



Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

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Areas of Jurisdiction

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Areas of Jurisdiction Questions	Governing Agencies								
	LRCA	City of Thunder Bay	MNR	MOE	DFO	EcoSuperior	Resident	Thunder Bay District Health Unit	Comments
Who do I contact regarding beaver control?			X						The property owner with the beaver problem can arrange to have the beaver trapped. You can contact the MNR for trapping information. Trappers charge a fee and are reluctant to trap in urban areas. Home owners can protect ornamental trees by placing a cage around trees to be protected (galvanized wire mesh referred to as "chicken wire").
Who monitors and deals with encroachments on LRCA and City owned property?	X	X							The agency that owns the property is responsible. Private property is not accessed.
Who cleans up LRCA and City owned property?	X	X							The agency that owns the property is responsible. Private property is not accessed.
Who is responsible for fallen trees in a waterway and on the banks?	X	X					X		Whoever owns the property with the fallen tree is responsible for its removal if necessary. If it has fallen into the waterway and may cause blockage or cause imminent flooding, the LRCA may take action to remove obstruction subject to health and safety considerations and as time permits.
Who is responsible for handling people drinking alcohol and breaking other laws along a waterway?		X							In the city, complaints can be directed to Bylaw Enforcement and/or the City Police.
Who can residents go to for information on what they can plant along a waterway?	X					X			Never plant invasive species (Purple Loosestrife). For more information contact the LRCA, EcoSuperior or the Public Library for information on planting, pesticide use and landscaping.
Who is in charge of water quality testing?	X	X		X		X		X	The City of Thunder Bay tests their drinking water and the Thunder Bay Health Unit will do well water tests for rural residents. River/stream quality testing is done by the MOE as well as Eco Superior, who participates in Ontario Benthos Bio monitoring Network program. The LRCA tests bathing beaches within their Conservation Areas.
Who regulates businesses to ensure they only spray on property they were hired to spray and not into waterways?				X					Contractors require a license from MOE
Who owns the property along waterways in the city?	X	X	X				X		Ownership may be the City, the LRCA, the resident or the crown (province).

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Who do residents contact regarding erosion along a city waterway?	X								The LRCA has been involved with erosion projects to help prevent erosion and to correct erosion sites.
Who is in charge of culvert installation and maintenance?	X	X			X				The owner of the land is responsible for culvert installation and maintenance. This may be the City of Thunder Bay, individual municipalities, or the MTO. Also, depending on ownership, projects may need to be approved by the LRCA and adhere to DFO regulations.
Who is in charge of trail maintenance along a waterway?	X	X							Whoever owns the trail is responsible. This may be the City or the LRCA.
Who can be contacted regarding water runoff issues?		X		X					The Spills Action Centre, which is a central contact located in Toronto ON, or the Enforcement Section under the MOE can be contacted regarding water runoff issues.
Who regulates building along a waterway?	X								All construction within the regulated area must be approved by the LRCA. This includes new construction, additions, re-construction etc. A building permit may also be required from the municipality.
Who regulates alterations to waterways?	X								All development within the regulated area must be approved by the LRCA. This includes all watercourse alterations, including culvert, bridge and boat launch installations.
Who regulates the placement of fill?	X								All permanent and temporary placement of fill in the regulated area must be approved by the LRCA.
Who owns the bed of a watercourse?			X						The bed may be owned privately or by the MNR, regardless, an MNR work permit may be required for projects relating to the bed of a watercourse.
Who regulates fish habitat?	X				X				The LRCA and the DFO have a Level II Agreement in which the LRCA reviews all activities related to fish habitat. If the project is not considered to be a harmful alteration or disruption or destruction of fish habitat (HADD) the LRCA reviews the project. HADD projects require authorization by the DFO.

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Code of Practice for the Environmental Management of Road Salts:
http://www.ec.gc.ca/nopp/roadsalt/cop/en/rs_main.htm

Information about Iron Bacteria in water:
http://www.co.gwinnett.ga.us/departments/publicutilities/public_education/brochures/pdf/iron_bacteria.pdf