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Conservation Authority Encourages Early Permit Applications

There's nothing a property owner dislikes more than to discover that another permit is needed just when contractors are ready to begin work.

Such discoveries can lead to costly delays. That's why the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is reminding property owners to contact them as soon as they begin thinking about working around waterways or wetlands.

Existing regulations may restrict development in areas where the control of flooding, erosion, pollution or the conservation of land may be affected.

Permits, if required, are issued by the LRCA Board which meets once a month. Property owners are advised to submit applications as early as possible to allow for processing which usually involves a site visit by Staff.

"We want to work with property owners wherever possible to achieve positive outcomes," says LRCA Chairman, Bill Bartley. "However, the public needs to be aware that obtaining a permit involves more than just filling out a piece of paper."

Anyone planning to work near lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands should contact the LRCA where Staff will assist the public in determining whether or not a permit is required. Additional information about regulations are available on the Authority website: www.lakeheadca.com.