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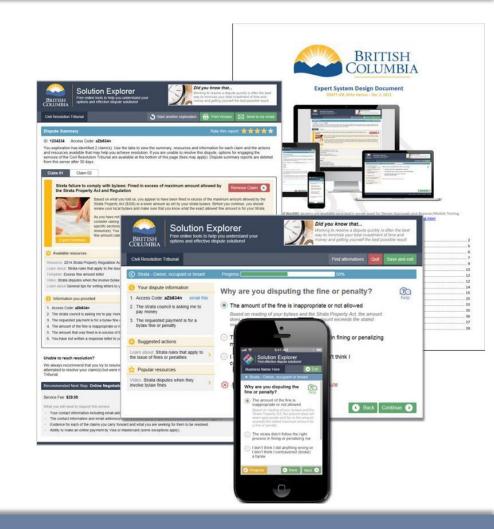


## The Solution Explorer

• The objective: a barrier free public access resource to enable strata owners, tenants, occupants, councils and property managers using an interactive tool to analyze problems and understand the options and steps to voluntary resolutions as part of the Civil Resolution Tribunal.

## The Solution Explorer Sequence

- Identify the party
- Identify the nature of the problem
- Provide information relating to the subject
- Engage the user into solution options:
- Provide resources, letters and samples of forms for solution actions



## Identify the party

When you enter: Who are you?

1. I am an owner, tenant or occupant

2. I am a strata council member or authorized representative of the strata corporation

## The nature of the problem

1. I want someone to do or to stop doing something

2. I want someone to pay for something

## Civil Resolution Tribunal

- Someone is requested to <u>do or stop doing</u> something
- Comply with bylaws
- Enforce Bylaws
- Comply with the Act
- Provide Documents or information
- Maintain and Repair

- Someone is requested to <u>pay for something</u>
- Strata fees & costs
- Special Levies
- Fines and penalties
- Damages
- Insurance Deductibles





#### Did you know that ...

Working to resolve a dispute quickly is often the best way to minimize your total investment of time and money, while achieving the best possible result.

Civil Resolution Tribunal Find alternatives Quit Save and exit Strata - Owner, occupant or tenant 16% Progress ( Your dispute information What type of problem do you have? 1. Access Code: aZb834n email this The strata is asking me to do or stop doing something I am an owner, occupant or tenant in a strata The strata is asking me to pay money or I am disputing an amount that is already paid Suggested Actions The strata won't give me permission for something None yet. I want the strata to do or stop doing something Popular Resources Another owner, occupant or tenant is asking me to do or stop doing something Legislation: Strata Property Act I want another owner, occupant or tenant to do or stop doing something The strata is not complying with the Strata Property Act or there is a bylaw issue







## The nature of the problem

- 1. I am an owner, tenant, occupant of a strata lot
- 2. I want my strata corporation to comply with the Strata Property Act
- 3. What is the problem?
- 4. The strata council are not issuing proper notice of general meetings
- 5. Information on general meetings

## **Providing information**

Information on general meetings: PDF Document

"Understanding how general meetings are held
in strata corporations"

- The notice period requirements & service
- What must be included in the notice if it is an:

**Annual General Meeting** 

**Special General Meeting** 

**Petitioned Special General Meeting** 

Petitioned Agenda Item

Notice of Waiver of General Meeting

How the agenda is created and approved

### Strata disputes such as:

- non-payment of fees/ fines/damages/claims
- unenforceable bylaws
- unfair actions by the strata or majority of owners
- issues with enforcement of strata bylaws
- repairs and maintenance
- meeting irregularities: notice and procedures
- Interpretation or compliance issues with the legislation, bylaws, or owner decisions
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### example

- meeting irregularities:
  - Notice and procedures
  - Rules of order
  - Accuracy in voting procedures and counting
  - Minutes of meetings and records
  - Registration procedures & voting rights
  - Competency of the chairperson to comply with the Bylaws & the Act
  - Inaccurate claims or information

Strata dispute: Example: Notice Statement

- meeting irregularities: notice and procedures
  - " if a strata lot owner owes any fees, fines, interest, or insurance deductible to the strata, the owner will not be eligible to vote"
  - "if an owner owes any money to the strata they will not be eligible to vote"

## Providing user information

**Resource Checklists:** identify the type of dispute and provide checklists of the documents and records the user requires to develop a solution or claim

**Drop downs:** Short info bites – 25 words

**Information PDF:** topical information to enable the user to clearly understand the nature of their problem and the subject area

**Information Videos:** a short summary sample of the topic (example on rental exemptions and bylaws)

## User options for resolution

What solutions would you like to explore:

- Request additional information
- Write a letter to my strata
- Request a hearing with my strata council
- Submit a petition to the strata corporation
- No further action



