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Town of Shelburne reminds residents to review permits before starting outdoor projects

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The Town of Shelburne wants to remind residents to think carefully before they begin their outdoor projects this summer.

The town recently published a press release regarding permits, permissions, and consultations for any outdoor projects. As warmer weather settles across town and summer becomes more lively, the town recognizes that many residents will be looking to start outdoor projects.

However, they are reminding everyone to check if their work might require permits first.

?Many homeowners are looking for ways to make the most of their outdoor space,? the statement read. ?Whether it's expanding a driveway, installing a patio, or adding a new walkway, the Town of Shelburne is reminding residents to check permit and zoning requirements before beginning any project.?

The town said the reality of outdoor work means that sometimes, work that looks easy on the surface might not be as simple as it seems.

Driveway widening or extensions, patios, walkways, and pathways, porches and decks, pools, sheds and other alterations to outdoor structures can have an impact on not just your property, but that of your neighbours and the town itself, which is why they all require permits before proceeding.

?Projects that may seem simple, like widening a driveway or adding a patio, can have important impacts on drainage, property boundaries, and surrounding infrastructure,? the statement read. ?Planning ahead helps avoid costly delays, required rework, or potential fines.?

The town said the best way to ensure all projects run smoothly is to contact them and ask questions. Contacting the planning department and town officials helps residents check in advance whether permits are needed and review zoning, minimizing the risk of unforeseen delays or even restarts if a process is begun improperly.

The planning department is available and willing to help residents with any questions.

Alongside the town, residents must contact Ontario One Call before they start any digging to ensure no buried infrastructure is damaged.

For any additional questions, contact the planning department at planning@shelburne.ca