

COVID-19 Building Division Update

List of Essential Workplaces

Following the advice from Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario will updated the list of essential businesses that can re-open as of Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

As Premier Ford stated on May 14, we have done a good job of reducing the spread of Covid-19 thus far therefore all construction activities will be allowed to begin and or resume with strict guidelines in place as of Tuesday, May 19, 2020. The guideline for safe re-opening can be found at:

www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19-workplace

Some of you may have received a letter with your building permit informing you that we were able to issue the permit but that construction was not allow to start as required by the provincial orders regarding essential workplaces.

As Premier Ford has stated on May 14, you will be able to begin your construction for the permits that were issued on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Building permit issuance time frames

On March 18, 2020, the Declaration of Emergency include the suspension of all required time frames of the Building Code and Act including permit issuances and inspections. On May 12, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs re-instated all required time frames of the Building Code and Act including permit issuances and inspections.

Therefore, any building permit applications submitted during that time frame that have not already been issued should be issued 10 working days from the re-statement date of May 12, 2020, which is end of day May 27, 2020.

Inspection Procedures

Please request your inspections as usual, by email to Kathleenpulfer@northgrenville.on.ca or by phone at 613-258-9569 ext 130. Your inspection will be confirmed and schedule to be completed within 2 working days not counting the day of the request.

Please provide physical distancing for the inspector during the inspection. The inspectors will also be using PPE such as masks and gloves when necessary during inspection. We may also request that the building be vacated during inspection, or the inspection be rescheduled, should a safe inspection be difficult to achieve or maintain.

We look forward to assisting you to complete your projects in a timely manner while we work together in doing our part to maintain everyone's health and safety.

Stay healthy, Stay Safe.

[The Building Division of North Grenville](#)