



City of Sarnia
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Deck – Application Submission Checklist:

1. Development Review Form: Decks

Form regarding Applicable Law and other approvals related to decks.

2. Permit to Construct or Demolish Application Form

A standardized application form prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

3. Schedule 1: Designer Information Form

As of January 1, 2006, in conformance with the Ontario Building Code, s.3.2., Div.C, the deck must be designed (drawings prepared) by either the **owner of the property** OR a **qualified designer**. A qualified designer means a BCIN qualified designer, Architect or Engineer.

The schedule 1: Designer Information form must be completed by the individual that prepared the plans. (Owner or Qualified Designer).

All sections of this form are to be completed:

Section A - Project address information

Section B - Designer/Owner Information

Section C - Description of the project. (ie. "Detached 20' x 15' accessory building with slab-on-grade"

Section D - Owner will check the box next to: "The design work is exempt from the registration and qualifications required..." and write "property owner or home owner" on the blank space after "Basis for exemption from registration and qualification".

Qualified BCIN Designer (if applicable) will check off and complete the relevant section.

4. Construction Plans: Must be to scale and be legible

1. **Site Plan** – (Property lines, location of all existing structures, septic system location, proposed deck and measurements and distance from proposed deck to all structures, septic and property lines).

2. **Design drawings and specifications - Plan view** indicating size and spacing of the foundations (concrete pier size and spacing), floor joists and beams; size and location of existing and/or proposed door openings in the adjacent walls (lintel span and size for new openings shall be indicated); **Cross section(s)** indicating height of the deck from finished grade, attachment details to building (if applicable), concrete pier size and depth, and other relevant structural framing details/information; **Elevation(s)** (views) showing guards/railing, stairs, etc.

5. Additional Approvals:

Planning Approvals such as Minor Variance or Zoning approvals if required.

Conservation Authority Approvals, and/or other applicable law (see Development Review Form)

Refer to the [Wood Decks Brochure](#) for a guide to the required Construction Plans. See **Permit Process Guide**, included in this application document, for additional information regarding the Application, Building Permit and Inspection process.

Electrical Safety Authority

Doing electrical work? A notification must be filed with the [Electrical Safety Authority](#). Hiring someone to do Electrical work? They must be a Licensed Electrical Contractor. For more information, go to esasafe.com or call 1-877-372-7233

Locates – Call or click before you Dig

If you are digging on your property of residence, which you rent or own, request a locate through [Ontario One Call](#) 1-800-OneCall (1-800-400-2255)



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FORM: DECKS

Sections outlined below deal with **Applicable Law** as outlined in section 1.1.3.3. of the OBC, and the Municipal Building By-law as per section 7 of the BCA. **Prior to the acceptance of the building permit application, all sections must be fully completed, and all approvals obtained by the appropriate authorities.** This form is only a guideline development for decks in our area, additional approvals may be required for larger and more complex projects.

Full address of project:

Building Number:	Street Name:	Unit Number	Lot/con.
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A) Zoning Compliance: To obtain property zoning, contact the City of Sarnia Planning Department at 519-332-0330 or planning@sarnia.ca.

All setbacks must be indicated on the site plan and are required to conform to the City of Sarnia Zoning-by-law. Setbacks are dimensions from the proposed accessory building to the property line and other buildings, etc. on the property. All buildings and structures, including sheds, house, pools, septic etc. must be drawn on the Site Plan.

Were Minor Variance Approvals required for this application? Yes No

If yes, attach copies of approvals. File Number: _____

B) Lot Grading

Does the proposed construction alter existing surface drainage on the lot? Yes No

If yes to any of the above, provide plans as outlined in section "G" for approval by Engineering Department

C) Ontario Heritage Act

Does the development deal with a historical designated or listed building? Yes No

If yes, provide a letter of approval from the Sarnia Heritage Committee.

D) Conservation Authority

Is the proposed development within a flood, erosion or dynamic beaches controlled area? Yes No

[Map your property](#), St. Clair Region Conservation Authority: 519-245-3710

If yes, the proposed construction requires Conservation Authority review.

E) Septic

Is there a septic system located on the property? Yes No

If the property contains a septic system, the location of the septic system, including the septic tank, leaching bed etc, must be indicated on the Site Plan and include the distance of the tank and leaching bed to the proposed structure.

Questions regarding setbacks from septic systems can be directed to County of Lambton Building Services Department: 519-845-5420.

F) Easements

Are there any Easements or Right-of-Ways located on the property? Yes No

If yes, please indicate on the site plan.



