

### **BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION GUIDE**

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A building permit is required in the Town of Milton for creating a Secondary Suite in an existing detached single family dwelling. If you are new to the process or are uncertain of the Town of Milton's permit application process /requirements, please consult the <u>Building Permit</u> page on our website or contact the Planning and Development Department - Building Division at (905) 878-7252 ext. 2397. This guide explains the requirements for submitting a building permit application for a Secondary Suite in greater detail.

### **Zoning Requirements:**

Under the Zoning By-law, a Secondary Suite must:

- be located in a detached single family dwelling serviced by municipal water and wastewater services,
- have 3 legal parking spaces on the property, and
- be no larger than 85 m<sup>2</sup> (915 ft<sup>2</sup>) in floor area.

General Zoning By-law requirements for your property can be obtained by contacting the Zoning Department at (905) 878-7252 ext. 2329 or by checking the Zoning page on our website.

### **Building Permit Application Requirements:**

Building permit applications are broken down into 2 major requirements;

- Permit Application Forms
- Construction Drawings

Complete building permit applications are accepted in person on the 2nd floor of Town Hall at 150 Mary St. The cost of the building permit and required application forms can be found on the <u>Building Permit</u> page on our website. Building permit fees are payable by cash, cheque or debit at the time of application. Building permit fees include the review of drawings and all required inspections.

### Permit Application Forms

### 1) Application for a Permit to Construct or Demolish

All sections of the form must be completed, including the full legal description (which can be found on your deed, tax assessment, survey, or is available from the public computer kiosk located on the main floor of Town Hall next to the Reception area).

#### 2) Schedule 1 Designer Form

This form is required when someone other than an Architect or Licensed Professional Engineer is taking responsibility for the design of the Secondary Suite. This person would be either:

- the homeowner taking legal responsibility for the design, provided they understand and are willing to take responsibility for the applicable requirements of the Ontario Building Code, or
- o a registered designer with a Building Code Identification Number (BCIN)qualified in House or Small Buildings

#### 3) Residential Development Charge Form

This form is completed by the property owner or agent, including the legal description, assessment roll number, and the floor area and number of bedrooms in the existing dwelling unit and proposed Secondary Suite.



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### **Construction Drawings**

All drawings must be submitted in a format conforming to the Town of Milton's <u>Digital Submission Guidelines</u>, drawn to an appropriate scale (min 3/16"=1" or metric equivalent), and clearly legible. Drawings in pencil shall be photocopied prior to submission, with the density adjusted so that all information is clear and legible. All walls must be drawn as double lines (accurately showing wall thickness), and drawings must clearly differentiate between existing and proposed construction. Every page of the drawings shall include the project address and the following designer information:

Homeowner design	- printed name of homeowner, signature and date	
Qualified BCIN design	- printed name, individual/firm (if applicable) BCIN numbers, signature and date	
Architect or Professionally	- Architect's or Professional Engineer's seal with a signature and date	
Engineered design		

The following construction drawings are required for a Secondary Suite:

- 1) Site Plan
- 2) Existing Floor Layouts
- 3) Proposed Floor Layouts including Egress Plan (Samples A-01, A-02, A-03, A-04)
- 4) Elevations showing Secondary Suite Entrance and Egress/Escape Window (Samples A-05)
- 5) Sections and Wall/Ceiling/Fire Separation Construction Details (Samples A-06)

Refer to the enclosed sample drawings for specific drawing requirements, including the number of copies of each drawing required. In addition, when exterior window or door openings are added/enlarged or the Secondary Suite does not have a door on the floor level with direct access to the exterior please refer to the Town of Milton's "Exterior Openings Building Permit Application Guide" for additional requirements, including specific egress window requirements.

### **Inspection Requirements:**

Typical Secondary Suite inspections can include (depending on the scope of work):

- Framing
- Insulation & Air Barrier
- Underground Plumbing, Above Ground Plumbing and Final Plumbing
- · Heating Rough-in and Final Heating
- Final Building

Inspections are booked by calling the Building Division at (905) 878-7252 ext. 2396 or online by using our Online Building Inspection Request form.



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### **BUILDING SPECIFIC DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

	BUILDING CONDITION		
REQUIREMENTS	<b>A</b> Less than 5 years since occupancy	<b>B</b> 5 years or more since occupancy	
FLOOR FIRE SEPARATION(continuous)			
Permitted Floor Fire Resistance Rating (FRR)		AND when interconnected smoke ed between both suites	
Terrificed Floor Fire Resistance Rating (FRR)		hen interconnected smoke alarms are provided between both suites	
Permitted Floor Sound Rating (STC)	Not re	equired	
WALL FIRE SEPARATION (continuous)			
Permitted Wall Fire Resistance Rating (FRR)	30	min	
Permitted Door Fire Protection Rating (FPR) (Note: door requires a self-closing device)	20	min	
Permitted Wall Sound Rating (STC)	Not re	equired	
SUPPORTING STRUCTURE			
Permitted Fire Resistance Rating (FRR) for load bearing walls, beams, and columns	Same as	Floor FRR	
HVAC SYSTEMS			
Duct type Smoke Detector	off fuel and electrical supply to the	uct system and will completely turn ne heating system upon activation if ves both dwelling units	
SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS (5	general requirements only, additi	onal requirements may apply)	
Interconnection between dwelling units		ased on Floor FRR above)	
Required locations and general requirements	in hallways serving a bedroom, a alarms within a dwelling unit sl	every floor level, in every bedroom, and in all common areas. All smoke hall be interconnected and have a mponent (strobe light).	
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MINIMUM WINDOW AREA			
Living and Dining Rooms	10% of area served	5% of area served	
Bedrooms and other Finished Rooms	5% of area served	2.5% of area served	
CEILING HEIGHT (Minimum)			
All Rooms	6'-11 over entire floor 6'-5" under beam/duct	6'-5" over all required room areas and any location normally used as a mean of egress	



