



## PRE FABRICATED, PORTABLE WOODEN SHEDS AND BUILDING PERMITS

As you can see by the definition of a *building* as defined in the *Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23*, any structure, such as a storage shed, gazebo, carport, etc. with a floor area greater than 10 square meters (107.65 square feet), whether portable or not, requires a building permit in order to be in conformance with the regulations of the *Ontario Building Code*, which enforces the minimum standards of construction. The *Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23* is law and the *Ontario Building Code* is a regulation made under the *Building Code Act*

This is to inform you that a **building** is defined in the *Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23* as

### Definitions

1. (1) In this Act, “building” means,
- (a) a structure occupying an area greater than ten square metres consisting of a wall, roof and floor or any of them or a structural system serving the function thereof including all plumbing, works, fixtures and service systems appurtenant thereto,
  - (b) a structure occupying an area of ten square metres or less that contains plumbing, including the plumbing appurtenant thereto,
  - (c) plumbing not located in a structure,
    - (c.1) a sewage system, or
  - (d) structures designated in the building code; (“bâtiment”)

Division A of the *Ontario Building Code*, Article 1.3.1.1. defines **designated structures** in 1.(1)(d) above.

### 1.3.1.1. Designated Structures

(1) The following structures are designated for the purposes of clause (d) of the definition of *building* in subsection 1 (1) of the Act:

- (a) a retaining wall exceeding 1 000 mm in exposed height adjacent to,
  - (i) public property, (ii) access to a *building*, or (iii) private property to which the public is admitted,
- (b) a pedestrian bridge appurtenant to a *building*,
- (c) a crane runway,
- (d) an exterior storage tank and its supporting structure that is not regulated by the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*,
- (e) signs regulated by Section 3.15. of Division B that are not structurally supported by a *building*,
- (f) a solar collector that is mounted on a *building* and has a face area equal to or greater than 5 m<sup>2</sup>,
- (g) a structure that supports a wind turbine generator having a rated output of more than 3 kW,
- (h) a dish antenna that is mounted on a *building* and has a face area equal to or greater than 5 m<sup>2</sup>,
- (i) an *outdoor pool*,
- (j) an *outdoor public spa*, and
- (k) a *permanent solid nutrient storage facility* with supporting walls exceeding 1 000 mm in exposed height.