

**January 14, 2021**

## **Notice to Constructors – Construction Projects Update**

To our valued customers,

On Tuesday January 12th 2021, the Premier of Ontario issued a 2nd State of Emergency that places restrictions on Essential Workplaces. Pursuant to the Reopening Act, 2020, effective Thursday January 14th, 2021 at 12:01 am, all non-essential construction projects are to close or not commence per O. Reg. 82/20.

This includes all **Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) construction**, unless it is identified as essential construction in Section 43 of [Ontario Regulation 82/20](#), as amended.

In relation to **Residential Buildings**, we will continue to provide inspections on residential projects that meet the following criteria:

### **43. Construction activities or projects and related services, including land surveying and demolition services, that,**

- i) are related to residential construction projects where,**
  - i. a building permit has been granted for a single family, semi-detached and townhomes,**  
*A building permit for a single, semi or town that is issued before Jan. 13, 2021 can commence because the Order is dated Jan. 13, 2021. i.e. a new single home permit issued Jan. 18 cannot commence until the Order is amended or lifted),*
  - ii. the project is a condominium, mixed-use or other residential building, or**  
*This description does not include the word permit unlike i) and these types of projects may commence after permit issuance.*
  - iii. The project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work that was started before January 12, 2021;**  
*The renovation to residential properties project description includes deck, shed, addition, duplex conversions, etc. by DIY or contractors. The Inspector will use judgement and may accept a written letter from owner/contractor or dated photos to demonstrate work started before Jan. 12, 2021. Permits issued after Jan. 11 will not be inspected.*

## **Essential Construction Queries**

To seek clarification on other essential Construction projects not listed above, you may contact the Region of Waterloo, Licensing and Enforcement Services at [RLicensingandRegulatory@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RLicensingandRegulatory@regionofwaterloo.ca) as Region of Waterloo staff are responsible for enforcement of the Regulation.



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## **Municipal Building Inspections & Stop the COVID Spread**

A reminder that municipal building inspections will ONLY be completed on essential construction projects per the amended O.Reg. 82/20. For site safety, it is the contractor's responsibility for workers to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, implement the Public Health Advice and any other Ontario regulatory requirement for their workplace in relation to COVID. Municipal building inspectors require min. 6' distancing when onsite and inspecting. If physical distancing cannot be maintained in a workplace the MOL is looking for a medical mask (also called surgical or procedure) and eye protection (goggles or face shield).

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 continue to process and issue building permit applications! Customers are encouraged to apply for permit(s) after you confirm the documents are complete. The other advantage of applying for permit in advance, is to avoid the bottleneck when the Order is amended or lifted. A reminder, construction can commence on projects permitted per O.Reg. 82/20 as amended.

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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Purcell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "P".

Dennis Purcell  
Chief Building Official