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### **GENERAL DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**

DOOR SIZES (Minimum)	Minimum Width	Minimum Height
Dwelling Unit Entrance or Utility Room	32"	
Bedroom or Rooms not mentioned elsewhere	30"	78"
Bathroom, Washroom, and Walk-in closets	24"	

ROOM SIZES - Separate Spaces	Min. ft <sup>2</sup>	ROOM SIZES - Combined	Min. ft <sup>2</sup>
Living Room	145	Living Room (> 1 bedroom)	145
Dining Room	75	Living Room (1 bedroom)	118
Kitchen (> 1 bedroom)	45	Dining Room	35
Kitchen (1 Bedroom only)	40	Kitchen (> 1 bedroom)	45
Master Bedroom (with closet)	95	Kitchen (1 bedroom)	40
Master Bedroom (without closet)	105	Bedrooms	45
Other Bedroom (with closet)	65		
Other Bedroom (without closet)	75	ROOM SIZES - Bachelor	Min.ft <sup>2</sup>
Bathroom	Sufficient space for fixtures	Living, Dining, Bedroom and Kitchen	145

 Each unit shall have access to common laundry facilities or have connections within each unit for the connection of laundry appliances

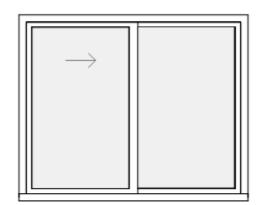
**Note:** These design tips do not cover all of the requirements for Secondary Suites. The person taking responsibility for the design should refer to the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a detailed listing of all requirements. The most current Building Code is available at <u>e-Laws - Ontario Building Code</u>

### **Calculating Window Area:**

Window area required as per the Building Specific Design Requirements must be calculated by taking the rough opening size of the window and subtracting any non-glazing components

Accurate area calculations or manufacturer specifications must be provided with your building permit application.

Note: Shaded area represents glazing area





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### **Fire Separations in Furnace Rooms:**

Due to the difficulty of installing a continuous fire separation on the ceilings of furnace rooms serving two dwelling units, Table 11.4.3.4.A of the Ontario Building Code allows the fire separation to be waived where the spaces are sprinklered.

Where a continuous fire separation is not achievable, **Option A** or **Option B** (listed below) provide acceptable options to achieve compliance.

The Town of Milton understands that the installation of sprinklers may not be feasible where a water service into a home may not be adequately sized without updating the entirety of the system.

### Option A: Installation of a sprinkler head(s) in furnace room location

A single sprinkler loop conforming to our *Example of a Full Flow Through Sprinkler System* (see next page) may be installed in the furnace room when a continuous fire separation cannot be achieved due to obstructions.

### System Components:

- Piping materials include: copper (Type L) & cross-linked polyethylene pipe fittings (PEX) certified to CAN/CSA-B137.5
- Listed residential sprinklers shall be used (manufacturer spec. sheets must be retained on-site)

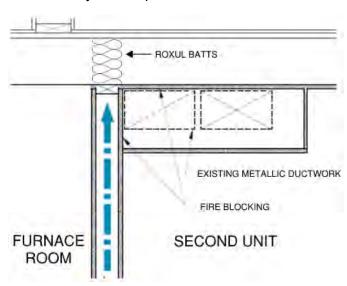
#### Design Requirements:

