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CONSTRUCTION HOURS EXTENDED

April 9, 2020

Premier Doug Ford has accelerated work on critical infrastructure projects for health care. Hours of work for essential construction critical to health care will be permitted to run 24 hours a day without violating local noise bylaws.

This means that construction projects associated with new medical facilities, expansions, renovations or conversion of spaces that can be repurposed for health care can remain open at all times. Also included are temporary structures for health care and COVID-19 assessment.

These immediate changes have been enacted under the Ontario Municipal Act. You can see the changes to the regulation below.

INCREASED SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT

Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton, stated that there will be further sector-specific safety measures for essential service workers announced shortly.

Minister McNaughton also announced that they will be increasing the number of inspectors by recalling recently retired inspectors and redeploying staff. They are also doubling the number of call-in lines for their call-in centres.

GROCERY & PHARMACY CLOSURES

Yesterday, Premier Doug Ford announced that grocery stores and pharmacies will be closed Friday, April 10 and Sunday April 12 to give these exhausted workers some much needed time off.

REGULATION CHANGES

From the Regulation:

1. For the purposes of section 451.1 of the Act, a municipality does not have power to prohibit and regulate with respect to noise made in connection with the following:

1. Construction projects and services in a municipality associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space, at any time of the day or night.

2. Any other construction activity in a municipality between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.



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