

Type of Structure

Permitting & Inspections – Type of Structure Descriptions

All building permit applications require customers to answer questions about the type of work and type of structure they are applying for. The type of work and structure must be consistent with the type of permit being applied for.

Things to Know:

- All building permit applications begin with type of work and type of structure
- All questions in the application are linked to business rules so it's important to select the correct type of work and structure
- *Example:* If you begin a **Building Permit** application for the renovation of a single unit home, the Type of Work selected would be **Renovation** and the Type of Structure would be **Dwelling – Single Detached**.

Building Permit BP-2020-01971 (Draft)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- All measurements must be entered in metric.
- All areas should be entered in square metres. Square metres is a unit of area (length in metres multiplied by width in metres).

APPLICATION


Master Plan Permit Number:  [Clone from Master Plan](#)

*Are you applying for a Residential or Commercial permit? Residential Commercial

*What type of work will be done? 

*What type of structure? 

Number of units:

*Enter a description of the work that will be done.  

Please enter any associated Building Permit Number: 

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Building Permits	
Type of Structure	Description & Examples
Accessory Structure	Accessory buildings are outdoor structures such as detached garages, sheds, playhouses, storage buildings, pergolas, garden structures, greenhouses, private studios, boathouses, pool houses, cabanas, and other similar residential buildings. These types of structures are used exclusively by the owners or occupants of the house or main building. Legally, most accessory buildings are not permitted to be used as sleeping quarters or as living space.
Agriculture	A building related to the business with cultivating land, raising crops, and feeding, breeding, and raising livestock; farming, the production of crops, livestock, or poultry.
Aquaculture	A building associated with the controlled cultivation of freshwater or marine species for food (Aquaculture Facility, Mussel Ranch, Aquaculture Farm).
Commercial	Commercial buildings are buildings that are used for commercial purposes, and include office buildings, warehouses, and retail buildings (e.g. convenience stores, 'big box' stores, and shopping malls).
Dwelling-Multiple Units	Two or more dwelling units with any configuration not otherwise defined. If applying for Residential Building Permit the building must be 3 storeys or less in building height and have a building footprint area not exceeding 600 square meters. If applying for a Commercial Building Permit the building must be more than 3 storeys in building height or having a building footprint area exceeding 600 square meters.
Dwelling - Seasonal	Designed or intended for seasonal or recreational use and is not intended for use as permanent living quarter.
Dwelling - Semi-Detached	Two dwelling units separated by a common wall or by a garage, but not attached to any other building and surrounded on all other sides by open space.
Dwelling - Single Unit	One dwelling unit completely separated on all sides from any other dwelling or structure.
Dwelling - Townhouse	A townhouse or townhome is a single-family home that shares one or more walls with other independently-owned units. They are often in rows of uniform homes, two stories or taller. Residents own their interior and exterior walls, lawn, and roof, as well as the insurance for both their home and property.

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Industrial	A building or part of a building occupied for types of uses such as: mining facility, brewery, distillery, factory, lumber mill, mill, power plant, processing plant, spray paint operation, public works depot, transit depot, accessory building associated to industrial, grain elevator, salt dome, storage warehouse, hazardous substance storage, storage warehouse, light industrial, composting facility, fish plant, recycling facility, refinery, refuse facility, treatment plant, crematorium, or a lighthouse.
Institutional and Governmental	A building or part of a building occupied for types of uses such as: Accessory building associated to institutional, post office, laboratory/research, observatory, court house, legislative building, correctional facility, fire station, HRP Community office, HRP headquarters, HRP Satellite Office, RCMP station, archives, library, or a museum.
Mixed Use - Residential & Other Use(s)	A building that has multiple uses such as: A multi-level apartment building with street level retail stores.