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G) Plans and Specifications Information

Should applicant be required to submit multiple drawings all information can be supplied on one set of drawings containing all required information. Drawings are required to be to scale, legible and include:

- **Zoning Compliance:** Site plan showing lot lines and dimensions, new and existing building sizes and locations, building height, building setbacks, street names, municipal address and north arrow, reference to legal survey or note stating survey stakes located and confirmed on site.
- **Lot Grading:** Site plan showing lot lines and dimensions, new and existing building sizes and locations, building setbacks, location of paved surfaces, street names, municipal address and north arrow, location of septic field, reference to legal survey or note stating survey stakes located and confirmed on site, (geodetic elevations) and drainage arrows. Lot grading plans must bear the signature and seal of a Professional Engineer or Ontario Land Surveyor.

H) Declaration of Applicant

I, _____ certify that:
(Print name)

1. The information contained in this application, attached plans and specifications, and other attached documentation is true to the best of my knowledge.
2. As the Owner/contractor I take responsibility to ensure compliance to all federal, provincial and municipal legislation and or regulations prior to, during and after construction. I will not hold The City of Sarnia or its employees liable for any actions by myself resulting in; non issuance of a permit, revoking of a permit, civil action and or possible fine.
3. I have authority to bind the corporation or partnership (if applicable).

(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)

Personal information contained in this form and schedules is collected under the authority of section 7 subsections 8(2) of the Building Code Act, and will be used in the administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992. Questions about the collection of personal information may be addressed to: a) the Chief Building Official of the municipality to which this application is being made.



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Application for a Permit to Construct or Demolish

This form is authorized under subsection 8(1.1) of the Building Code Act.

For use by Principal Authority				
Application number:		Permit number (if different):		
Date received:		Roll number:		
Application submitted to: _____ (Name of municipality, upper-tier municipality, board of health or conservation authority)				
A. Project information				
Building number, street name			Unit number	Lot/con.
Municipality	Postal code	Plan number/other description		
Project value est. \$		Area of work (m ²)		
B. Purpose of application				
New construction	Addition to an existing building	Alteration/repair	Demolition	Conditional Permit
Proposed use of building		Current use of building		
Description of proposed work				
C. Applicant				
Applicant is:		Owner or	Authorized agent of owner	
Last name		First name	Corporation or partnership	
Street address			Unit number	Lot/con.
Municipality	Postal code	Province	E-mail	
Telephone number		Fax	Cell number	
D. Owner (if different from applicant)				
*This section MUST be filled in prior to submission. Applications will not be processed without this information.				
Last name		First name	Corporation or partnership	
Street address			Unit number	Lot/con.
Municipality	Postal code	Province	E-mail	
Telephone number		Fax	Cell number	

E. Builder (optional)				
Last name		First name	Corporation or partnership (if applicable)	
Street address			Unit number	Lot/con.
Municipality		Postal code	Province	E-mail
Telephone number		Fax		Cell number
F. Tarion Warranty Corporation (Ontario New Home Warranty Program)				
i. Is proposed construction for a new home as defined in the <i>Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act</i> ? If no, go to section G.			Yes	No
ii. Is registration required under the <i>Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act</i> ?			Yes	No
iii. If yes to (ii) provide registration number(s): _____				
G. Required Schedules				
i) Attach Schedule 1 for each individual who reviews and takes responsibility for design activities.				
ii) Attach Schedule 2 where application is to construct on-site, install or repair a sewage system.				
H. Completeness and compliance with applicable law				
i) This application meets all the requirements of clauses 1.3.1.3 (5) (a) to (d) of Division C of the Building Code (the application is made in the correct form and by the owner or authorized agent, all applicable fields have been completed on the application and required schedules, and all required schedules are submitted). Payment has been made of all fees that are required, under the applicable by-law, resolution or regulation made under clause 7(1)(c) of the <i>Building Code Act, 1992</i> , to be paid when the application is made.			Yes	No
ii) This application is accompanied by the plans and specifications prescribed by the applicable by-law, resolution or regulation made under clause 7(1)(b) of the <i>Building Code Act, 1992</i> .			Yes	No
iii) This application is accompanied by the information and documents prescribed by the applicable by-law, resolution or regulation made under clause 7(1)(b) of the <i>Building Code Act, 1992</i> which enable the chief building official to determine whether the proposed building, construction or demolition will contravene any applicable law.			Yes	No
iv) The proposed building, construction or demolition will not contravene any applicable law.			Yes	No
I. Declaration of applicant				
I _____ declare that:				
(print name)				
1. The information contained in this application, attached schedules, attached plans and specifications, and other attached documentation is true to the best of my knowledge.				
2. If the owner is a corporation or partnership, I have the authority to bind the corporation or partnership.				
_____		_____		
Date		Signature of applicant		

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Schedule 1: Designer Information

Use one form for each individual who reviews and takes responsibility for design activities with respect to the project.

