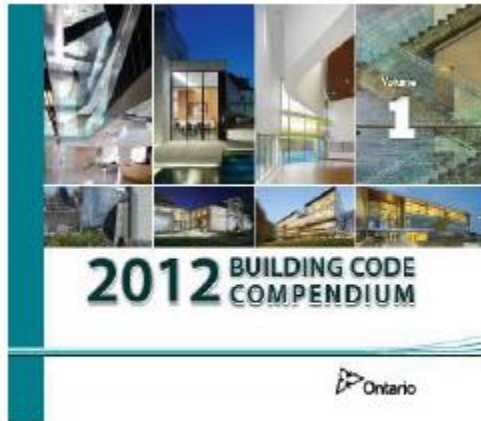
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# Building Services Mission Statement

“To provide helpful and accountable customer service and to protect and enhance the quality of life by ensuring that buildings meet mandated sustainability, health and life-safety requirements for the people that live, work and play in the City of Barrie”.

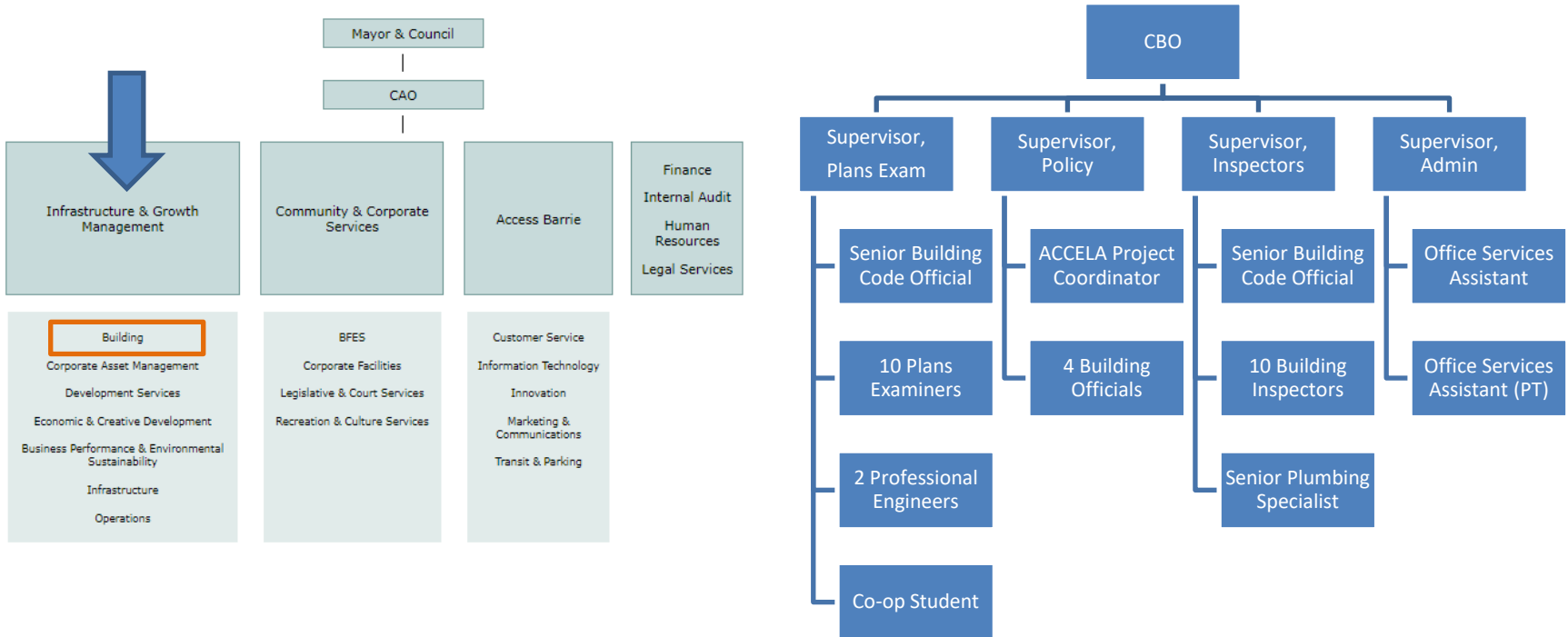
# Ontario Building Code (OBC)



