

YARD STRUCTURES

Regulations concerning Yard
Structures



TANNER'S CROSSING
PLANNING DISTRICT

WHAT IS A YARD STRUCTURE?

A yard structure can be a gazebo, arbor, cabana, pergola, pagoda or a timber framed structure used for outdoor entertaining or decoration.



Arbor: a shady garden alcove with sides and a roof formed by trees or climbing plants trained over a wooden framework.

Cabana: a is a lightweight cabin, hut or shelter structure often found near swimming pools.



Gazebo: a roofed structure that offers an open view of the surrounding area, typically used for relaxation or entertainment.

Pergola: a roofed structure that offers an open view of the surrounding area, typically used for relaxation or entertainment.



Pagoda: an ornamental imitation of a Hindu or Buddhist pagoda in the shape of a temple or sacred building, typically a many-tiered tower.

Timber Framed Patio Shade Structure:

a frame structure of large posts and beams, which are joined together using traditional woodworking techniques such as mortise and tenon joints and wooden pegs.



DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR A YARD STRUCTURE?

An arbor, cabana, gazebo, pergola, pagoda or timber framed patio shade structure is considered an accessory residential building in the By-law and will require a building permit if:

- It is greater than 10 m² (108 ft²)

- It is attached to a house – this is considered an addition and not a garage or similar structure. You will need to review the additions page.

WHAT DO I NEED TO PROVIDE FOR A YARD STRUCTURE PERMIT?

Site Plan

- Survey or site plan showing property lines, lot area, right-of-way or easements (referenced to a current survey)
- Location of existing/proposed buildings with overall dimensions and include setback dimensions to property lines and adjacent buildings.
- Summary of permitted and proposed zoning provisions to include lot area, building area (GFA) coverage, and grade elevations to confirm height.
- Indicate dimensioned parking areas, driveways, hard & soft landscape treatments, accessory structures (sheds, decks, detached garages, etc).

Accessory Structure to be shown on Site Plan, including:

- Location of all existing and proposed buildings on the lot, setbacks to property lines, distance between proposed structure and other buildings on the lot.
- Dimensions and locations of all required vehicle parking spaces and the driveway used to access the spaces(s).
- Floor Plans, Elevations, Sections, Construction Details of the structure, including the details of the concrete floor slab (if applicable) such as the concrete strength and re-enforcement proposed.

Construction Details and Notes

- Building materials & specifications of all wall, floor, and roof assemblies with typical wall section and typical roof detail.
- Provide guard details including connection detail.

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