

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 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**

We have a service standard of 21 business days to review and issue work permits for erosion control structures. We must assess and fulfill the duty to consult with Indigenous communities and review some structures for engineering requirements. This may extend our review timelines. Please see the following link for details on the process to apply for an erosion control work permit:

[Crown land work permits | ontario.ca](#)

For additional information about the rules around working on existing erosion control structures, and the maintenance, repair or replacement of erosion control structures on shore lands, please see the following link:

[Maintain, repair or replace erosion control structures on shore lands | ontario.ca](#)

Also 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 midhurstinfo@ontario.ca and lands.aylmer@ontario.ca. For all other work permit inquiries contact your local District office.

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