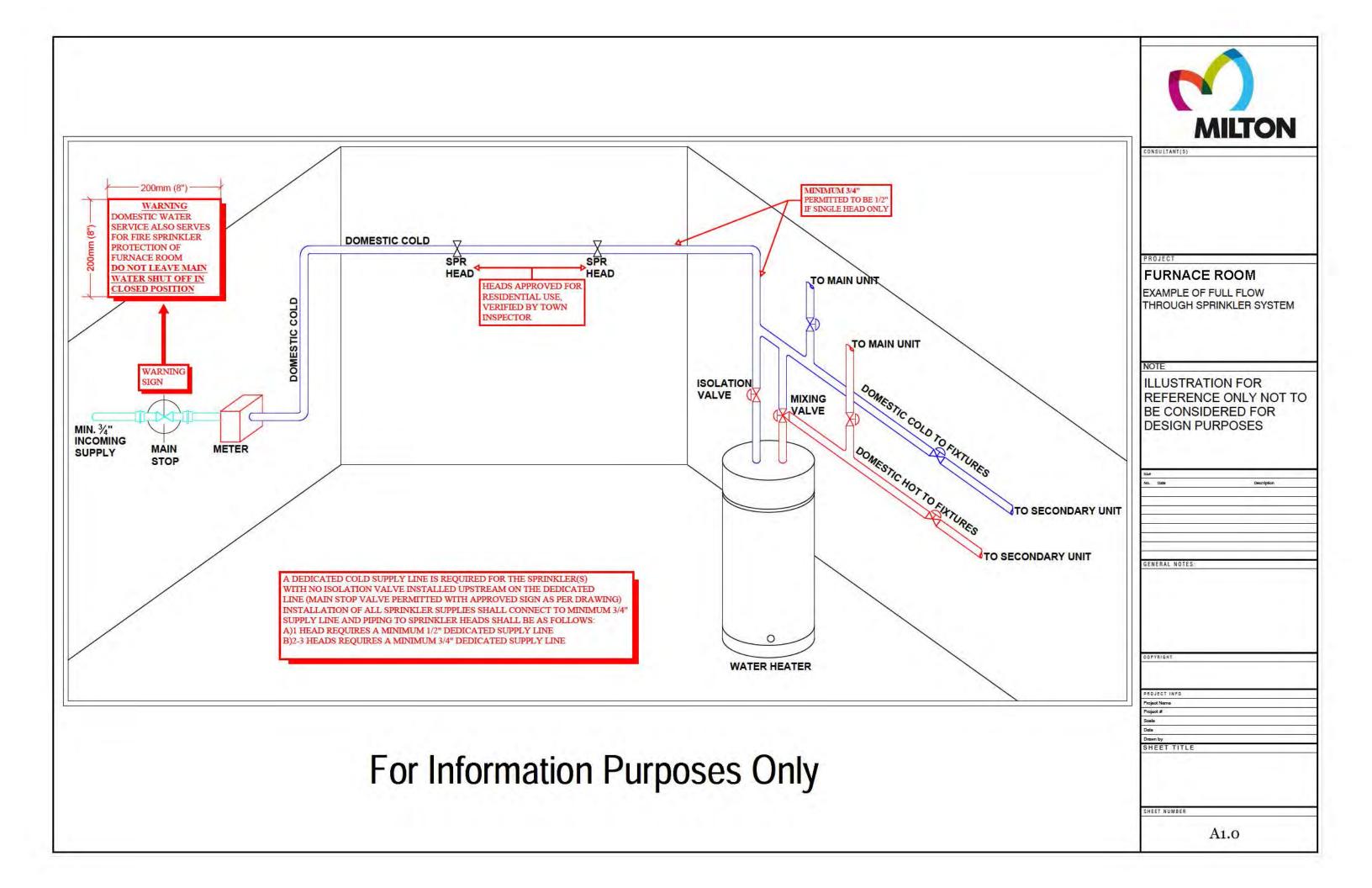
- Only residential full flow through installations are permitted
- An adequate water supply shall be confirmed for the demand (min. 3/4" diameter service)
- No isolation valves permitted on any portion of the sprinkler service line upstream of the sprinkler head
- Warning sign min. 200mm x 200mm (8"x8") shall be installed adjacent to the main shut off valve indicating that the domestic service is also used for a fire sprinkler system and must not be left closed
- A floor drain is strongly recommended to be located in the vicinity of the sprinkler head

# Option B: Provide vertical fire separation around the furnace room

The furnace room must be separated from the rest of the basement unit by a fire separation with the appropriate FRR:

- 5.5" Roxul Batts must be tightly compacted in all open cavities that lead into the floor system
- The wall must be rated from both inside the furnace room and the unit
- A smoke alarm must be installed within the furnace room





# SECONDARY SUITES HOMEOWNER GUIDELINE PACKAGE

**EFFECTIVE: FEBRUARY 2020** 

A-01 - OPTION A1: BELOW-GRADE ENTRANCE

A-02 - OPTION A2: BASEMENT WALK-OUT

A-03 - OPTION B: SIDE-DOOR ENTRANCE

A-04 - OPTION C: EXITING THROUGH ANOTHER SUITE (PERMITTED ONLY FOR BUILDINGS 5 YEARS AND OLDER)

A-05 - DETAILS: EGRESS AND ESCAPE WINDOWS

A-06 - DETAILS: WALL AND FLOOR SYSTEMS

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### THE FOLLOWING DRAWINGS OR DETAILS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR SUBMISSION

- EXISTING LAYOUT FOR BASEMENT, MAIN AND SECOND FLOORS
- PROPOSED LAYOUT FOR BASEMENT, MAIN AND SECOND FLOORS
- ELEVATIONS, WHERE A NEW EXTERIOR OPENING(S) WILL BE PROVIDED

  NOTE: INCLUDE THE HEIGHT OF THE WINDOW ABOVE THE FLOOR SLAB AND LOCATION OF GRADE
- DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS REGARDING NEW OR EXISTING: WINDOWS, WINDOW WELLS, THERMAL INSULATION, RATED FIRE SEPARATIONS, RATED OR UNRATED DOORS

DISCLAIMER: THE OWNER, DESIGNER OR CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD AND DESIGN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT ONTARIO BUILDING CODE, INCLUDING ALL ONTARIO BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS HANDOUT.

