Notice to Constructors – Construction Projects Update

To our valued customers,

On Friday April 16th 2021, the Premier of Ontario enacted restrictions on Essential Workplaces. Effective Saturday April 17th, 2021 at 12:01 am, all non-essential construction projects are to close or not commence per O. Reg. 82/20 as amended.

   **Residential** construction projects are considered essential, and we will continue to issue permits and conduct site inspections. Please contact the site inspector noted on your permit card to schedule inspections when ready.

   **Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) construction** projects may only proceed if classified as essential construction in Section 43 of Schedule 2 of [Ontario Regulation 82/20](https://www.ontario.ca/deliverable/1957), as amended.

Please review the list of construction projects deemed essential before proceeding with construction. It is recommended that you seek legal advice in order to avoid contravention of the law.

**Essential Construction Queries**

To seek clarification on essential Construction projects, you may contact the Region of Waterloo, Licensing and Enforcement Services at RLicensingandRegulatory@regionofwaterloo.ca as Region of Waterloo staff are responsible for enforcement of the Regulation.

**Municipal Building Inspections**

Inspections will only be carried out on construction projects deemed essential under O. Reg 82/20, as amended.

**On-Site Safety**

It is the contractor’s responsibility for workers to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, implement Public Health Advice and any other Ontario regulatory requirement for their workplace in relation to Covid-19.

**Municipal building inspectors require a minimum of 6’ physical distancing when on-site and inspecting.** If distancing cannot be met, a surgical grade mask and eye protection must be worn.

Building staff have discretion to refuse or abandon an inspection if they deem it a health risk.

**Applications & Permit Issuance**

The City of Cambridge Building Division will continue to process and issue all building permit applications.
To apply for new housing, a shed or an accessory structure you can apply online using the City of Cambridge Application Portal. For all other permit submissions, send an email to building@cambridge.ca to coordinate digital submission by email or the City’s file sharing system.

Thank you for your understanding. We want to help move your project forward while protecting the health and safety of our employees and our community.

Sincerely,

Dennis Purcell
Chief Building Official