

## Building Permits for Outdoor Patios (April 16, 2021)

### The following examples generally require a Building Permit:

- An individual or group of permanent or temporary buildings greater than 10m<sup>2</sup> (107 sq. ft.) in area,
- Permanent or temporary roof structures that exceed 10m<sup>2</sup> (107 sq. ft.) in area,
- Walls or fencing greater than 1200mm (4') high, fully enclosing the patio,
- Restrictions added to the exiting from the building such as walls, railings, barriers, etc.,
- Decks greater than 600mm (2') high, above the surrounding grade,
- Alterations to the Barrier free access to the building,
- An individual tent or group of tents which covers more than 60m<sup>2</sup> (645 sq.ft.) of ground. A tent that covers less than 60m<sup>2</sup> of ground but is within 3 m (9.8') of another structure or contains commercial cooking equipment, or
- Any unsafe conditions that could endanger the health or safety of any persons on or about the premises.

### Building Permit Application Requirement list for Outdoor Patios

#### Plans

Architectural drawing, including a Site Plan  
(preferred scale is Metric 1:100 or Imperial ¼" = 1'0")

#### Site Plan:

The location and dimensions of the patio area with distances to the property lines and other structures.

#### Floor Plan:

The patio area floor plan with dimensions, including, but not limited to:

- accessory buildings, structures, walls, fencing, roofs, overhead structures, decks, stages, type of construction materials,
- exits, occupant load, seating, tables, dance floor, barrier free access, number and location of washroom facilities,
- generators, propane tanks, commercial cooking appliances.

#### Note:

- some types of structures may require a professional engineers design,
- patios cannot obstruct a fire department connection or fire hydrant.