THIS HANDOUT MAY ONLY ACT AS A REFERENCE GUIDE, AND MAY NOT BE PROVIDED IN LIEU OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION

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ADDRESS FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

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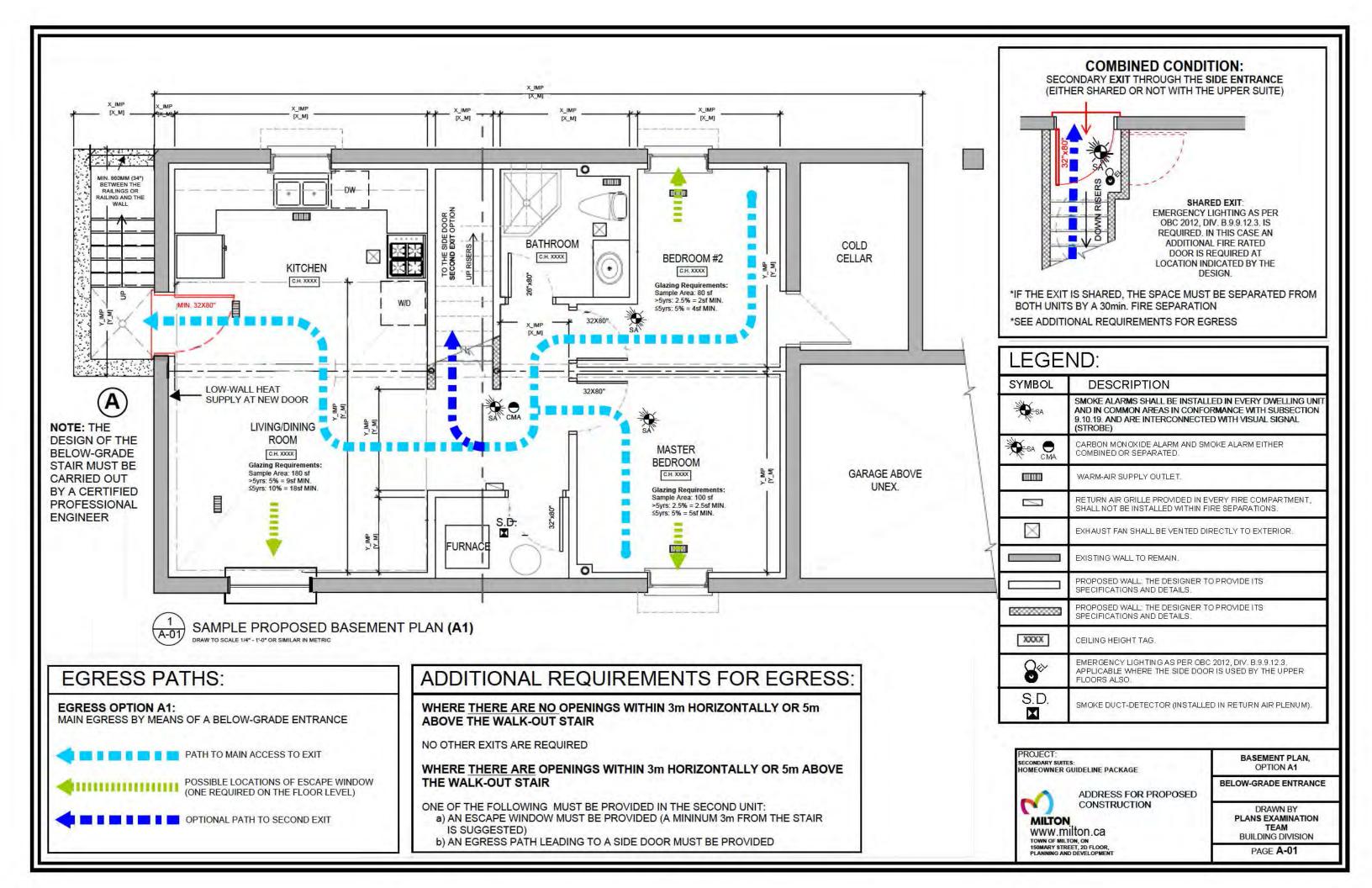
