

MEMBER BULLETIN

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Province Announces the Reopening of Earthworks and Site Servicing

On May 1, the Government of Ontario announced that it is allowing select workplaces to reopen beginning Monday, May 4th, including “site preparation, excavation, and servicing for institutional, commercial, industrial, and residential developments.” Additionally, the province will allow for the reopening of construction projects that include:

- Shipping and logistics;
- Broadband, telecommunications, and digital infrastructure.
- Any other project that supports the improved delivery of goods and services;
- Municipal projects;
- Colleges and universities;
- Childcare centres;
- Schools; and,
- the above noted site preparation, excavation, and site servicing works.

This work is expected to be conducted under the enhanced [Occupational Health and Safety guidelines](#) for construction sites, published through the Chief Prevention Office on March 29. Over the last month, the Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development has hired additional inspectors to increase the scrutiny on workplaces to ensure they are adhering to the enhanced health and safety protocols put in place by the province. Inspectors will be paying particular attention to access to handwashing stations, cleanliness and sanitation of porta potties, the use of appropriate personal protective equipment, and physical distancing protocols.

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