Department of Information Technology

Building permit procedures go mobile

Bloomfield introduces "Citizen Portal," a new software application that lets you use your smart phone, tablet or laptop computer to request a building permit or inspection, track outstanding permits, or conduct a simple search for property information.

No more visits to the building department or waits for the mail. Instead, field inspectors will update records off-site, giving you instant access through a shared pipeline. Just set up an account and get started.

Initially, the system will allow simple requests, such as a permit for electrical work or a new boiler. Complicated structural permits will be added later.

Citizen Portal will also be a digital home for property information. Account holders will be able to look up a property location, lot number, general description, permits issued or pending, site maps and geographic information.

The new app comes to Bloomfield at no cost through Spatial Data Logic, the company that already provides software for the Township website.