



January 14, 2021

Dear Applicant;

Please be advised.

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the changes the province has made to the emergency orders; as well as, the essential workplaces allowed to remain open during the Stay-at-Home Order and the impact of those changes as it pertains to your building permit.

Covid-19 Building Division Update

List of Essential Workplaces -Construction Section 43 of the amended O'Reg 82/20.

ONTARIO REGULATION made under the [Bilingual] REG2021.0023.e 15-EC
REOPENING ONTARIO (A FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO COVID-19) ACT, 2020 Amending O.
Reg. 82/20 (RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 1) 1. (1) Schedule 1 to Ontario Regulation 82/20
is amended by adding the following section:

Construction 43

Construction activities or projects and related services, including land surveying and demolition services, that,

(a) are associated with the health care sector or long-term care, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space;

(b) ensure safe and reliable operations of, or provide new capacity in, provincial infrastructure, including the transit, transportation, resource, energy and justice sectors beyond day-to-day maintenance;

(c) support the operations of, or provide new capacity in, electricity generation, transmission, distribution and storage, natural gas distribution, transmission and storage or in the supply of resources;

(d) support the operations of, or provide new capacity in, schools, colleges, universities, municipal infrastructure or child care centres within the meaning of the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014;

(e) are required for,

(i) the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,

(ii) significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work commenced before January 12, 2021, or

(iii) industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to

work necessary for the production, maintenance or enhancement of personal protective equipment, medical devices such as ventilators and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic;

(f) would provide additional capacity in the production, processing, manufacturing or distribution of food, beverages or agricultural products;

(g) were commenced before January 12, 2021 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;

(h) support the operations of broadband internet and cellular technologies and services;
(i) are related to residential construction projects where,
(i) a building permit has been granted for a single family, semi-detached and townhomes,
(ii) the project is a condominium, mixed-use or other residential building, or
(iii) the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work that was started before January 12, 2021;

(j) prepare a site for an institutional, commercial, industrial or residential development, including any necessary excavation, grading, roads or utilities infrastructure;

(k) are necessary to temporarily close construction sites that have paused, or that are not active, to ensure ongoing public safety;

(l) are funded in whole or in part by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program;

(m) are,
(a) intended to provide shelter or supports for vulnerable persons or affordable housing; and
(b) being funded in whole or paid 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, 5 6
(D) a service manager as defined the Housing Services Act, 2011, or
(E) a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada), or
(F) a not-for-profit corporation.

What Does This Mean to Building Permit Applicants in North Grenville?

Residential construction permits issued before January 12, 2021 may continue with construction. **Building permit issuance time frames.**

Permit applications currently in our office for residential construction that have not been issued by January 12, 2021 will be issued but may not be started by the builders until the province lifts the order. You will receive a letter with your permit, as we did previously, to advise you that your permit is issued but that construction may not start.

Inspections

The regulatory time frames for permit issuance and inspection requests have not been suspended as they were in the spring.

We will continue to review applications, issue permits, and perform inspections for projects that are not shut down by the amended O'Reg 82/20.

Inspections will not be performed for construction work that has been halted by the order.

Residential renovation permits that have not started construction by January 12, 2021 will not be allowed to start construction whether a permit had been issued before January 12, 2021 or not.

Commercial projects that do not meet the above list of projects allowed to remain open shall close their sites for the duration of the order or until the province advises it is appropriate to re-open.

The current O'Reg 82/20 can be found at the Ontario E-Laws website.

Inspection Procedures

Please request your inspections as usual, by email to kpulfer@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 health and safety for all.

Stay healthy. Stay safe.

The Building Division of North Grenville