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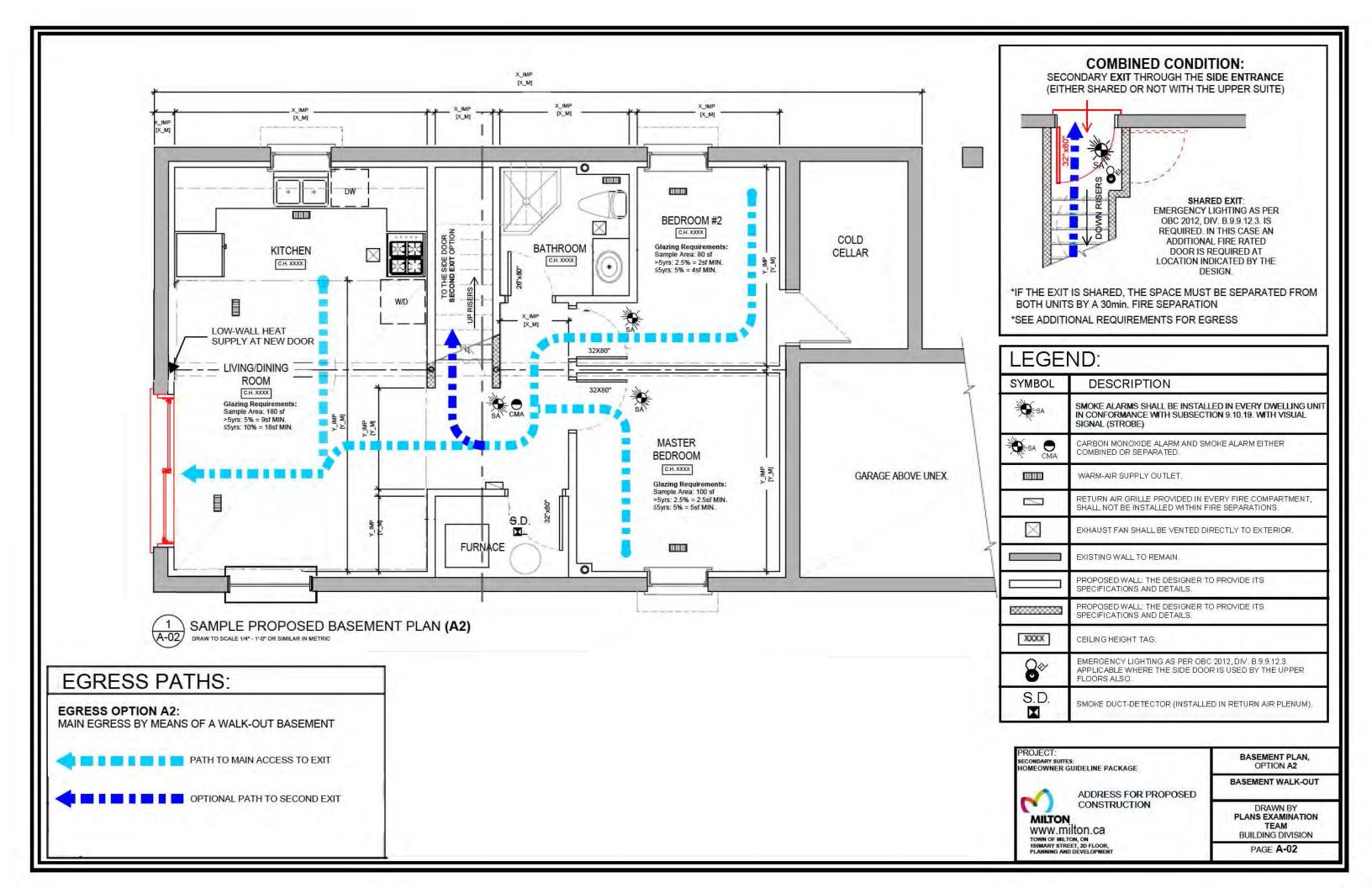
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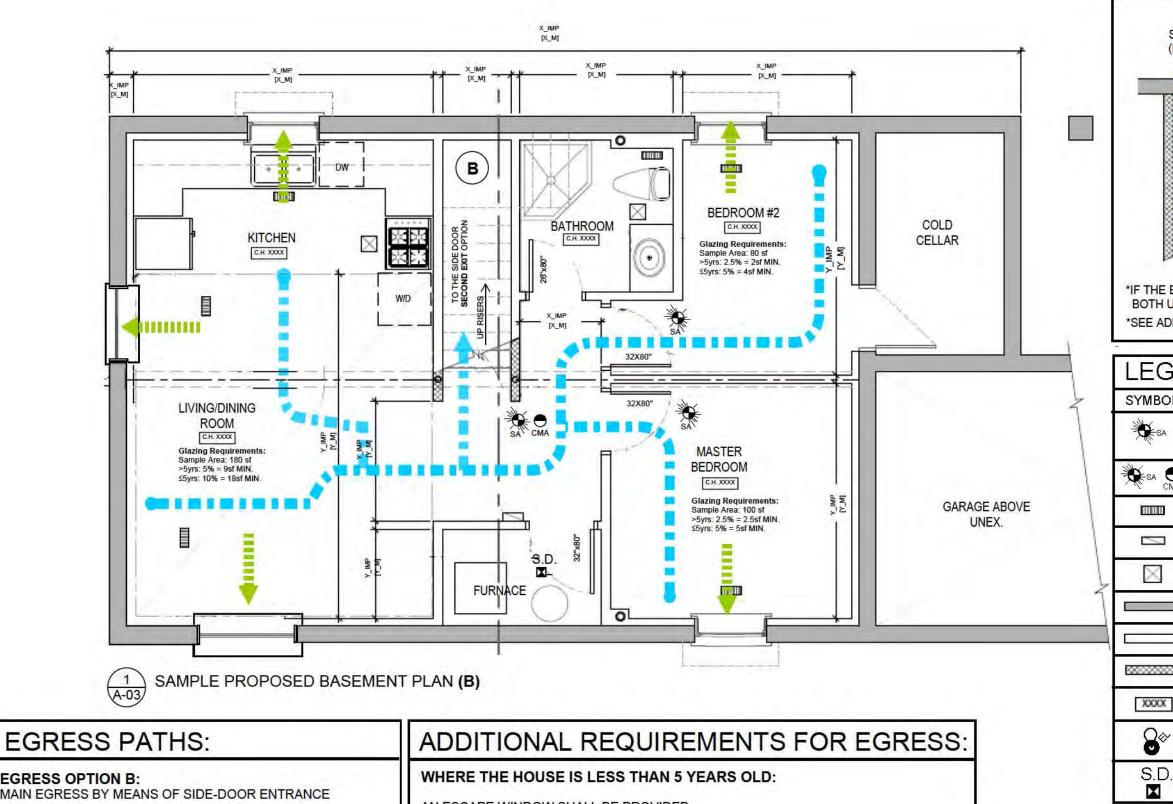
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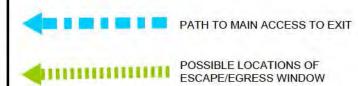






