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Helping you navigate land development

If you live near a watercourse

It is important you're aware that the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation (RAPR) requires you to obtain Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship approval for activities such as landscaping, building construction, retaining walls, tree removal, and any other work that may impact these areas.

Riparian areas

Healthy riparian areas promote healthy fish habitats and high-quality drinking water, which are essential for the health of our environments and communities.

The province of British Columbia established the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation (RAPR) to safeguard riparian zones. Local government oversees adherence to these rules, ensuring that any new residential, commercial, or industrial developments within 30 meters of a water body are accurately identified, approved and documented through a development permit.

Did you know?

- Lakes, rivers, connected ditches, springs, creeks and wetlands are considered a watercourse, regardless of whether it usually contains water.
- The removal of dead trees within a Riparian Area is prohibited without prior approval.
- Placement of rock and other erosion protection at the water's edge can require additional approvals by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).
- Repair and/or renovation of structural elements of an existing building within a Riparian Area require approvals. This includes roof trusses, decks, and additions.
- With an assessment, the 30 meter setback may be reduced to a lesser setback.

RIPARIAN AREAS

HOW WE CAN HELP

Development Permits

We provide QEP site assessments and development application assistance, navigating RAPR and other local authority requirements with ease and confidence on your behalf.

Environmental Services

With a strong understanding of the local Shuswap region, our team provides thoughtful, tailored solutions to help you achieve sustainable and compliant development that aligns with both regulatory and environmental goals.

Onsite Wastewater Systems

The replacement of aging wastewater systems near watercourses requires reporting and approvals. We identify appropriate placement, design your wastewater system, and certify its installation with the Interior Health Authority.

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