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## **Call Lakehead Conservation Before Working On or Near Water**

With the arrival of spring, property owners will soon be starting outdoor projects which may include working around waterways.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority reminds property owners that the “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation” applies to the construction, reconstruction, erection or placing of a building or structure of any kind; the temporary or permanent placing, dumping or removal of any material, originating on the site or elsewhere; and any alteration to a watercourse including culvert, bridge and boat launch installations.

This Regulation may affect property owners if there is a watercourse, lake shoreline or Provincially Significant Wetland on their property, if their property backs onto a river valley or ravine, or if all or part of their property is zoned “Hazard Land” or “Use Limitation.” Development in these areas must be approved in advance by the Conservation Authority regardless of the size of the project.

The purpose of the Regulation is to prevent or restrict development in areas where the control of flooding, erosion, pollution or the conservation of land may be affected by development. It also protects the mutual needs of the watercourse and the landowners adjacent to it.

Anyone planning development around water is urged to contact the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority at 344-5857 for more information.