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This release features updates to the Words and Phrases Appendix as well as updates to the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1; *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26; and *Municipal Replotting Act*, R.S.B.C. 2016, c. 1.

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Highlights

- WORDS AND PHRASES "ASSENT VOTING" BRIT-ISH COLUMBIA "... [obtaining local consent] through a referendum..." (Wunderlich v. Kamloops (City), 2025 CarswellBC 5555 (B.C. S.C.)).
- WORDS AND PHRASES "INCOME APPROACH"—BRITISH COLUMBIA "... a prior-to letter is a document by which the City provides a form of "approval in principle" for a development permit, as long as the additional conditions and items identified in the prior-to letter are satisfactorily addressed." (Epix Developments Ltd. v. Bonnis Development Union Street Limited Partnership, 2025 CarswellBC 1921 (B.C. S.C.)).
- WORDS AND PHRASES "RENT MODEL" SAS-KATCHEWAN "The rent model [of assessment] is an additive model that predicts rents based on the class of office space, lease space location within the building, and effective age of the building." (Canada Life Assurance Company v. Regina (City), 2025 CarswellSask 215 (Sask. C.A.)).
- **LEGISLATION UPDATES** The following legislation in the text has been updated to reflect the most recent amendments: *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1; *Community Charter*, S.B.C. 2003, c. 26; and *Municipal Replotting Act*, R.S.B.C. 2016, c. 1.