EGRESS OPTION B:

MAIN EGRESS BY MEANS OF SIDE-DOOR ENTRANCE



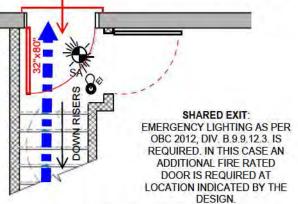
AN ESCAPE WINDOW SHALL BE PROVIDED

WHERE THE HOUSE IS 5 YEARS OLD OR GREATER:

AN EGRESS WINDOW SHALL BE PROVIDED

\*SEE A-05 FOR EGRESS AND ESCAPE WINDOW REQUIREMENTS

COMBINED CONDITION: SECONDARY EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE ENTRANCE (EITHER SHARED OR NOT WITH THE UPPER SUITE)



\*IF THE EXIT IS SHARED, THE SPACE MUST BE SEPARATED FROM BOTH UNITS BY A 30min. FIRE SEPARATION

\*SEE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EGRESS

LEGE	ND:
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
₩ SA	SMOKE ALARMS SHALL BE INSTALLED IN EVERY DWELLING UNIT AND IN COMMON AREAS IN CONFORMANCE WITH SUBSECTION 9.10.19. AND ARE INTERCONNECTED WITH VISUAL SIGNAL (STROBE)
SA CMA	CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND SMOKE ALARM EITHER COMBINED OR SEPARATED.
	WARM-AIR SUPPLY OUTLET.
	RETURN AIR GRILLE PROVIDED IN EVERY FIRE COMPARTMENT, SHALL NOT BE INSTALLED WITHIN FIRE SEPARATIONS.
	EXHAUST FAN SHALL BE VENTED DIRECTLY TO EXTERIOR.
	EXISTING WALL TO REMAIN.
	PROPOSED WALL: THE DESIGNER TO PROVIDE ITS SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS.
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XXXX	CEILING HEIGHT TAG.
8	EMERGENCY LIGHTING AS PER OBC 2012, DIV. B.9.9.12.3. APPLICABLE WHERE THE SIDE DOOR IS USED BY THE UPPER FLOORS ALSO.

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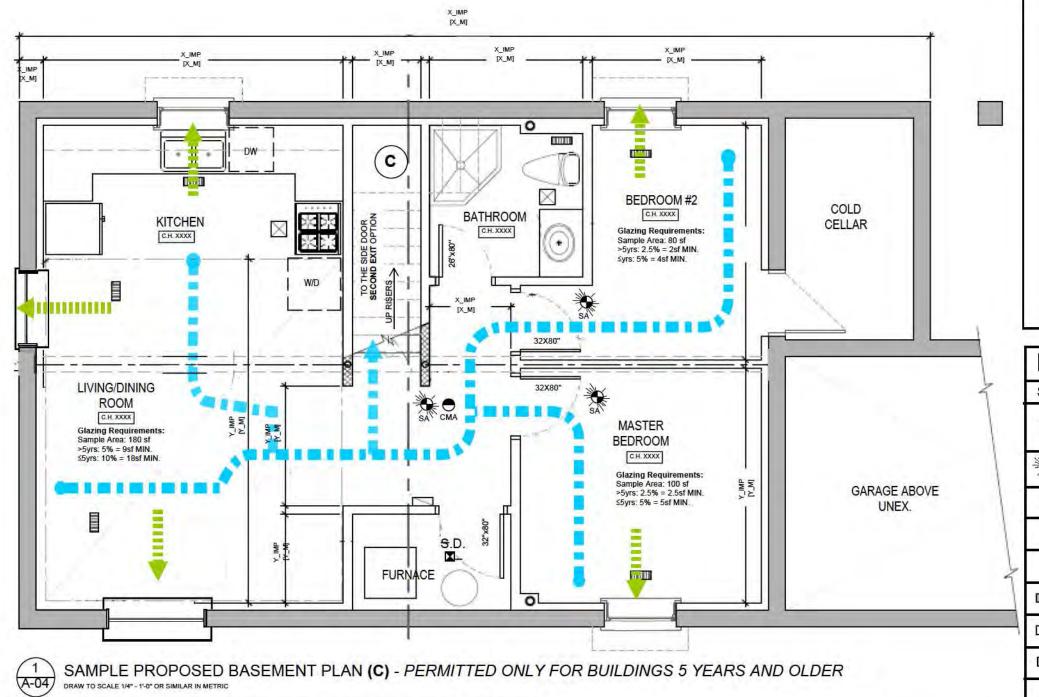
SIDE DOOR ENTRANCE ADDRESS FOR PROPOSED

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SMOKE DUCT-DETECTOR (INSTALLED IN RETURN AIR PLENUM).

