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Call Conservation Authority Before Starting Work Around Water

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) is reminding property owners and contractors to give them a call before starting to work around water.

Provincial regulations (Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses O. Reg. 180/06) may affect you if your property is located within the Authority's area of jurisdiction and is located within the regulated area.

If you are planning to do any work near lakes, rivers, streams or wetlands, a permit may be required from the Conservation Authority. Permits may be issued where proposed development will not affect flooding, erosion, pollution or the conservation of land.

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.

“With the early arrival of spring, we want to make sure everyone is aware of the regulations before they begin any work,” says Authority Chairman, Bill Bartley. “A phone call or visit today can prevent delays later on.”

More information about the Authority's regulations are available online (lakeheadca.com) or by visiting the LRCA office at 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay.