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Frequently Asked Questions

Q) Are other municipalities still doing building inspections?

A) Each municipality is doing inspections differently, some doing more, some doing less. The City polled a significant number of municipalities (both from LMCBO and surrounding ones) with respect to the provision of permit issuance and building inspections. Some are currently continuing on with both plan reviews and inspections. The decision was made, after receiving this information, for us to suspend new permit applications, at this time, and start building inspections on Monday for limited construction types. The City's COVID-19 team was also consulted

Q) We heard this is an airborne virus – according to the American Centre for Disease Control and World Health Organization, yet the City says it's a droplets borne virus according to the Ontario government. Who are we supposed to believe, the CDC and WHO, or the government who is deeming this work to be "essential"?

A) There is a lot of conflicting information; the City is following the direction of the Ontario Office of Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Q) Why do the builders keep working when the Prime Minister and PM say to stay home?

A) This is the work the Province deems essential.

Q) Are there any pre-screening measures we can do before visiting a worksite? (For Building Inspectors)

A) No.

Q) Why were workers recalled without consultation and input about our health and safety concerns?

A) "We're building the ship as we sail it."

Q) Every site we go to is rolling the dice. If we are unknowingly carriers of the virus, then we might be spreading to every single worksite we visit. Why are we doing this?

A) We are an important service as indicated by the Ontario government.

Q) Will we be given Personal Protective Equipment and training?

A) Yes, everyone will be given PPE and shown how to use it properly.

Q) Is management going to be rotating workers through the COVID19 essential service coverage?

A) The Union has enquired; still no answer.

Q) What accommodations are available to employees who are unable to attend work due to a compromised deficiency disorder?

A) The Union has enquired; still no answer.

Q) The direction from the Premier is that there should not be an assembly greater than 50 people, however some of our work locations are operation to meet business needs with more than this. Has management been made aware of this?

A) The Union has asked the employer to provide exact numbers per location; still no answer.