

Good afternoon,

Approval has been granted to an amendment of the *Building Codes Act* Regulations.

The current wording of the *Building Codes Act* Regulations state that a Building Permit is required for all new projects including those that have a Development Permit, but have not commenced construction prior to the coming into force date of the Regulations (March 31, 2020). Several projects were unable to begin ahead of the new Building Permit requirements, as construction had been paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The amendment will exempt any project from requiring a Building Permit if an application for a Development Permit was made on or before the date the amendment comes into force (slated for Saturday, April 25).

What does this mean?

Any project which had made a valid application for a Development Permit on or before April 25, 2020 will be exempt from requiring a Building Permit. This includes projects that have received a Development Permit and those that are currently in the queue. Building Permits will be required going forward starting April 26, 2020.

When does this take effect?

Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Amendment text:

1. Subsection 44(2) of the *Building Codes Act* Building Codes Regulations (EC177/20) is revoked and the following substituted:

(2) These regulations do not apply to work, in respect of which an application for a development permit, pursuant to

(a) section 32 of the *Planning Act* Subdivision and Development Regulations; or

(b) a municipal bylaw enacted under the *Planning Act*,
was made on or before the date on which these regulations come into force.

2. These regulations come into force on.....

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