Standard Notes

Development and Engineering Services Required for all Permit or Voluntary Project Review Applications made under Conservation Authority Act Regulations - Interim November 2022



To be considered complete, standard environmental notes may be required on the contract drawings, particularly where there will be in- or near- water works.

All notes related to erosion and sediment controls should meet the standards set forth in the Erosion and Sediment Control Guide for Urban Construction (December 2019). Details are available on the Sustainable Technologies website at www.sustainabletechnologies.ca.

For simple projects, the notes should be included on each applicable drawing. For more complex projects, the notes should be submitted as one page of the contract drawings and then referenced, by number, on each applicable drawing. The following wording is generally accepted by TRCA. It is recognized that project specific modifications to these notes may be required.

Section 1: Site Management		
#	Standard Notes	
1	Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) measures will be implemented prior to, and maintained during the construction phases, to prevent entry of sediment into the water. All damaged erosion and sediment control measures should be repaired and/or replaced within 48 hours of the inspection.	
2	Disturbed areas will be minimized to the extent possible, and temporarily or permanently stabilized or restored as the work progresses.	
3	All in-water and near-water works will be conducted in the dry with appropriate erosion and sediment controls.	
4	The erosion and sediment control strategies outlined on the plans are not static and may need to be upgraded/amended as site conditions change to minimize sediment laden runoff from leaving the work areas. If the prescribed measures on the plans are not effective in preventing the release of a deleterious substance, including sediment, then alternative measures must be implemented immediately to minimize potential ecological impacts. TRCA Enforcement Officer should be immediately contacted. Additional ESC measures to be kept on site and used, as necessary.	
5	An Environmental Monitor will attend the site to inspect all new controls immediately after installation. Inspection of ESC measures to be will occur, at minimum: On a weekly basis; Prior to significant rainfall events (minimum predicted 25mm over 24 hours); After every rainfall/snowmelt event; and Daily during extended rainfall periods. Inspections will focus on measures related to erosion and sediment controls, dewatering or unwatering, restoration and in- or near- water works. Should concerns arise on site the Environmental Monitor will contact the TRCA Enforcement Officer as well as the proponent.	
6	All activities, including maintenance procedures, will be controlled to prevent the entry of petroleum products, debris, rubble, concrete or other deleterious substances into the water. Vehicular refueling and maintenance will be conducted a minimum of 30 metres from the water.	
7	All grades within the Regulatory Flood Plain will be maintained or matched.	

8	The proponent/contractor shall monitor the weather several days in advance of the onset of the project to ensure that the works will be conducted during favourable weather conditions. Should an unexpected storm arise, the contractor will remove all unfixed items from the Regional Storm Flood Plain that would have the potential to cause a spill or an obstruction to flow, e.g., fuel tanks, portapotties, machinery, equipment, construction materials, etc.
9	All dewatering/unwatering shall be treated and released to the environment at least 30 metres from a watercourse or wetland and allowed to drain through a well-vegetated area. No dewatering effluent shall be sent directly to any watercourse, wetland or forest, or allowed to drain onto disturbed soils within the work area. These control measures shall be monitored for effectiveness and maintained or revised to meet the objective of preventing the release of sediment laden water.
10	All access to the work site shall be from either side of the watercourse. No equipment or vehicles are permitted to cross through the watercourse unless approved by TRCA.
11	No staging or storage will occur in TRCA's regulated area.
	Construction Timing Best Management Practices (the proponent/contractor should confirm directly cable provincial and federal agencies)
12	Prior to site disturbance the contractor/proponent should ensure that the works are in conformance with the <i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i> . Please note that the general breeding bird timing window for this area is April 1st to August 31st, however, breeding activities might initiate prior to and continue past this period.
13	Where impacts to local fish populations may occur during their spawning, nursery and migratory periods, construction timing windows should apply to in-water or near-water activities. The proponent/contractor should confirm applicability and dates with appropriate provincial and federal agencies.
Section 3:	Fish and Wildlife Relocation
14	Fish and wildlife stranded within the work area shall be captured and released live in suitable habitat upstream of the work area under the supervision of qualified aquatic technical staff. The proponent/contractor should confirm requirements directly with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.
Section 4:	Environmental Compliance
15	Please notify the following contacts 48 hours prior to commencing construction: TRCA Enforcement (T: 437-880-2124; E: lnspections@trca.ca) and depending on applicant type, either TRCA Development Planning and Permits at (T: 416-661-6688; E: planning&permits@trca.ca) or TRCA Infrastructure Planning and Permits at (T: 416-667-6280; E: infrastructureplanningpermits@trca.ca). Please ensure you quote the CFN or Permit number in your notification.
16	An Environmental Monitor will be on site, and provide advice, to ensure that activities that could have a negative impact to the natural environment are effectively mitigated as construction proceeds. The Environmental Monitor shall notify the TRCA Enforcement Officer and Project Manager if issues arise.