**“BUILD IT BY THE BOOK”**

- Structural standards
- Safety standards for occupants
- Energy conservation
- Barriere free compliance
- Fire protection and fire fighting standards

# Who We Are

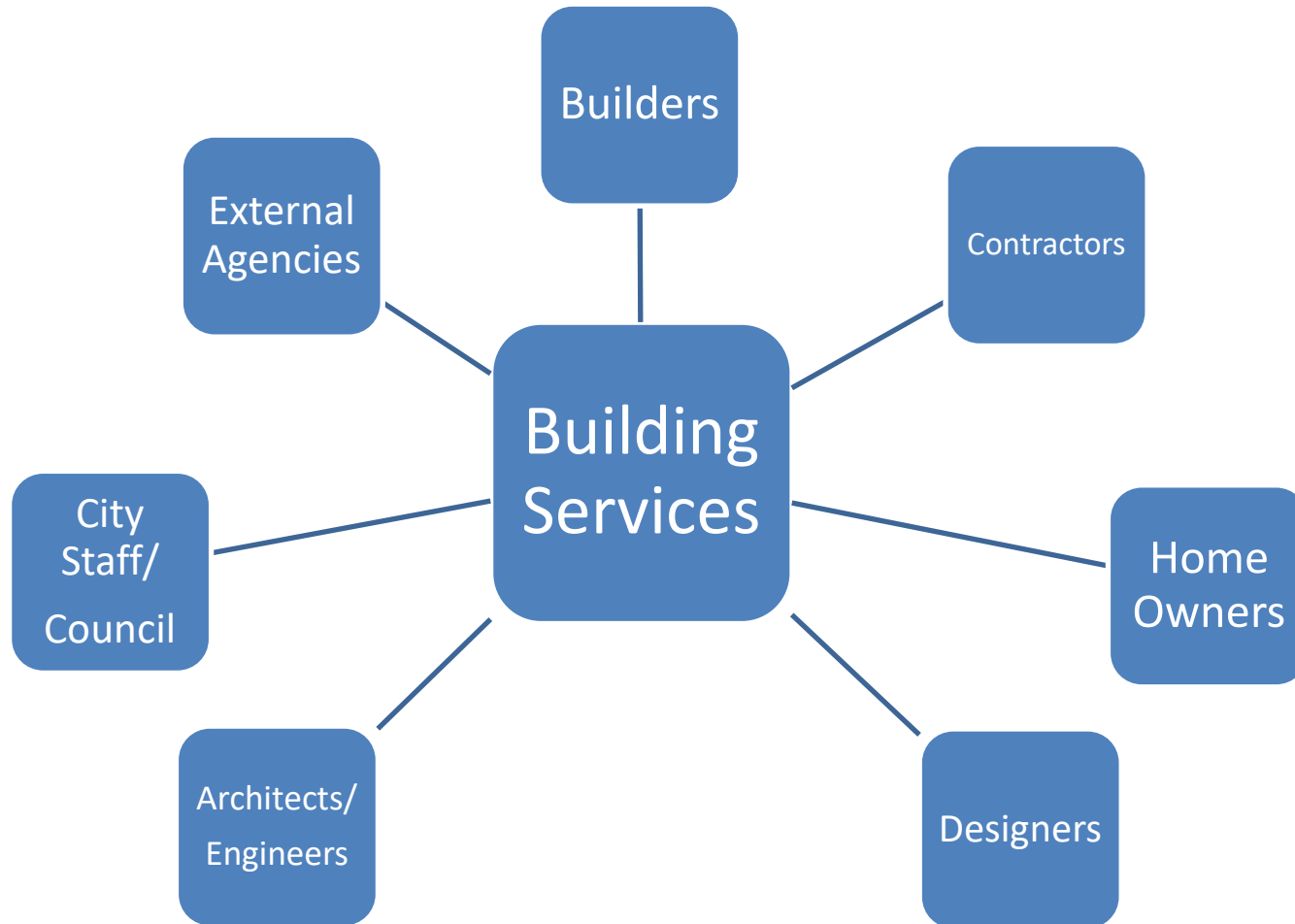


Total Building Services Staff Compliment: 36 FTE, 1 PT, 1 Co-op

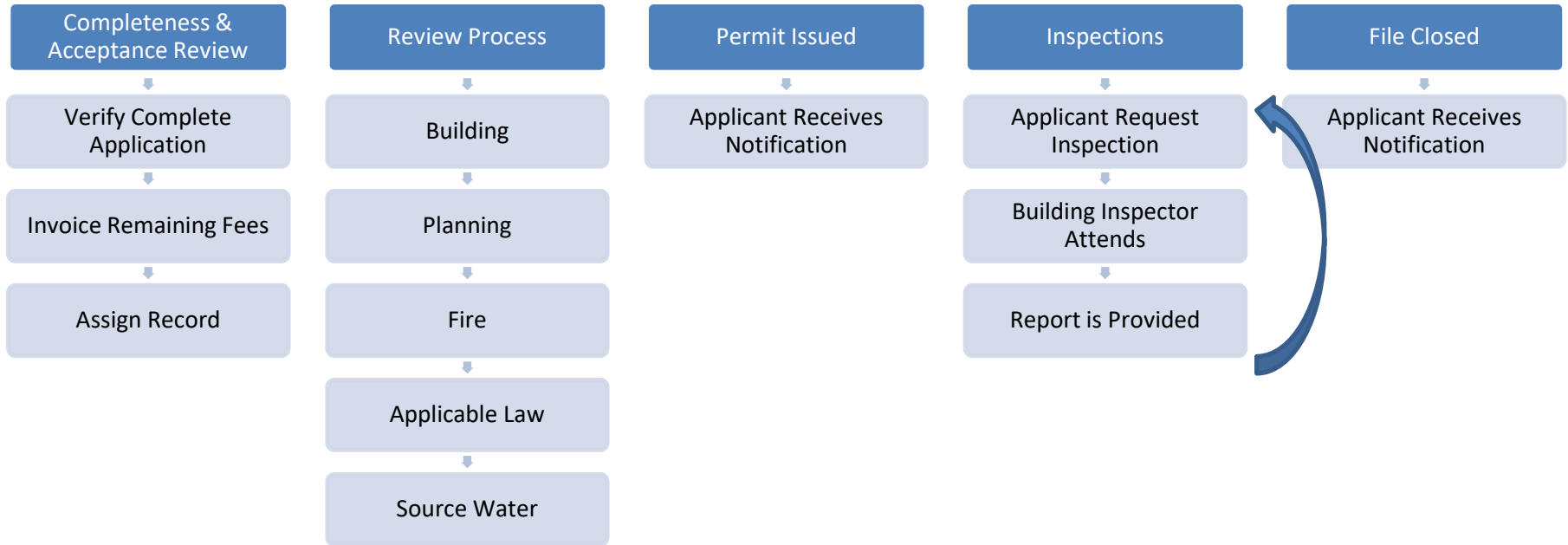
# What We Do

- Ensure buildings constructed are safe for the current and future residents of the City by:
  - Review proposed construction in accordance with the Building Code, Building By-law and other applicable law
  - Inspect construction to ensure minimum building code standards are achieved
- Provide general information to the public
- We are here to help
- Building Services operates under an Enterprise model

# Who We Work With (Stakeholders)



# Basic Permit Process.



# What We've Accomplished in 2022

- 2,465 building permits issued
  - Up 9% from 2021
  - Up 50% from 2020
- 1,962 residential permits issued
- \$6,600,000 in issued building permit revenue
- \$1.24 billion in construction value applied
- 24,531 inspections performed
- 97% of inspections performed within mandated timelines
- 438 active building complaints



# Recent Initiatives

- ACCELA and APLI upgrades
  - More user friendly public portal
  - Updated interface for staff
- 80% of inspection requests in 2022 booked through APLI. (11% in 2019)
- Created an inspection dashboard to track key inspection data.
- Created a new “history of inspections” report which is available to the applicant.
- Created an inspection grid in GIS to automatically allocate inspections to inspectors.
- Software created plan review comments
- Provide technical bulletins
- Continually creating internal policies and procedures

# Building Code Amendments (tornado)

- EF2 tornado event in July of 2021.
- 70 unsafe orders and 7 demolition permits issued.
- Damage to the affected homes was about 100 million dollars
- Council request Building Code change
- Provincial submission in May 2022
- National Code amendment proposed

# Thank-you

## Questions or Comments?

