## **Getting Started with the Cloud Permit Building Permit System**

The Town of Penetanguishene is pleased to offer residents, builders, and the business community Cloudpermit – an online system to apply for and track your building permits.

The Cloudpermit building permit system allows you to apply for and see the status of your application anywhere, at any time. You can start an application and finish it later, and receive email updates on the status of your permit application.

#### To Create an Account

To get started with Cloudpermit, you need to Create an Account. Note you will need an email address to use the system.

- 1. Go to the Cloudpermit site at https://ca.cloudpermit.com/login.
- 2. Click on "Create a New Account" found under the "continue" arrow.
- 3. Provide your email address.
- 4. Cloudpermit will send an email to the address you have provided.
- 5. Open the email and complete the registration process. The next time you visit the site, you'll login using your email and password.

To Start a New Application

**Login** to Cloudpermit.

Click the "Apply for a Permit" button in the upper right-handed corner.

Create a **New Project**, and give it a name. Some combination of your address and the project type might be a good way to keep track if you'll be applying for multiple permits (for example – 123 Anywhere St– Basement Reno). Then select **NEXT** –

Provide the **Location** where the work will be taking place. Change the municipality (dropdown menu in the upper right-hand corner) to PENETANGUISHENE. You can then type in your address or roll number, OR you can find your property on the map. Once you have the correct location (it appears under the map), select **NEXT** —

Select the **Application Type** and **Category** appropriate for your project. Most of the categories are self-explanatory, but note that you would select "accessory structures" for smaller structures like sheds and detached garages. Then select **NEXT** —

At this point, you'll see a **Summary**. Check if the information is accurate. If you need to make changes, use the "**Back**" button. If everything is correct, select **CREATE APPLICATION** –

**Draft Permit Application** 

You'll now see your draft Building Permit application. You'll need to provide a bit more information before submitting your application request.

Ensure the "receive email notifications" is marked as YES. (Email is the primary way in which we will communicate with you throughout the process.)

Under "General" Under Parties of the Application, you can add email addresses for other people and/or companies that should have access to the application. You may wish to add your spouse, contractor, architect, etc.

You must have an **owner** and an **applicant**. Make sure to include contact information for both.

**Note** the owner and applicant may be the same person

When you provide another party's information, you'll be asked to give them permission to modify (change) the application and/or add new applications to the project. For example, you may wish to give your heating contractor the ability to add a new application for a heating permit.

You can also opt to type in the information manually, in which case the party will not receive an email indicating they have been added to the application.

**Under Application Data**, indicate what type of work you are doing, and the type of building on which you'll be working. When you do that, any additional forms that you are required to complete will appear. Click on the forms and complete the required information.

#### Under "Attachments"

You may also be required to provide Attachments like site plans, architectural drawings, etc. Click on the "**Attachments**" title to see what is required for your project.

**Upload** your items by dragging them into the grey box OR using the "**click here**" button to select them from your computer.

Once they have uploaded, select the type of attachment and then select done.

Do this for all of the required attachments.

If at any time you need to change or update the attachments (prior to submitting your application), you can delete (the little garbage cans) and upload again.

## **Sign Off on the Application**

At this point, you are ready to **Sign Off** on the application, using the button at the top right-hand side of the page.

Review the items listed and indicate if they apply and/or you agree with the terms.

Then click "sign off application."

Note that you can download a copy of the sign-off form at the top of the page.

#### **Continue to Payment (Upfront Deposit Bill)**

After the Application has been "signed off" select the "continue to payment" this will generate your deposit bill for your application. You will also be required to select the "submit upon payment" so the application will come through to the Municipality. Without selecting this button the Town will not be able to process your application.

# **Submit your Application**

You will receive an email to confirm your application has been submitted, and you'll receive subsequent emails regarding its status. You will also receive an email advising you when the building permit is ready and how to pay.

#### **How To Access and Download Your Issued Building Permits**

Cloudpermit makes it easy to access your building permits. Once a municipality has decided to issue your building permit, it will become available on Cloudpermit. To access a building permit on Cloudpermit, your application must be under **PERMIT ISSUED** status. You will be notified via email once your application changes statuses.

## **How To Access Your Issued Building Permits**

- 1. Log into Cloudpermit at https://ca.cloudpermit.com/login
- 2. Find the subject application from My applications
  - a. Click on the address of the application which is written in blue text, as can be seen by the image below.



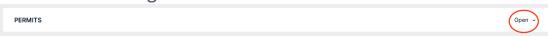
# 3. Switch to the **Application Workspace**

a. You need to switch to the **APPLICATION WORKSPACE** to access your building permit. To do so, click **Application** under the map. It is circled in red on

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the image below.

- 4. Scroll down to the **Permits** tile
  - a. The **Permits** tile is located at the bottom of the page.
  - b. Expand the **Permits** tile by clicking the **Open** button near the right side of the tile. The **Open** button is circled in red on the image below.



## 5. Download the permit

 a. To do so, simply click the **DOWNLOAD PERMIT** button which is circled in red on the image below.



#### 6. Open the permit

a. To do so, please go to your downloads folder on your computer and double click on the permit

**NOTE**: Another way to access your building permits, is to simply click the link included in the email from Cloudpermit notifying you that your application is now in **Permit issued** status. Once you click on the link, please follow the instructions above starting at step number 3.

## To Pay for your Permit

Invoices for your permit will be uploaded into Cloudpermit.

Payment must be made via the following options:

Cheque or Certified Cheque (stating permit number as the memo) – mail or drop off

Credit card /Cash/Debit

# To Request an Inspection

Once you have received your permit and the work is underway, you will require building inspectors to visit your site and sign-off on your work at various points in the project. You can request these inspections through Cloudpermit.

To book an inspection, login to **Cloudpermit** and select "**Go to project**" under the project requiring an inspection. Then select the application by clicking on the address.

A page will pop-up with the details of your project's location. At the bottom of that page you'll see the heading "Work & Construction" and a box entitled "Inspections." Click on "Show upcoming inspections" and select "Request inspection" under the building element you are ready to have reviewed.

Under the "New inspection request" that pops-up, select the date and time you would like to request.

INSPECTION REQUESTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE, AND INSPECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN THE AFTERNOON.

INSPECTORS WILL NOT CALL PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AND FEES MAY APPLY IF NO ONE IS PRESENT FOR THE BOOKED INSPECTION.

You'll see the unconfirmed request listed. Once staff receive the request, you will receive an email confirmation for the inspection.

Note: If you need to change the date or time, or cancel the request, select "Modify request."

# **Tips Dashboard**

At any point, you can return to the "**My Dashboard**" page to see which applications you have made and if we are waiting on any information from you to process your application further.

**Delete** - You can delete your application at any time by using the "**Select Action**" drop-down menu at the top of the page.

Need Help? Visit https://support-Ca.cloudpermit.com/en/support/home

Contact The Town of Penetanguishene's Building Department for help during business hours at 705-549-7453 Ext 224