

Building Permits and Required Inspections (Updated March 23, 2020)

By Order in Council #73/20 passed on March 20, 2020 the Provincial government has suspend all legislated timelines. With respect to construction and building activities, this means the following timelines are suspended until further notice by the Province:

- All time periods established in table 1.3.1.3. of the Code respecting a decision to issue a permit or refuse a permit
- The prescribed inspection timelines to conduct a permit inspection found in Div. C, s.1.3.5.3.
- Limitation period to proceed to with a Building Code Act/Reg. Charge – OBCA s.36 (8) – Limitation period
- Limitation period to proceed with POA charges for bylaw matters related to - zoning/fence/pool – Provincial Offenses Act- Part V, s.76(1) – Limitation period

Notwithstanding the above, the Town is committed to ensuring that as best as possible permit applications will be received and issued, and all mandatory construction inspections will occur save and except for occupied dwellings.

While our Inspectors will strive to meet our processing and response times, we are unable to guarantee that normal processing and inspection timelines can be met. As of Monday March 23rd, the Town may not provide same day inspections and may require a minimum of 48 hours notice when booking an inspection for your site. In keeping with the Provincial Order, there may be some inspections that we cannot conduct even within 48 hours and we will work with the owner/contractor to schedule those as soon as practical. Work on the construction project shall not progress until the inspection occurs and passes. Inspections are conducted Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

Building Inspectors will not enter occupied residential dwellings to conduct a mandatory inspection. These inspections will have to be arranged to a later date. At this time and subject to a Building Inspectors individual discretion, they may not enter occupied areas of buildings under construction including industrial, commercial, or institutional buildings. Building staff will ask you to answer brief non-intrusive screening questions related to the COVID-19 health risks, and Inspectors will practice social distancing. Please understand this is for the protection and peace of mind of our staff who will be serving you and other members of the public.

Building inspections are to be booked through the Town's inspection booking phone line (705-526-4275, ext. 2248).

Building Permit applications, including drawings, may be submitted by email to building@midland.ca. Permit applications and cheques may be dropped off at Town Hall in our drop off box at the Third Street entrance. The Town will also accept applications by prior arrangements which are to be made through email at building@midland.ca; you will be provided with a time and location for the drop off.