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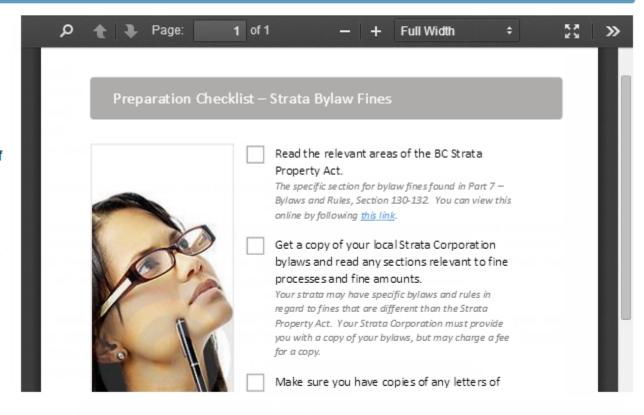
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### **Suggested Resource**

### Rate this \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

## Make sure you are prepared before you continue

Use this checklist to make sure you understand the rules that govern fines in your Strata and that you have all your information ready. If you would like a copy of this checklist you can email it to yourself. As completing these steps can take time, feel free to save and exit this exploration to prepare, and then use your access code return here when you are ready to continue.











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### Suggested Resource



#### Strata Fine Letter Template

You can use this letter template to respond to the bylaw fine that was issued by your Strata Corporation. You can edit this template right here from your computer or device by replacing the [bracket] areas with your information.

If you edit the letter here, make sure you print or email your letter to yourself before you continue as this site does not save any personal information. When you 'Store' this item and continue, only the blank template will be stored for future use and all changes will be lost.

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#### [Name]

[Address]

[Phone]

[Email]

[Date Sent]

Re: Notice [Notice # and Title] received on [Date Received]

It is my understanding that the bylaw fine issued to me in relation to [Name of Infraction] that I received on [Date Received] is in excess of the \$200 limit set by section 7.1.1a of the Strata Property Regulation under the Strata Property Act or the [\$Local Bylaw Limit Amount] limit set out in the strata bylaws in [Local Bylaw Section].

I am sending this letter to request that this matter be resolved by [type whether you would like a reply letter or are requesting for this matter to be heard at the next Strata Council meeting here].

[Add anything else you would like to communicate here, or delete this line]







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Popular Resources

Legislation: Strata Property Act

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#### Letter Template: Request a Hearing

You can use this letter to request a hearing from your strata council.

Make sure to keep a copy for your records with the date you delivered it to the strata. If you make your request in writing, the strata is obligated to hold a meeting within 4 weeks of your request.

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#### [Name]

[Address]

[Phone]

[Email]

[Date Sent]

Re: Request for Strata Hearing

I am sending this letter to request a hearing by the strata council regarding [state the reason for your request for the hearing along with any details of your issue or request].

According to Section 34.1 of the Strata Property Act, you are obligated to grant me a hearing within four weeks of the date of this letter.

Thank you for taking the time to review this matter. I look forward to your response.

[Name]







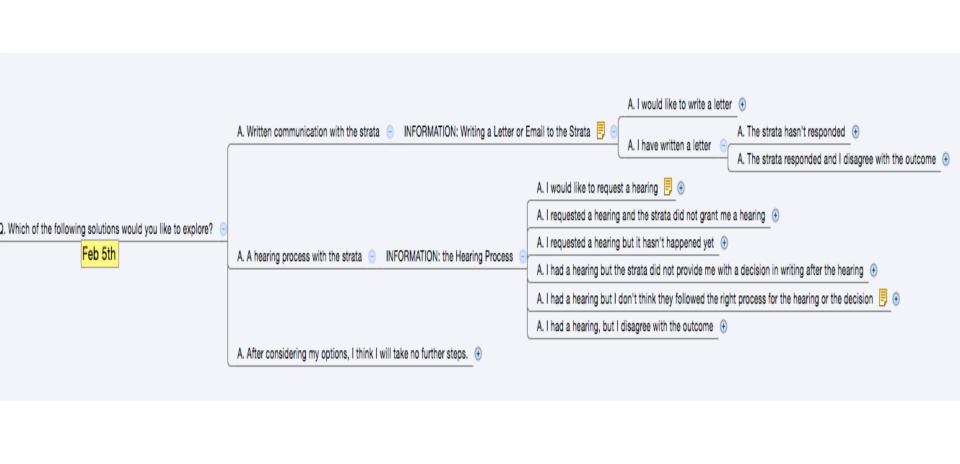






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# Where will the impact be felt?

Increase demand in correspondence, records access hearings and petitioned meetings

### **Procedures – Council**

- Bylaw enforcement
- Notice of complaint
- Response
- Hearing
- Written responses
- Compliance
- Access to records
- Consistency in Decisions

### Forms - Manager

- Notice of complaint
- Standard form of letter
- Gathering of information
- Structure
- Reference to Act & bylaws
- Record Keeping & Access
- Corporate history & formality

# Discussion

