



# Best 1<sup>st</sup> Call

who to call when planning work around water

Because you are working in or near a public waterway you may need approval from one or more government agencies before starting your project.

If you are on a lake that is under Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) jurisdiction and want to do work **below** the high water mark, contact **Parks Canada/TSW's Realty Services**.

If you are on a TSW lake and within the watershed boundaries of a Conservation Authority (CA) and want to do work **above** the high water mark, call **your CA**.

If your lake is neither on a TSW lake nor within the watershed boundaries of a Conservation Authority, contact **your local MNR office and municipality**.

## HOW TO USE THIS TABLE:

The check marks beside each project type indicates which agency(ies) you need to contact. The numbered cells have notes on page 2.

Project Type	Conservation Authority (CA)	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) <sub>1</sub>	Parks Canada, Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) <sub>2</sub>	Municipality <sub>3</sub>	Transport Canada
<b>Planning Act Application</b> (severance, zoning amendment, minor variance)	✓			✓	
<b>Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration</b> (on TSW)	✓		✓		
<b>Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration</b> (off of TSW and within CA watershed)	✓				
<b>Shoreline Stabilization/Alteration</b> (off of TSW and outside of CA watershed)		✓			
<b>Dock</b> (on TSW)			✓		
<b>Dock</b> (off of TSW and within CA watershed)	✓				
<b>Dock</b> (off of TSW and outside CA watershed)		✓			
<b>Boathouse</b> (on TSW)	✓ 4		✓ 5	✓	
<b>Boathouse</b> (off of TSW and within CA watershed)	✓ 4			✓	
<b>Boathouse</b> (off of TSW and outside CA watershed)		✓		✓	
<b>Aquatic Plant Harvesting</b> (on TSW)			✓		
<b>Aquatic Plant Harvesting</b> (off of TSW and within CA watershed)	✓				
<b>Aquatic Plant Harvesting</b> (off of TSW and outside CA watershed)		✓			
<b>Dredging</b> (on TSW)	✓		✓		
<b>Dredging</b> (off of TSW and within CA watershed)	✓				
<b>Dredging</b> (off of TSW and outside CA watershed )		✓			
<b>Floating Raft/Mooring Buoy</b> (on TSW)			✓		✓
<b>Floating Raft/Mooring Buoy</b> (off of TSW)					✓

**Disclaimer:** The use of this document should not be substituted for the information that can be provided by the above-mentioned regulatory agencies.

See over for contact information



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An important part of getting work done on your shoreline is working in cooperation with the government agencies that want to help you to complete the project so that it maximizes the enjoyment of your waterfront while protecting fish and wildlife habitat and your lake's water quality.

## Footnotes from Page 1 Table

1. Some in-water works may not require a permit from the MNR. Contact your local MNR office to confirm which projects are exempt.
2. TSW lakes are those that are a part of the navigable waterway system and exclude reservoir lakes. Call the TSW for a list of lakes under their jurisdiction. If you are on a river that flows into or out of a TSW lake you should confirm with them how far back from the lake their jurisdiction extends. You may need to contact your CA or the MNR.
3. Your Municipality has by-laws that need to be considered when conducting different types of construction projects on your property. It is always wise to review the details of your project with your municipal office before proceeding.
4. Your CA and municipality are the first calls if the boathouse is on **land above the high water mark**.
5. The TSW is your first call if the boathouse is **in the water**.

## IMPORTANT:

**Fish Timing Windows:** Restricted activity timing windows are applied to protect fish from impacts of works or undertakings in and around water during spawning migrations and other critical life history stages. To determine when you can do the work go to [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca), click on the Central and Arctic Regional Sites then under 'Popular Publications' click on 'Operational Statements'. Go to the Operational Statements for Ontario and then find the 'Timing Windows' document. Contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada at (705) 750-0269 or your local MNR office for more information.

## Contact information for regulatory agencies within the greater Kawartha Lakes watershed region:

### Conservation Authorities

Otonabee Conservation  
Peterborough, ON  
(705) 745-5791  
[www.otonabee.com](http://www.otonabee.com)

Kawartha Conservation  
Lindsay, ON  
(705) 328-2271  
[www.kawarthaconservation.com](http://www.kawarthaconservation.com)

Crowe Valley Conservation  
Authority  
Marmora, ON  
(613) 472-3137  
[www.crowevalley.com](http://www.crowevalley.com)

### MNR Offices

Bancroft Office  
(613) 332-3940  
Peterborough District  
(705) 755-2001

Minden Office  
(705) 286-1521  
[www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca)

### Parks Canada

Trent Severn Waterway  
Peterborough, ON  
Realty Services  
(705) 750-4923  
[www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca)

### Transport Canada

Navigable Waters Protection  
Program  
Sarnia, ON  
1-866-821-6631  
[www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)



For more helpful resources go to [www.lakelandalliance.net](http://www.lakelandalliance.net) or call 1-888 (705) 745-3238 x207.

The Lakeland Alliance is a collaboration of the following government agencies and environmental organizations working together with landowners and partners to protect and improve the quality of the lakes and rivers throughout the greater Kawartha Lakes watershed region:

Bancroft Area Stewardship Council, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, Kawartha Conservation, Ministry of the Environment - Lake Partner Program, Otonabee Conservation, Peterborough County Stewardship Council, Peterborough Green-Up, Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council.