



# Building Bulletin

## Demountable Stages & Demountable Support Structures

This Bulletin is to inform our customers that on February 28, 2023, the Ontario Building Code (OBC) was amended to add requirements for demountable stages and demountable support structures. Demountable stages and demountable support structures are defined in the OBC, and it is recommended to check if they apply. The Kitchener Blues Festival is a typical event that these new requirements may apply to.

Demountable stages require a building permit where;

- the aggregate area of all platforms is more than 60 m<sup>2</sup> and any part of the platform is more than 3 m in height above adjacent grade level,
- when the aggregate area of all platforms of the demountable stage is more than 225 m<sup>2</sup>, or
- any part of the platform or any roof, wall or structure attached to or located on any of the platforms of the demountable stage is 5 m or more in height above adjacent ground level.

Demountable support structures require a permit where;

- it is more than 3m in height above adjacent ground level,
- designed to carry superimposed specified loads greater than 115 kg, or
- would create a hazard to the public.

When a building permit is required for a demountable stage and/or a demountable support structure the provisions outlined within the newly added Section 3.16A of Division B are to be followed. These include; occupant load, means of egress, guards, clearances to other structures, flame resistance (of tarpaulins, decorative materials, fabrics and films), access for firefighting, electrical systems, structural provisions, barrier free design (when intended for limited public occupancy), and on-site general review by a Professional Engineer.

To view the full OBC provisions related to demountable stages and support structures, including definitions of each, please see the amendment regulation ([O.Reg. 30/23](#))

Further information regarding building permit submission requirements, fees, and permit review timelines for demountable stages and demountable support structures please visit our website.

<https://www.kitchener.ca/en/development-and-construction/ici-building-permits.aspx>

As always thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please contact;

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