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NOTICE

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The Government of Ontario has declared a state of emergency and issued a stay at home order. Stay at home except for essential travel and follow the [restrictions and public health measures](#).

The new rules came into effect on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 12:01 a.m., for all of Ontario. They are anticipated to be in place for the next 28 days.

The Building Department will still be accepting building permit applications and issuing ALL building permits. Under the Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures, only [essential construction projects](#) may continue and only these building inspections will continue.

1. All Building permit applications along with supporting documents may be submitted by email to myself – djones@wellington-north.com. If you do not have access to a method of emailing building permit applications, there is a drop box at the Municipal Office at 7490 Sideroad 7 W, Kenilworth ON that will be checked each day.
2. To book building inspections we are asking that you give 48 hours notice where possible, and that you call the Building Department at (519) 848-3620 Ext. 5. We will be following Ontario's health and safety guidelines for construction sites: [construction site health and safety during covid-19](#)
3. General property and building inquiries can also be directed to Tammy Pringle, Development Clerk – tpringle@wellington-north.com.
4. Planning and Development applications may still be submitted to the Township. At this time Public Meetings and Committee of Adjustment Hearings and proceeding via web conferencing.

I thank all for your understanding and your cooperation at this time. Please stay safe, and stay healthy

Regards,

Darren Jones, CBCO
Chief Building Official

Essential Construction Project List

The Government of Ontario has released its list of essential construction project types that will be able to continue during the state of emergency.

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Under the Enhancing Public Health and Workplace Safety Measures, only essential construction projects are to continue.

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,
 - i. intended to provide shelter or supports for vulnerable persons or affordable housing; and
 - ii. being funded in whole or in part 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,
 - 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.

The construction industry should also be aware that enhanced workplace testing might be required, and that more enforcement officers will be monitoring to ensure compliance.