

Essential Services - Construction - Provincial Regulation made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

In accordance with the [Provincial Regulation made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#), effective Saturday April 04, 2020 at 11:59 pm, the Municipalities of Faraday, Tudor & Cashel and Wollaston will not be inspecting any construction projects that are **not** deemed essential by the Provincial Order. All non-essential construction projects are required to cease construction.

[Construction projects deemed essential](#) in sections 27 to 31 of the Emergency Order that relate to the following may continue:

27. Construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space.
28. Construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of, or to provide new capacity in, critical provincial infrastructure, including transit, transportation, energy and justice sectors beyond the day-to-day maintenance.
29. Critical industrial construction activities required for,
 - i. the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,
 - ii. significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work has already commenced,
 - iii. industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to work necessary for the production, maintenance, and/or enhancement of Personal Protective Equipment, medical devices (such as ventilators), and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.
30. Residential construction projects where,
 - i. a footing permit has been granted for single family, semi-detached and townhomes
 - ii. an above grade structural permit has been granted for condominiums, mixed use and other buildings, or
 - iii. the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work was started before April 4, 2020.
31. Construction and maintenance activities necessary to temporarily close construction sites that have paused or are not active and to ensure ongoing public safety.

The below provides further information on building permits and inspections:

Building Permits

Permit applications will continue to be reviewed for all types of construction and processed to completion. No permit will be issued to applicant but instead will be held until such time as the Emergency order has been lifted. Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit under the authority of the Building Code Act, the provincial regulation orders

the closure of all places of non-essential business and that all construction cease and not proceed, except for businesses listed as essential. It is the owner's responsibility to comply with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act until such time as the order is lifted. Please ensure that you review the list of essential construction and/or seek legal opinion before proceeding with any construction works.

Inspections

1. Inspections will only be carried out on construction deemed essential by the provincial order as deemed necessary at the sole discretion of the Chief Building Official.
2. Pursuant to section 30, inspections **for residential construction** will continue as deemed necessary at the sole discretion of the Chief Building Official where building permits have been issued by April 4, 2020 for:
 - a. construction of single family, semi-detached, townhomes, condominiums, mixed use and other buildings, and
 - b. alterations to residential properties where construction work **started** before April 4, 2020.

This information is provided until further notice, and will be updated pending further direction or clarification from the Province of Ontario.

Thanks for your patience,

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