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Please see the attached correspondence between myself and a Qualified Building Official from the building services office at the Municipality of Chester. I sincerely appreciate their prompt reply.

No written exception is required for a single story accessory structure under the 20 m squared.

As this was NSP's last remaining objection to providing service, I expect power to be installed as soon as possible.

Best,
Jefferson



Accessory buildings under 20sq meters

2 messages

Jefferson Crabtree [redacted]
To: building@chester.ca

Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 1:31 p.m.

Good afternoon,

I would like quick clarification from your office concerning accessory buildings under 20sq meters in area.

Under the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations:

(2) Unless a municipality otherwise requires by bylaw or regulations under another statute require, the Code applies but a building permit is not required for any of the following:

(a) accessory buildings not greater than 20 m² in area;

Source: https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/bcregs.htm#TOC3_9

The Municipality of Chester's Building Bylaw states:

4.1.1 Building Permit. A Building Permit is required for all construction or demolition that is within the Scope and Application of the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations, and which is not exempt from the requirements of the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulation

Source: <https://portal.laserfiche.ca/Portal/DocView.aspx?id=740255&repo=r-0001f4a08362>

With this in mind, does an existing accessory building under 200 sq metres in size require any written exception by your office, or is this exception already provided by provisions themselves quoted above? This is within the municipality's general basic zoning, not within Chester village.

Thanks,
Jefferson

Jared Stevens <jstevens@chester.ca>
To: Jefferson Crabtree [redacted]
Cc: Building <building@chester.ca>

Mon, Sep 21, 2026 at 1:40 p.m.

Hey Jefferson,

No written exception is required for a single story accessory structure under the 20 m squared, keeping in mind that no human habitation is permitted in these structures.

Kind regards

Jared



Jared Stevens

QBO II

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