

## **Egress Windows**

If you are doing basement renovations and building-in living space, consider an egress window to replace the basement window. You may wish to consider one anyway, especially if children use the basement for a play or recreation area. Fire spreads quickly and if the stairs are blocked, there is no other exit. Once installed, conduct a fire drill for all inhabitants so they understand how the window operates.

All egress windows must meet the following requirements as agreed by the Condominium Board of Directors in January 2018

1. **A building permit, required by the City of Barrie, must be obtained**
2. Window width rough-in size cannot be enlarged. Currently exceeds minimum size requirement. (see Note below)
3. Window must be installed by a professional installer, not the unit owner and documentation maintained in the unit file i.e. invoice from installer indicating make of window, when installed and proof that window meets the standard.
4. Window well to be changed, if necessary to meet City of Barrie requirement.
5. Final inspection by the City of Barrie and proof that the window can be easily accessed, Written copy to be included in unit file.
6. All costs to be borne by the unit owner.
7. Owner will complete a Form 98, under the Condominium Act (1998) transferring ownership of the window to the owner.
8. Window removed will be removed with minimum damage and returned to the corporation.

Note: Window width cannot be changed, but length can be by removing one series, or more, of blocks. It is recommended that a step stool or step-up to the window be placed so that easier exit to the window from the basement floor is available, important for older people and children.



Window is longer than original



Panel easily removes



Window well is longer and wider



Not shown is a step ladder to assist climbing out of the window well