

FAQs



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Q: Do I need a permit for my project?

- Check out our "[What Kind of Permit Do I Need](#)" information sheet!

Q: What if I don't apply for a permit?

- You risk your project not complying with the Manitoba Building Code requirements, this could be quite costly for you to correct (remove / repair)
- Permit fees double cost if work is started before an appropriate permit is issued
- Insurance coverage / claims may be denied
- Selling your home may be difficult
- Permits are required by law

Q: How do I submit a permit application?

- Copies of our applications and forms can be found on our website, picked up at one of our offices, or we would be happy to mail or email them to you.
- Completed forms can be:
 - o Emailed to: mcauley@rmofellicearchie.ca or stlazare@rmofellicearchie.ca
 - o Mail to Box 67 McAuley, MB R0M 1H0
 - o Drop off at one of our municipal offices

Q: How can I pay for my permit application?

- The municipality can accept cash, cheque or e-transfer (sent to mcauley@rmofellicearchie.ca)

Q: How do the inspections work?

- When the building permit is issued, you will receive a list of inspections required
- You must contact us by email or phone to book inspections at least two working days before you need it. The earlier the better!

Q: Who do I contact about Subdividing my property?

- Subdivision requests are submitted to Community & Regional Planning: 204-726-6267 or brandoncrp@gov.mb.ca

Q: What do I require to drill a well on my property?

- Contact Manitoba Sustainable Development Water Use Licensing for permit information: 204-945-3983 or email mws@gov.mb.ca

Q: Where do I get approval for my septic system?

- You will need to contact the [Department of Conservation and Climate](#) for approval.

Q: How do I know where my property lines are?

- There may be survey pins located on your property which could be exposed
- If you can't find any pins, you will require a [Manitoba Land Surveyors](#) Building Location Certificate

Q: What are the rules for Residential Fences?

- A development permit must be applied for
- Height restrictions: 3 ft for front yard, 6 ft for side and rear yard
- Fences surrounding a pool must be 6 feet tall
- Fence may be constructed up to and on property lines, however it is advised you obtain neighboring property owner consent to avoid potential disputes. A land survey may be required to verify the property boundary.
- Any fence constructed beyond the property line may be subject to removal or relocation by the applicant.
- Residential fences can be constructed with wood, brick, concrete and metal. Barbed wire or electric fences are not permitted in residential areas.

Q: Do I require an occupancy permit for new building construction?

- Yes, but this is included in the building permit process!

Q: Where can I get copies of current relevant codes?

- [Manitoba Regulation 78/2023](#): Manitoba Building Code adopts National Building Code of Canada 2020 with Manitoba Amendments. [National Building Code of Canada 2020](#).
- [Manitoba Regulation: 79/2023](#): Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings adopts National Energy Code of Canada 2020 for Buildings with Manitoba Amendments. [National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings 2020](#).
- [Manitoba Regulation 80/2023](#): Manitoba Plumbing Code adopts National Plumbing Code of Canada 2020 with Manitoba Amendments. [National Plumbing Code of Canada 2020](#).
- [Manitoba Regulation 82/2023](#): Manitoba Fire Code adopts National Fire Code of Canada 2020 with Manitoba Amendments. [National Fire Code of Canada 2020](#).

Q: Can I have any part of the Building Code waived?

- The Municipality does not have the authority to waive the requirements, however alternative solutions such as equivalent materials or construction method *may be* acceptable if it can meet the intent of the Building Code. This is under the discretion of the Building Inspector.

Q: Where do I obtain an Electrical or Gas permit?

- [Manitoba Hydro](#)

Q: What is required for the installation of a Geothermal Heat Pump system?

- Contact a installation contractor who is a Manitoba Geothermal Energy Alliance (MGEA) member.
- You will need to provide us a copy of the permit with your permit application submitted to us.

Q: Who do I need to contact before beginning excavation work?

- Visit www.clickbeforeyoudigmb.com

Q: Where can I get copies of the Municipal By-Laws

- All by-laws can be found on our [website](#), or by requesting a copy from our municipal office.

Q: How do I get a copy of my Land Title?

- The status of title can be obtained from the Land Titles Office ([Teranet Manitoba](#))
- Your lawyer may have a copy