

Dear Shoreland Contractor,

This letter is being sent to you as a reminder regarding the requirements for work permits for shoreland erosion control structures under the *Public Lands Act*.

In Ontario, the use of Crown land and shorelands is regulated under the *Public Lands Act*. By law, you must have a work permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for certain activities on Crown land and shorelands before any work can take place. It is an offence to work on Crown land or shorelands without a work permit when one is required. It is important to note that shorelands for which a work permit may be required can also be privately owned.

A work permit is required to construct shoreline erosion control structures if you:

- **want to build a new erosion control structure**
- **want to expand the footprint (i.e. extend the length or width) of an existing erosion control structure**
- **can't meet all the rules in the *Public Lands Act*, Ontario Regulation 239/13**

The Ontario government has implemented a streamlined approach to acquiring work permits to ensure property owners can conduct erosion control, such as the installation of erosion control structures, in a timely manner. Please see the following link or attached document for details on the process to apply for a streamlined erosion control work permit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/streamlined-crown-land-work-permit>

For all other work permit requirements under the *Public Lands Act*, please see the attached document or following link:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits>

Please note that you may require authorizations from other agencies for your work, as outlined in the additional information. Please also note that the *Endangered Species Act*, including species at risk in Ontario, is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). MECP can be contacted at SAROntario@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the streamlined approach to acquiring work permits, or the application process, please contact MNRFpermits@ontario.ca. For all other work permit inquiries contact your local District office. Contact information for the Aylmer, Guelph, and Midhurst District offices are included as an attachment.

Regards,

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