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BASEMENT PLAN, OPTION B.



### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EGRESS:

A LAYOUT OF THE MAIN FLOOR SHOWING THE EGRESS PATH FROM THE STAIR TO EGRESS OPTION C: THE CLOSEST EXIT MUST BE PROVIDED. MAIN EGRESS BY EXITING THROUGH ANOTHER SUITE

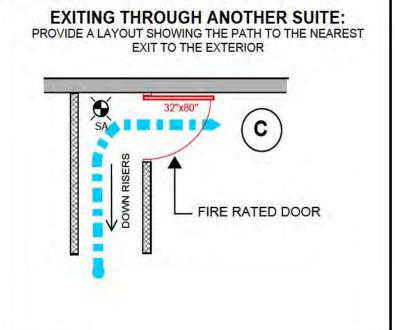
**EGRESS PATHS:** 

PATH TO MAIN ACCESS TO EXIT

POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF ESCAPE/EGRESS WINDOW

AN ESCAPE WINDOW MUST BE PROVIDED

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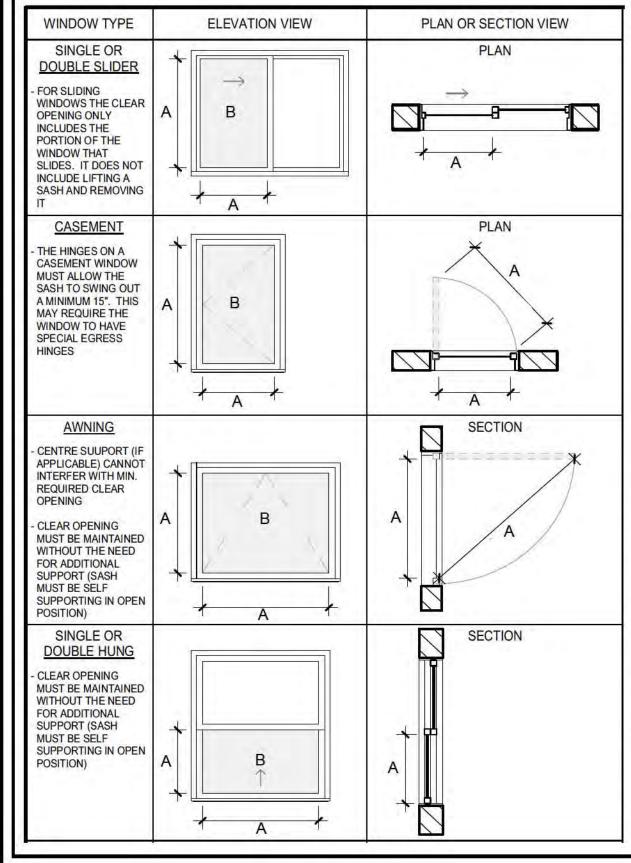
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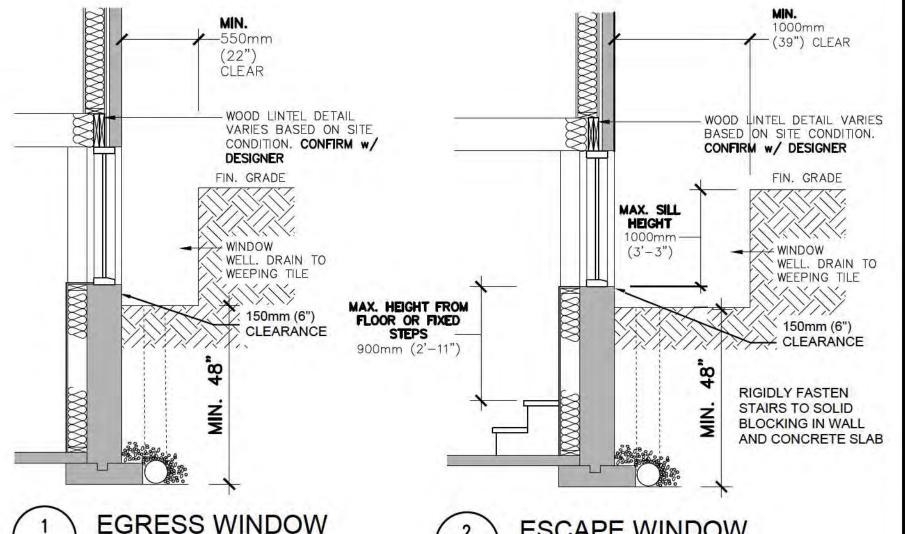
BASEMENT PLAN, OPTION C

