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COVID-19 Update – Temporary Changes to Building Permit and Inspection Processes

MUSKOKA LAKES – Following the April 3, 2020 amendment to the Province of Ontario’s essential services list, the Township of Muskoka Lakes has made temporary changes to its building permit and inspection processes effective immediately.

Building inspections will continue to be provided on residential construction where:

- A footing permit has been granted for single family dwellings, semi-detached and townhomes;
- An above grade structural permit has been granted for condominiums, mixed use and other buildings; or
- Renovations to residential properties and construction work that started before Saturday, April 4, 2020 (11:59 pm).

Building permit applications will continue to be accepted via email or at the Municipal Office drop box. These applications will be processed and reviewed in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and applicable law. However, the associated building permit will not be issued until Provincial restrictions on essential workplaces are lifted. The only exception will be where an Order has been placed on a property for health and safety reasons.

Additionally, questions regarding how to interpret the List Essential Workplaces can be directed to the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

The Township of Muskoka Lakes is working closely with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and other community partners to monitor the global situation regarding COVID-19, in order to protect our employees and community. Further information is available from the [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#) or the [Government of Ontario COVID-19](#).

The Township will update its website at www.muskokalakes.ca with any changes to Township services as a result of COVID-19. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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