

## **BUILDER BULLETIN #2015-01**

(April 15, 2015)

*Welcome to the first Builder Bulletin of the year from the Brampton Building Division. 2014 was a very busy year for low rise housing permits and with the implementation of the 2012 Ontario Building Code. Low rise housing permit stats and 2014 Stats Can permit data are attached separately.*

*As you are now most aware, with the new Ontario Building Code and the number of amendments, the transition rule requires construction to start within 6 months of the issuance of the permit. No extensions permitted. Plan your construction programme accordingly!*

*Some additional reminders and notes are provided:*

### **1. Permit Fees and Administrative Fees**

**Builders are reminded of the fee adjustment effective each January 1 as permit fees are now tied to the consumer price index. The 2015 fee schedule is posted on the Building Division Website.**

**Builders are reminded that where Orders to Comply are issued, an administrative fee is applied and must be paid prior to the issuance of the permit related to the order. The amount of the fee is set out in the Building By-law.**

<http://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Building-Permits/Documents/Permit%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>

### **2. Compliance with Amendments to the 2012 OBC - HVAC Design**

**A summary of the changes to the OBC and the Supplementary Guidelines has been prepared by Lillyan McGinn, Manager, Plans & Permits and is provided to assist in achieving compliance with the CSA F280 design requirements.**

<http://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Building-Permits/Documents/Homebuilders/2015%20Code%20Changes%20Production%20Residential%20Design.pdf>

### 3. Solicitor's Confirmation of Registered Owner

To provide consistency of information received the attached form, also downloadable from Brampton's 'Building Permits' website, must be used to provide the name of the registered owner of the lots for which permits are being submitted following registration of a plan of subdivision. A "lawyer's letter" will no longer be acceptable as of Monday, April 20, 2015.

<http://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Building-Permits/Documents/Homebuilders/Solicitor%20Confirmation.pdf>

### 4. Start of Construction

Builders are reminded that, once the forming of footings is commenced or inside or outside servicing commences (the installation of pipes), construction has started. Ensure that you have your permit on site, as required by the Ontario Building Code.

### 5. *Thank you and a few words ...*

*My last official day of work, as the Chief Building Official and Director of Building for the City of Brampton, was March 31, 2015. I have retired as it is time to take care of health issues. I have always considered that we are partners in the delivery of houses that are properly constructed and hope that I have conveyed that message to staff, in addition to my standard comment that if you were not on that side of the counter there would be no need for us to be on this side of the counter. That culture of customer service has always existed in the City of Brampton and, with the staff team in place today, I am certain that it will continue. We will do all that we can to facilitate the issuance of permits and delivery of inspections that meet your schedules but, to ensure that level playing field, construction without permits will result in prosecution. That principle has ensured that we can complete all of those mandatory inspections set out in the regulations. It sets the bar high for all of us, which is a good thing, and ensures absolute and total consistency.*

***Thank you so much. It has always been a positive experience with a positive outcome. I am so looking forward to the On-line Permits project launch later this year. Although we like to see you at the Building Division counter I am certain that it will make the whole process far more efficient for you, operationally and financially. Please participate. It is your programme.***

***Thank you again. It has been my pleasure and privilege.  
Brenda Campbell***

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1. The Acting Chief Building Official is Rick Conard.**
- 2. If you have any questions concerning any of the information provided in this edition of the Builder Bulletin, please contact Anthony Magnone, Regulatory Coordinator. He will, as always, be pleased to assist you.**