

Building a Deck

General information:

- 1) Do I need a Permit? Yes, if the structure is 0.6m (2ft) above ground level. It will thereby require stairs and railings as outlined in regulations approved under the Safety Codes Act. A deck shall not have walls higher than 1.25m (4.1ft) or a roof.
- 2) If under 0.6m, no permit is required as it will be considered a “patio”; however, the zoning requirements outlined in our Land Use Bylaw will still be in effect. IF the steps that are attached to the patio are higher than 2’, a permit is required.

When drawing your site plan, please consider the following;

- 3) “rear yard” means a yard extending across the full width of a site *from the rear line to the nearest exterior wall of the principal building situated on the site.*
- 4) It is the builder’s responsibility to call for inspections to Superior Safety Codes Inc., when ready. Contact information is on the building permit.

Requirements:

- 1) A development application and a building permit are required to build a deck. Each application takes up to two weeks for approval. **No construction is to start before approval of each application/permit.**
- 2) **Fees are as follows**, all fees are due upon submission of applications:
Development Application:
\$25.00
Building Permit:
\$156.00 permit fee & SCC
- 3) **Site Plan.** This needs to be submitted with the Development Application. Measurements from the deck to the side yard, rear yard, and any other structure in the yard must be provided.
- 4) **Drawings.** Must include: Footing size and location, structure including beams and floor joists size, span, spacing and direction), elevation drawings and a cross section drawing (must include: footing depth and construction, height of deck walking surface above grade, height of guard above walking surface, step details, deck construction, support details such as deck to house connection, etc.) are required at the time of submission of the application.