

These are general guidelines only; more information may be required on a case by case basis

Required Documents for Building Permit Application

- Fully completed application form, including required schedules
- Comprehensive site plan
- 1 complete set of construction drawings
- Owner Authorization form, if applicant is not property owner
- Signed General Commitment to Review, if applicable

***** All forms, permit documents and construction drawings, to be submitted electronically in PDF Format Only**

Site Plan Requirements

A comprehensive site plan showing:

- a. Building layout on farm, including proposed location of construction
- b. Distance from proposed construction to roadways, and lot lines
- c. Any water courses, municipal drains or field tiles within 100 feet of construction
- d. Location of well and septic system

Design Criteria

- Bins and their supporting foundation shall be designed in accordance with Part 2, Section 2.2 and 2.3 of the National Farm Building Code of Canada, 1995 and according to good engineering practice

Footings and Foundations

- All footings and foundations shall require professional design. Plans and specifications will require review and approval by a person licensed to practice professional engineering in the Province of Ontario
- Design of the foundation shall be consistent with the soil bearing capacity of the site. Soil analysis may be required to confirm soil bearing capacity
- Grain bins exceeding 14.63 meters (48ft) in diameter or 13.72 meters (45ft) in eave height or with an eave height over diameter ratio in excess of 1.75 shall require soil analysis to confirm bearing capacity
- General Review and approval by person licensed to practice professional engineering in the Province of Ontario shall be required on all footings and foundations for grain bins exceeding 14.63 meters (48ft) in diameter or 13.72 meters (45ft) eave height or with an eave height over diameter ratio in excess of 1.75

Bin Superstructure

- All new bins, regardless of size, require professional design. Plans and specifications contained in the manufacturer's manual must bear the seal of the licensed professional engineer
- General review and approval by a Professional Engineer shall be required on all bin structures exceeding 14.63 meters in diameter or 13.72 meters eave height or with an eave height over diameter ratio in excess of 1.75. General review and approval is not required for bins less than 14.63 meters in diameter or 13.72 meters eave height or with an eave height over diameter ratio lower than 1.75 where the contractor/builder is certified to erect by the manufacturer

Other

- All electrical connections shall be inspected by the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA)
- A warning sign clearly indicating the hazards of entrapment shall be installed according to Part 3, Section 3.2.1.6 (1) of the National Farm Building Code of Canada, 1995, at every designated person access
- Ladders and safety cages shall meet the requirements of Part 3, Section 3.2.2 of the National Farm Building Code of Canada, 1995
- Building Inspections are required at various stages of construction

Where to apply for a building permit?

Please submit your complete application in PDF format to building@get.on.ca

For more information please visit:

<https://www.get.on.ca/living-here/building-permits-and-inspections>

Cost of building permit

Please see Schedule "A" of By-Law 13/2018 for applicable building permit fees. These fees cover all plans review, building permit, and resulting inspections. Note: All fees and charges listed herein are payable upon collection of the Building Permit.

Questions?

Contact the Building Department for assistance:

Phone: 519.856.9596 X 114 Email: building@get.on.ca

Grand River Conservation Authority

Is your property under the GRCA's regulated area? Property owners are encouraged to check their property at www.grandriver.ca before applying for a building permit; additional permission from the GRCA may be required for you proposed construction.

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