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Highlights

Case Law

- **Revenue—Assessment—Mass Appraisal** —When using a mass appraisal model as in assessing a mall, rental of more than one property from multiple properties is necessary: “*SBLP Southland Mall Inc. v. Regina (City)*, 2025 SKCA 126, 2025 CarswellSask 519 (Sask. C.A.)”.
- **Licensing—Tribunal Decision—Judicial Review**—Licensing decisions may be subject to appeal or judicial review. An application for judicial review will fail where corruption and other wrongdoing are alleged but no evidence has been presented to the licensing tribunal: *Samhadana v. City of Toronto and Toronto Licensing Tribunal*, 2025 ONSC 6344, 2025 CarswellOnt 18735 (Ont. Div. Ct.).
- **Zoning—Appeal Process—Reasons**—Reasons must reflect planning considerations and not be based on extraneous or immaterial arguments such as providing “level playing fields” for commercial or other competitors: “*West Creek Farms Ltd. v. Langley (Township)*, 2025 BCSC 2385, 2025 CarswellBC 3753, 64 M.P.L.R. (6th) 213 (B.C. S.C.)”.
- **Development Control—Permit—Fair Process**—Councils or boards must make decisions in an unbiased matter although comments in a paper which have not shown that a trustee was unwilling to reassess a matter will not be sufficient to challenge a permit decision: “*Wilding v. Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee*, 2026 BCSC 88, 2026 CarswellBC 159, 65 M.P.L.R. (6th) 199 (B.C. S.C.)”.