EXIT THROUGH THE UPPER UNIT

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	A (MIN. CLEARANCE)	B (MIN. AREA)
EGRESS WINDOW	380 mm (15")	0.35 m <sup>2</sup> (3.8 sf)
ESCAPE WINDOW	460 mm (18")	0.38 m <sup>2</sup> (4.1 sf)





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### **ESCAPE WINDOW NOTES:**

3/8" = 1'-0"

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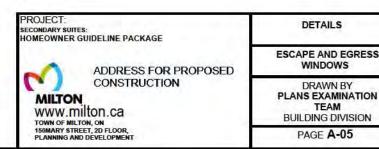
- SILL HEIGHT CANNOT EXCEED 1000mm (3'-3") ABOVE OR BELOW ADJACENT GROUND LEVEL ON THE EXTERIOR
- 2. SILL HEIGHT CANNOT EXCEED 900mm (2'-11") BELOW THE FLOOR LEVEL OF THE INTERIOR
- 3. SMOKE ALARMS ARE INSTALLED IN EVERY DWELLING UNIT AND IN COMMON AREAS IN CONFORMANCE WITH SUBSECTION 9.10.19. AND ARE INTERCONNECTED WITH STROBE LIGHT

#### **GENERAL WINDOW NOTES:**

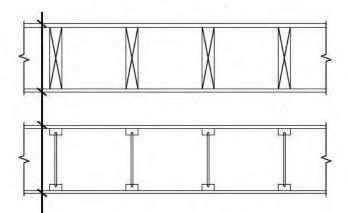
- 1. WINDOWS MUST BE OPENABLE FROM THE INSIDE WITHOUT THE USE OF TOOLS OR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE
- 2. WHERE THE WINDOW OPENS INTO THE WINDOW WELL, AS IN THE CASE OF AN AWNING WINDOW, THE MINIMUM CLEARANCES OF 550mm (22") and 1000mm (29") MUST BE MEASURED FROM THE EDGE OF THE OPENED WINDOW
- 3. WHERE THE WINDOW WELL EXCEEDS 600mm (24") IN DEPTH, PROTECTION MAY BE REQUIRED

### **ESCAPE WINDOW**

**NOTE FOR FOUNDATION WALL: TOTAL** WIDTH OF OPENING(S) SHALL NOT EXCEED 25% OF TOTAL WALL LENGTH, INDIVIDUAL OPENINGS SHALL NOT EXCEED 1.2M (48") **UNLESS SUITABLY REINFORCED** 

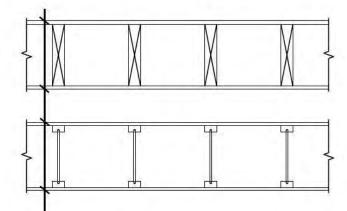


## FLOOR ASSEMBLY 30 MIN. FRR.



- EXISTING PLYWOOD, OSB, OR WAFERBOARD SUBFLOOR
- WOOD JOISTS OR WOOD I-JOISTS SPACED NOT MORE THAN 610 mm O.C.
- SOUND INSULATION (OPTIONAL)
- RESILIENT METAL CHANNELS SPACED 610 mm O.C.
- ONE LAYER 12.7mm TYPE X/C GYPSUM BOARD

### FLOOR ASSEMBLY 15 MIN. FRR.



- EXISTING PLYWOOD, OSB, OR WAFERBOARD SUBFLOOR
- WOOD JOISTS OR WOOD I-JOISTS
- ONE LAYER 12.7mm TYPE X/C GYPSUM BOARD

**NOTE:** WHERE A 15-MIN. FIRE SEPARATION IS USED. BOTH UNITS MUST HAVE THEIR SMOKE ALARMS UPDATED TO MEET DIV-B. 9.10.19.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

A SMOKE ALARM IS TO BE INSTALLED:

- a) ON EACH STOREY, INCLUDING BASEMENTS
- b) IN EACH SLEEPING ROOM
- c) IN THE HALLWAY(S) ADJACENT TO THE SLEEPING ROOMS
- d) IN ALL COMMON AREAS

ALL SMOKE ALARMS SHALL HAVE A VISUAL SIGNALLING COMPONENT (STROBE) AS PART OF THE SYSTEM (EITHER COMBINED OR SEPARATE)

ALL SMOKE ALARMS IN BOTH SUITES MUST BE INTERCONNECTED

A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM SHALL BE INSTALLED ADJACENT TO EACH SLEEPING AREA IN THE SUITES (EITHER COMBINED OR SEPARATE)

### INT. PARTITION WALL 30 MIN. FIRE SEPARATION

- ONE LAYER OF 12.7 mm GYPSUM BOARD
- 2"X4" @ 16" O.C. WOOD STUDS W/ 6 MIL POLY UNDER **BOTTOM PLATE**
- SOUND INSULATION TO FILL STUD CAVITY
- ONE LAYER 12.7mm GYPSUM BOARD

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WALL AND FLOOR ASSEMBLIES

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