Permit and Inquiry Fee Schedule

Section 28 – Development, Interference with Wetlands & Alternations to Shorelines & Watercourses (Ontario Regulation 41/24)

Cataraqui conservation

Permit Fees – Effective January 1, 2026

Category	Fee	Application Type
Group 1	$210	• Routine Permit[1]
Group 2	$465	• Buildings[4], structures, boathouses, additions, reconstruction, basements greater than 10 square metres and less than or equal to 93 square metres. • Fill[3] less than or equal to 200 cubic metres (including septic systems) • Site alteration/grading greater than 0.1 hectares and less than or equal to one hectare. • Stationary docks with 93 square metres or less of surface decking. • Single culvert replacements. • Infrastructure[8] minor maintenance[5] greater than 10 metres and less than or equal to 50 metres. • Agricultural/municipal drain channel maintenance. • Dredging less than or equal to 25 square metres in area, and maintenance dredging[9]. • Channel or shoreline alterations[7] less than or equal to 50 metres in length.
Group 3	$950	• Buildings[4], structures, boathouses, additions, reconstruction, basements greater than 93 square metres and less than or equal to 464 square metres. • Fill[3] greater than 200 cubic metres and less than or equal to 500 cubic metres (including septic systems). • Site alterations/grading greater than one hectare and less than or equal to two hectares. • Infrastructure[8] major maintenance (i.e. wing wall/abutment replacement). • Multiple culvert replacements. • Channel[6] or shoreline alterations[7] greater than 50 metres and less than or equal to 200 metres. • Stationary docks with greater than 93 square metres of surface decking. • Dredging greater than 25 square metres in area.
Group 4	$1,755	• Buildings[4], structures, boathouses, additions, reconstructions, basements greater than 464 square metres. • Multiple residential subdivisions (maximum 10 lots grouped together). • Fill[3] greater than 500 cubic metres (including septic systems). • Site alteration/grading greater than two hectares. • New infrastructure[8]. • Channel[6] or shoreline alterations[7] greater than 200 metres in length.
Inquiry (Level 1)	$85	• Brief realty or property development inquiry – no inspection.[10]
Inquiry (Level 2)	$250	• Brief realty or property development inquiry – with inspection.[10]
Inquiry (Level 3)	$210	• Standard legal, realty, or property development inquiry – no inspection.[10]
Inquiry (Level 4)	$385	• Standard legal, realty, or property development inquiry – with inspection.[10]

Notes:

1. Routine Permits includes regulated buildings and structures 10 square metres or less in size, fill not exceeding 12 cubic metres, marine railways and non-permanent boat lifts, site alterations/grading less than or equal to 0.1 hectares, agricultural tile drain outlets, dug wells located above the seasonal high water mark, geothermal heat loop systems, fencing, or other minor works that, in the opinion of Cataraqui Conservation staff, do not necessitate the issuance of a permit.
2. Project Advice may relate to the regulation, erosion, habitat, drainage, docks, and construction.
3. Fill means the placement or removal of any material that alters the contour of the ground.
4. Building means a structure consisting of a wall, roof, and floor or any of them, or a structural system serving the function thereof including all plumbing, works, fixtures, and service systems or a sewage system.
5. Minor Maintenance means the repair of a structure involving no change in the size, shape, or location of the structure.
6. Channel Alterations include channel diversions, or re-alignment.
7. Shoreline Alterations include boat ramps, shoreline erosion protection, and solid structures on the bed of a waterbody.
8. Infrastructure includes bridges, culverts, pipelines, stormwater management structures, and utilities (i.e. cables, poles, and pipes).
9. Maintenance Dredging must be completed within five years of the previous dredging permit issuance date.
10. Brief inquiries generally include a brief verbal or email response. Standard inquiries are more substantive and include a written response on Cataraqui Conservation letterhead. Additional mapping charges may apply.

The Permit fee will be reduced by 50% for applications submitted within one year of a directly related Planning Act application that was reviewed by Cataraqui Conservation.

Section 28 (12) hearings are subject to an administration surcharge of $500.

Retroactive permit applications for works that have been completed without a permit will only be accepted if the works meet Cataraqui Conservation approved Guidelines for Implementing Ontario Regulation 41/24. A 100% surcharge will be applied for retroactive permit applications.

A $100 charge is applied for permit amendments that are administrative in nature (e.g. expiry date extension). Applications that are more substantially amended or re-submitted after approval are subject to a surcharge of 50% of the original fee that was paid.

Fees for applications involving multiple activities will be based on the highest applicable category.

Technical reports submitted in support of a permit application will be subject to an additional review fee in accordance with Cataraqui Conservation's Technical Report Review Fee Schedule.

Permit applications received under a Minister's Zoning Order will be subject to a 100% surcharge plus applicable legal fees.

Fees are not subject to taxation.