



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO
Licensing & Regulatory Services
DOCS #522711

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PERMIT TO CUT TREES PURSUANT TO REGIONAL BY-LAW NO. 08-026

The Woodland Conservation By-Law approved by Regional Council on June 18, 2008, 2008 requires a Permit for the following types of forest management activities:

- a. Harvesting of trees of a species prescribed in the By-law resulting in the production of trees, logs or firewood, **unless** fewer than five trees per hectare of a species prescribed in the By-law are to be cut in any given year to a maximum of thirty (30) trees, for the registered owner of the woodland's own use; and
- b. Woodland clearing.

Failure to obtain a Permit when one is required is a contravention of the Woodland Conservation By-Law.

A permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance or for the period stipulated. Cutting that is to occur after the permit's expiration date will require an application for an extension or a new permit.

FEES

The required fees for Woodland Conservation By-law Permits are set in the Region's Fees and Charges By-law (By-law 08-027, as amended). The appropriate fee must be received with your application - we accept cash, cheque, debit, MasterCard or Visa – NO REFUNDS

- There is no fee for a Good Forestry Practices Permit
- The application fee for a Diameter Limit/Basal Area Permit is \$55.00
- The application fee for a Woodland Removal Permit is \$1000.00

A Permit is a mechanism by which the Region indicates approval of a planned woodland management operation. Limitations on the timing or implementation of harvesting activities may be indicated as conditions of the permit in order to ensure reasonable standards of management practice. The permit process is intended to ensure that landowners and forestry contractors are aware of the requirements of the Regional Woodland Conservation By-Law, and to prevent violations of the by-law. Permits provide an improved way of minimizing unsustainable harvesting resulting in a loss of woodlands and the benefits they provide to the natural and built ecosystems and environment.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Only **one of the three** permit forms needs to be completed depending on the nature of the permit sought.

An incomplete application will not be processed. Completed applications are to be submitted to the Licensing & Regulatory Services office of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. A permit must be obtained before any tree cutting can take place, and a copy of the permit must be posted at either the entrance to the property or at the main landing area at the commencement of cutting activity.

FORM 1: Applications for Good Forestry Practices Permits will be processed as soon as possible, however, a permit must be obtained before cutting occurs. A Good Forestry Practices permit requires the preparation or approval of a statement of management goals and objectives and a silvicultural prescription by a Forester (i.e., Registered Professional Forester or Associate Member of the Ontario Professional Foresters' Association) or the approval of the Region. An inspection of the woodland may be carried out by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

FORM 2: Applications for Diameter Limit/Basal Area Permits will require approximately **ten (10) business days** for processing. During that time, and before a Permit is issued, Regional staff may contact the landowner and/or any person(s) involved in the tree marking or tree removal to discuss the nature of the proposed harvest to ensure that it conforms to the requirements of the Woodland Conservation By-Law and may conduct an inspection of the woodland.

FORM 3: Applications for Woodland Removal Permits will require several weeks for processing as there is a need to issue notices to adjoining property owners and to arrange a meeting of the Region's Woodland Conservation By-Law Committee. Regional staff will keep applicants apprised as to the process of the application.

Right of Appeal. Anyone who has been denied a permit, or has objections to any conditions placed on a permit has the right to appeal to the Region's Tree By-law Committee within 15 days of permit denial or issuance. The Tree By-law Committee will review the applicant's concerns as well as the officer's reasons for denying or granting the permit. The Tree By-law Committee will decide whether to confirm or vary the denial or conditions imposed. There is no external appeal process pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*.



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FORM 3: APPLICATION FOR A WOODLAND REMOVAL PERMIT

****The application fee for a Woodland Removal Permit is \$1000.00****

PART A: Owner information. Fill out all applicable sections. Your signature indicates that you understand all of the requirements of the Woodland Conservation By-Law

OWNER

Surname:_____ First Name:_____ Signature_____

Municipal Address:_____

City:_____ Postal Code:_____

Phone Number: _____ Fax _____ E-Mail: _____

Complete **municipal address** of property containing woodland (if different than above):

Does the woodland form part of an Environmentally Significant Landscape (ESL), Environmentally Sensitive Policy Area (ESPA) or a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW)?: **Y [] N [] Not Sure []**

If yes, please indicate which (name &/or number) _____

Location. Please draw a sketch map of the location of the woodland giving enough detail that the property can be readily located. Please indicate preferred entry points so that the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer can gain entrance to inspect the area.

PART B. Woodland Information (Woodland Removal Permit)

General Woodland description: _____

Total area of woodland: _____ ha or _____ acres

Description of woodland area to be removed (if different than above) _____

Area of woodland to be removed: _____ ha or _____ acres

Expected starting date of woodland removal: _____

Justification for Woodland Removal

Please attach documentation to this permit application that will enable the Region to evaluate your request for woodland removal. Your documentation may include, but is not limited to

- a complete description of the woodland in terms of tree cover, health, and future development with or without management;
- a statement regarding the intended use for the land once the woodland removal is complete;
- a statement indicating why the removal of the woodland (i.e. the injuring or destruction of the tree or trees) is desirable for the appropriate development or use of the property and the how the general intent and purpose of this By-law is maintained.
- plans for replacement or compensation in terms of woodland species, either on or off the specified property;

If approved, all operations must be in accordance with the provisions of Woodland Conservation By-Law 08-026 of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo and pursuant to all conditions attached to the permit.

Do you consent for the Region of Waterloo to carry out a pre-inspection? **Y [] N []**

I hereby certify that the contents of this permit application are correct: _____
(owner or person authorized in writing by the owner)

For Office Use Only

PERMIT # _____

Fee Received: _____ (date) Method of payment _____

Permit Approved by: _____ Approval Date: _____

PRE - HARVEST INSPECTION

Site Inspected by: _____ Site Inspection date: _____

Comments: _____

Conditions of Permit: _____

POST - HARVEST INSPECTION

Site Inspected by: _____ Site Inspection date: _____

Comments: _____
