

April 6, 2020

This serves as the Building Department service continuity plan as a result of the Provincial Emergency Order as amended on April 3, 2020 by the Premier of Ontario.

We all have a role to play in addressing the serious public health risk created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town of New Tecumseth is seeking a collaborative and reasonable approach with our construction industry partners regarding continued activity on both public and private construction projects within the Town.

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 82/20 and subsequent amendments by Provincial Order issued April 3 and effective as of 11:59 on April 4, 2020, effective immediately the following additional restrictions are imposed on Building Department services.

Building Inspection services will NOT be carried out on construction projects deemed to be non-essential as per the Provincial list. This includes:

- All ICI construction, except as exempted for critical infrastructure projects
- All residential construction except those projects that held an issued permit before 11:59 pm April 4, 2020 as described below:
 - A footing permit for a single family, semi-detached, or townhome
 - An above grade structural permit for a residential condominium, residential mixed use or residential other building

A link to the Province's updated essential service list is provided here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>.

Please note the Building Department will continue to accept building permit applications and issue building permits for all building types. It must be noted that, notwithstanding a permit may be issued during this time, physical construction for these projects is **not authorized** unless they are deemed to be essential by the Emergency Order referred to above, or the Emergency Order is lifted.

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