A. Project Information			
Building number, street name	Unit no.	Lot/con.	
Municipality	Postal code	Plan number/ other description	
B. Individual who reviews and takes responsibility for design activities			
Name Firm			
Street address	Unit no.	Lot/con.	
Municipality	Postal code	Province	E-mail
Telephone number	Fax number		Cell number
C. Design activities undertaken by individual identified in Section B. [Building Code Table 3.5.2.1. of Division C]			
House	HVAC – House	Building Structural	
Small Buildings	Building Services	Plumbing – House	
Large Buildings	Detection, Lighting and Power	Plumbing – All Buildings	
Complex Buildings	Fire Protection	On-site Sewage Systems	
Description of designer's work			
D. Declaration of Designer			
<p>I _____ declare that (choose one as appropriate):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(print name)</p> <p>I review and take responsibility for the design work on behalf of a firm registered under subsection 3.2.4. of Division C, of the Building Code. I am qualified, and the firm is registered, in the appropriate classes/categories.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Individual BCIN: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Firm BCIN: _____</p> <p>I review and take responsibility for the design and am qualified in the appropriate category as an "other designer" under subsection 3.2.5. of Division C, of the Building Code.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Individual BCIN: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Basis for exemption from registration: _____</p> <p>The design work is exempt from the registration and qualification requirements of the Building Code.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Basis for exemption from registration and qualification: _____</p> <p>I certify that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The information contained in this schedule is true to the best of my knowledge. 2. I have submitted this application with the knowledge and consent of the firm. <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> _____ _____ </p> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Date Signature of Designer </p>			

NOTE:

1. For the purposes of this form, "individual" means the "person" referred to in Clause 3.2.4.7(1) d) of Division C, Article 3.2.5.1. of Division C, and all other persons who are exempt from qualification under Subsections 3.2.4. and 3.2.5. of Division C.
2. Schedule 1 is not required to be completed by a holder of a license, temporary license, or a certificate of authorization, issued by the Ontario Association of Architects. Schedule 1 is also not required to be completed by a holder of a license to practise, a limited license to practise, or a certificate of authorization, issued by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.



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Permit Process Guide

Submitting a Complete Application

An application is considered “complete” where the proposed construction conforms with all **Applicable Laws**, includes the required Application Forms, and the required Construction Plans as outlined in the City of Sarnia Building By-law. Refer to the Submission Checklist attached, and the [Wood Decks brochure](#) provided on the City of Sarnia website for a guide to the required Construction Plans.

Applications can be submitted electronically by e-mailing the documents to building@sarnia.ca.

Alternatively, documents can be dropped off at the City Hall drop box, located near the South facing, Christina St. entrance.

Complete Applications, Review Timelines and Building Permit Issuance

Applicants will be notified if the application submitted is **not** considered a “complete application” and will be provided with a list of the outstanding approvals/documents. The review timeline will **not** apply to in-complete applications. Applications that are deemed a “complete application” will be reviewed and will be issued or refused within **10 Business Days**.

If the application is refused, the applicant will be contacted and provided with all reasons why the application has been refused. The application is circulated to multiple departments, and comments may be received separately. The applicant can then address all outstanding items, make necessary modifications or obtain missing information, and submit them to building@sarnia.ca for review.

If the application is not acceptable due to zoning non-compliance, the applicant can either apply to the Committee of Adjustment for a Minor Variance to zoning requirements or apply for a Zoning Amendment (rezoning). These applications should be submitted to the Planning Department at planning@sarnia.ca

If the application is approved, the applicant will be contacted regarding [permit fees](#), payment methods, and a permit will be issued. The Building Permit must be posted on the project site in a location visible from the street.

Inspections

After the Building Permit has been issued, and the payment has been made, the applicant will be provided with the Approved Drawings, Building Permit and Required Inspections list. Construction may only begin once a Building Permit has been issued.

All construction must conform the Ontario Building Code and the approved drawings. The approved drawings may contain key notes/changes from the Plans Examiner.

It is the Permit Holder’s responsibility to call and request inspections at the various stages listed on the Required Inspections sheet PRIOR to continuing construction and Final inspection after all work is complete. The inspection request must be made, allowing 48 hours advance notice, excluding weekends and statutory holidays.

Changes/Revisions to the Approved Drawings, must be submitted for re-review through revised drawings. Revised drawings and related information must be submitted to building@sarnia.ca, noting the building permit number. Construction related to the revisions **cannot continue** until the revisions have been **approved**, and any additional fees have been paid.

When all work and required inspections have been completed, and the conditions of the Minor Variance have been completed (if applicable), the building permit will be closed. An open building permit is an order against the property and may cause a problem when selling the property or during a re-financing process.