

VILLAGE OF COCHRANE BUILDING PERMIT POLICY

Building Permits are needed for all structural changes, changes in materials, additions to your property, and removing buildings from your property.

For example:

Building permits ARE needed for:

- New Buildings
- Additions to existing building
- New walls
- Portable Sheds/Buildings
- Changing the size of windows, doors, driveways, decks, etc.
- Concrete slabs
- Fences
- Removal of buildings (such as a shed)

If you do not use “Kind-like” materials, you DO need a building permit for:

- New Shingles (ex. Upgrading to architectural shingles)
- New Windows (ex. Changing from wood to vinyl)
- New Siding (ex. Changing from wood to vinyl or cement)
- Driveways (ex. Changing to Cement)

When using “Kind-like” materials, you do NOT need a building permit for:

- Reshingling (same style and material)
- Replacing windows (same size, shape, and material)
- New siding (same material)
- Replacing driveway (same size, shape, and material).

Building Permits are NOT needed for:

- Painting
- Blacktop driveways