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COVID-19 VIRUS - UPDATE

BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUSINESS CONTINUITY

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This is an update to our communication dated March 1st, 2021.

In response to rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission, the threat on the province's hospital system capacity and the increasing risks posed to the public by COVID-19 variants, a declaration of emergency and provincewide Stay-at-Home order are in effect as of Thursday, April 8, at 12:01 a.m.

Enhanced public health measures and enforcement came into effect Saturday, April 17 at 12:01 a.m. These enhanced measures now include "essential construction". The latest regulation can be found [here](#).

All residential construction is defined as "essential construction" and is therefore permitted; however, many non-residential construction projects are affected and may be limited in scope.

The Building Department will continue to **issue permits** for all types of construction with a clear notation that some of this construction is not permitted to commence if it is affected by the 'essential construction' regulation.

Building **inspections** will only be done on projects that are deemed to be "essential construction".

Further updates will be provided should provincial legislation change.

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