



Highlights of articles of Zoning Bylaw 102 concerning

## RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NATURAL AND MAN-MADE CONSTRAINTS: SHORES AND BEDS OF LAKES AND WATER COURSES

### Important Definitions and Concepts of the Bylaw

#### Access Route:

Area on the shoreline where **clearing, pruning, trimming of trees and shrubs** are allowed to provide a view and access to lakes and watercourses.

#### Exterior Fires:

These fires must be lit in a manufactured frame, non combustible, closed and equipped with a chimney and fire screen, raised above ground so that ashes and other residue are not left on the ground, used for decorative purposes to have an open air fire where the size of the material burned must not exceed one metre, in any direction. **This construction must be located at a distance of more than 5 metres from the high water mark of a lake or water course.**

#### Lake:

Any inland body of water.

#### Lake or Watercourse Bed (Littoral):

Part of the bed of a lake or watercourse that extends from the high water mark towards the centre of the body of water.

#### Landfill:

Work involving the transportation of earth or other surface materials to build a levee or fill a cavity.

#### Pruning:

The act of cutting some branches from a tree to reinforce, shape or lighten its foliage while maintaining its health.

#### Shoreline:

Strip of land touching lakes and watercourses, which extends towards the interior of the land from the high water mark. **Measured horizontally from the high water mark.**

#### Slope (%):

Division between the height and the horizontal length of a slope. *For example, a slope of 30% is 3 meters high by 10 meters long.*

#### Treated wood:

Wood that is painted, varnished or treated with a fungicide or phytosanitary agent to eliminate and control the development of mold or parasitic fungus.

#### Vegetation Control:

Activity including the **cutting of grass, trimming and falling of trees.**

#### Watercourse:

Any watercourse with a regular or intermittent flow, including those created or modified by human activity.

#### Window:

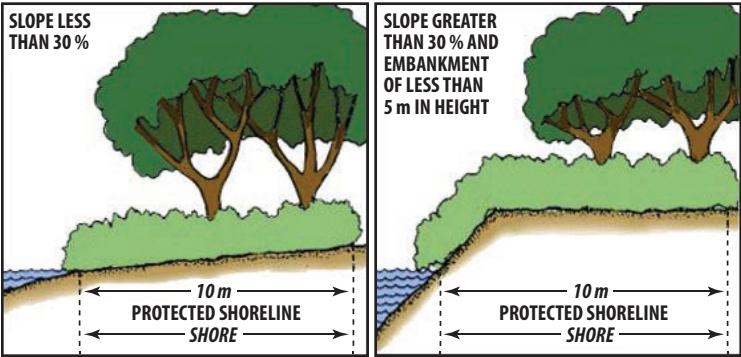
Opening of **maximum 5 metres in width** in the vegetation cover to view the body of water.

#### Work:

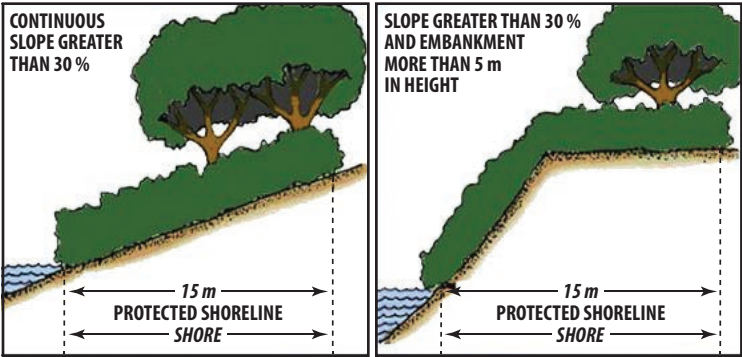
Any building, construction, land use, excavation or transformation of the ground, including **clearing and all excavation and landfill works.**



SHORELINE A



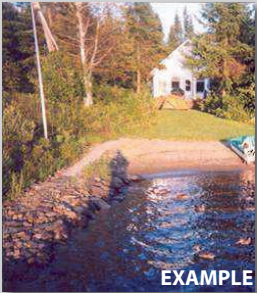
SHORELINE B



CHARACTERISTICS

When the slope is less than 30 %  
or  
When the slope is more than 30 % and the embankment is less than 5 m in height.

The shoreline to be protected has a minimum of 10 m.  
(measured horizontally from the high water mark)



CHARACTERISTICS

When the slope is continuous and greater than 30 %  
or  
When the slope is greater than 30 % and the embankment is more than 5 m in height.

The shoreline to be protected has a minimum of 15 m.  
(measured horizontally from the high water mark)



RECOMMENDATIONS AND WORKS WITHOUT PERMIT

- **Maintenance** of an existing and legal access route to the water, up to 60% of the width of the frontage to a maximum of 5 m, on an angle.
- Preserve the natural state of the shore.
- Otherwise restore degraded shorelines:
  - Leave it to nature
  - or
  - Plant appropriate vegetation - with *herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees (3 strata)*.
- Control of the vegetation 2 m around any existing, legal building.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND WORKS WITHOUT PERMIT

- **Maintenance** of the sinuous existing and legal access pathway with a maximum width of 1.5 m.
- Preserve the natural state of the shore.
- Otherwise restore degraded shorelines:
  - Leave it to nature
  - or
  - Plant appropriate vegetation- with *herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees (3 strata)*.
- Control of the vegetation 2 m around any existing, legal building.

WORK REQUIRING A PERMIT

- **Making** an access route, 60 % of the frontage to a maximum of 5 m, an angle opening to provide access to the body of water
- Install dock, floating or on posts. Treated wood is forbidden.
- Maintenance, repair or demolition of existing legal buildings and works.
- Controlling vegetation outside the access route and the periphery of any buildings.
- Tree cutting in access.

WORK REQUIRING A PERMIT

- **Open** a window at the upper slope, with a maximum width of 5 metres maximum (pruning only).
- **Make** a new sinuous pathway with a maximum width of 1.5 metres.
- Build or repair a stairway above ground with a maximum width of 1.2 meters.
- Install dock, floating or on posts. Treated wood is forbidden.
- Maintenance, repair or demolition of existing legal buildings and works.
- Controlling vegetation outside the access route and the periphery of any buildings.
- Tree cutting in access or window.

PROHIBITED INTERVENTION

- Any form of vegetation control in the protection band of lakes and watercourses.
- Any building or works are prohibited in the protection band of lakes and watercourses, except eligible admissible interventions.
- Removal or extraction of gravel (dredging) in water courses and lakes; dragging, digging, channeling or changing the path of a river.
- All works to fill-in or bank up (beaches).
- To build a dock on cribs or concrete.
- Any works to make the soil impermeable with surface sealants or building a boat ramp (slip) to the water.
- Application and use of pesticides, natural fertilizers (compost), chemicals and treated wood.

THIS LIST IS NOT COMPLETE BUT ONLY A BRIEF RESUME OF THE APPLICABLE BYLAWS. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPALITY BEFORE STARTING ANY PROJECT IN THE SHORELINE PROTECTION BAND.

