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# COVID-19 VIRUS - UPDATE

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUSINESS CONTINUITY

June 17, 2020

Further to our communications regarding business continuity in the Building Department during the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the relaxation of some of the restrictions under the Provincial Emergency Order, we have made updates to our business operations.

**Hours of Operation:** The Building Department is returning to regular hours of operation (Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm). City Hall remains closed to the public and much of our staff continue to work from home.

### Available Services:

- **Building Permit Applications** – available through our [APLI](#) public portal only
- **Plans Examination** – staff are available by email only
- **Building Permit Issuance** – available through the [APLI](#) portal or through email
- **Inspections** – all construction projects, including occupied buildings, are available for inspection with physical distancing measures in place and using appropriate practices as recommended by Public Health. Please note, Inspectors have the right to refuse an inspection if they believe it poses a risk to their health.
- **Freedom of Information Requests** – please contact [Service Barrie](#)

### Services Not Available:

- In person building permit applications
- Compliance letters

We are doing everything possible to keep the building process moving in these unprecedented times. We all have a role to play in addressing the serious public health risk created by the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we adjust to the situation. These guidelines are subject to change as dictated by public health requirements and government legislation.

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