



## Building Services Notice

**Attention:** Homebuilders and Designers

**Subject:** Tips for Successful Framing Inspections

As the weather turns hot, we are looking forward to a productive construction season in the Town of Collingwood. To prepare for a busy construction season we have prepared the following tips for successful framing inspections.

A minimum of 2 business days' notice is required prior to the date of inspection.

Request a framing inspection once the plumbing, heating and electrical systems are roughed-in and prior to the installation of the insulation. Windows and doors are to be installed.

Note: The framing inspection may also include the plumbing rough-in and HVAC rough-in inspections. Ensure separate inspection requests are made so that time can be allotted to accommodate all required inspections.

A reminder that adequate stairs must be provided for all floor levels requiring inspection and maintaining construction site housekeeping is required for the health and safety of all entering the site.

At the inspection the building inspector reviews the assembly of the structural members and any other construction as requested for compliance with the reviewed building permit drawings and the Ontario Building Code.

Any revisions to the reviewed construction drawings require prior approval from Collingwood Building Services.

**The site super is responsible for ensuring that a copy of the reviewed drawings and associated documents in colour are readily available on site. If the current reviewed documents are not on site, the inspection will need to be re-scheduled.**



The following is a list of the major areas that are inspected during the framing inspection:

- Columns and beams (blocking/bearing)
- Anchorage of building frames
- Floor joists (bridging/strapping)
- Headers and trimmer joists
- Glue-laminated beams
- Support of walls and wall studs
- Continuity of studs
- Lintels and windows
- Spans-joists, rafters, and beams
- Main washroom blocking
- Intermediate support for rafters and joists
- Roof sheathing and roof spaces-ventilation
- Wood roof trusses and layout, including any engineered repair details where necessary.
- Girder truss/LVL nailing
- Truss bracing
- Above-grade masonry
- Stairs
- Requirement for above/below grade egress windows
- Required accesses (crawl space/attic)

The construction progress, including Building Code deficiencies, is documented in a Field Inspection Report issued by the building inspector after the site inspection available through the portal and emailed to the appropriate parties.

Moving forward, all digital correspondence will be via email or documentation which can be accessed through the portal. There will be no communication via text messaging.

Your involvement in the inspection process is critical. A review of the construction prior to the inspector's arrival can help to ensure a smooth flow in the construction of your project. The site super should do a walk-through prior to the inspector's arrival to ensure the project is ready for inspection and to help avoid any unnecessary delays or charges.

For additional information, please contact [building@collingwood.ca](mailto:building@collingwood.ca) at any time.