

Building Division update

April 17, 2021

The following is an update related to the status of Building Division services. In the event of a conflict between this update and provincial regulation, the regulation shall govern.

Effective **April 17, 2021**, considering the possibility of an extension as the situation evolves:

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

No change to permit application submissions. These continue to be accepted digitally only and processed.

BUILDING/PLUMBING/FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTIONS (“Inspections”)

1. The Building Division will continue to provide inspections with respect to **all RESIDENTIAL** construction projects.

2. Inspections will continue to be conducted under a building permit for work associated with **INSTITUTIONAL** construction or demolition projects and services associated with:
 - the healthcare sector and long-term care, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space, regardless of the date the permit was issued.
 - projects that support the operations of, and provide new capacity in schools, colleges, universities, or child care centres within the meaning of the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*.

3. Inspections will continue to be conducted for work associated with an **INDUSTRIAL** building permit for construction or demolition activities required for,
 - the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,
 - significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work has commenced before April 17, 2021 under a building permit.
 - industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to work necessary for the production, maintenance, and/or enhancement of Personal Protective Equipment, medical devices such as ventilators, and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.

- projects or activities that would provide additional capacity in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food, beverages or agricultural products.

4. Inspections will continue to be conducted for construction work associated with any **INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL** or **RESIDENTIAL** permits for construction or demolition activities required for:

- construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of, or to provide new capacity in,
 - (i) municipal infrastructure, or
 - (ii) provincial infrastructure, including but not limited to, the transit, transportation, resource, energy and justice sectors;
- the supporting operations of providing new capacity in, electricity generation, transmission, distribution and storage, natural gas distribution, transmission and storage or in the supply of resources.
- construction projects and services that support the operations of broadband internet and cellular technologies and services.
- construction projects that were commenced before **April 17, 2021**, under a building permit, and that would:
 - i. provide additional capacity for businesses that provide logistical support, distribution services, warehousing, storage or shipping and delivery services, or
 - ii. provide additional capacity in the operation and delivery of Information Technology (IT) services or telecommunications services.
 - iii. provide additional capacity to, or enhance the efficiency or operations of, businesses that extract, manufacture, process and distribute goods, products, equipment and materials.
- construction projects funded in whole or in part under
 - (i) the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario,
 - (ii) an agency of the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, or
 - (iii) a municipality.
- construction related to utilities infrastructure (site servicing).
- intended to provide shelter or supports for vulnerable persons or affordable housing, and
 - (ii) being funded in whole or in part by, or are being undertaken by,
 - (A) the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario,
 - (B) an agency of the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario,
 - (C) a municipality,
 - (D) a service manager as defined the *Housing Services Act, 2011*,

- (E) a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada),
or
- (F) a not-for-profit corporation.

5. Inspections will not be conducted for construction or demolition activities not listed in pars. (1), (2), (3), or (4) above.

PERMITS & INSPECTIONS FOR SIGNS, POOL FENCES, AND WORK APPROVALS

Permit processing for the following, continues and remains unchanged:

- Work Approval Permits
- Move/Heavy Load Permits
- Sign permits
- Swimming Pool Fence Permits
- Lawyers' Letters
- Zoning Compliance Letters

Please note: All inspections for SIGN construction/erection have been suspended ,unless associated with construction activities identified in pars. (1), (2), (3), or (4).

Rev.6 : Added iii to 4th bullet in par.4

Added 7th bullet to par. 4

Rev. 5 :Revised par.1

Rev. 4 : Revised par.1 -added 5th bullet

Revised par. 2, 2nd bullet

Revised par.4, 1st bullet – subpars. (i) and (ii)

Revised par. 4, 5th bullet