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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Building Permits & Planning Applications Update

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Following the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government, on April 3, 2020, released a revised list of businesses classified as essential and ordered more workplaces to close. The restrictions are aimed at further reducing contact between people, and stopping the spread of COVID-19. Further, the Province of Ontario has suspended all limitation periods and timelines associated with processing planning applications and building permits during the COVID-19 emergency.

As a result of the revised list of essential businesses and Provincial direction, the Township of The Archipelago is taking the following measures:

1. The building department will continue to receive and process permit applications, but will not be issuing building permits until the Province directs it to do so. The only building inspections that will be conducted at this time, at the discretion of the Chief Building Official, are those deemed essential to existing, open building permits for single family dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, and townhomes.

Permit applications can be emailed to inspection@thearchipelago.on.ca or dropped off through the mail slot at the Township office.

To determine if your building project was deemed essential, please review Ontario's list of essential workplaces, and call the toll free number if you require further clarification.

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

Stop the Spread Business Information Line: 1-888-444-3659.

2. All planning applications in process and any new applications will be held in abeyance until further notice.

The Township of The Archipelago continues follow the direction of the Province and is working closely with the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, West Parry Sound Area Municipalities, and Community partners, to monitor the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) situation and respond appropriately.

Please visit our website for up-to-date information.
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