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**RIDEAU LAKES SUPPORTS A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TO ENJOY
THE 2024 SITE PLAN CONTROL FOLLOW UP AND SUPPORT PROGRAM
IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY**

May 24, 2024

Did you know that the Township has over 5200 waterfront properties across 32 lakes that have a total area of over 33,000 acres? Did you know the Township has over 840km of shoreline? That is more shoreline than Highway 401 is long from Windsor to Quebec!

In 2019, the Township of Rideau Lakes decided to implement a Site Plan Control Follow Up and Support Program beginning in the summer of 2020. 2024 is the fifth year of this program and will be focusing on Site Plan Control Agreements completed in 2020. You are receiving this letter because we are following up with all waterfront properties that had a Site Plan Control Agreement completed in 2020, and our records indicate that you are the owner of one of these properties. We are looking to get in touch with you to see how the proposed development went, and to examine the resulting conditions on your property related to your Site Plan Agreement that you have entered into with the Township. The Site Plan Control Follow Up and Support Program ultimately supports residents and property owners in the continued protection and improvement of lakes and waterways within the municipality.

We are looking to evaluate your property in relation to the parameters of your Site Plan Agreement. There are two ways to provide information to us regarding your property and the development that has occurred since 2020:

1. **Submit Photos Electronically:** Use our online photo submission portal to send us photos of the new development on your property, including specific areas of your property impacted by your agreement, including but not limited to your shoreline area, laneways/driveways, landscaping, retaining walls, moved utility poles, etc. (specific photo requirements can be found on page 2). <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/site-plan-control-follow-up-and-support-program>
2. **Site Visit:** Coordinate a site visit with a member of the Township's Development Services Department to your property. Arrangements for a site visit can be sent to Alison Merkley at kporter@rideaulakes.ca.

If we have not received photos via our online portal or a request for a site visit by June 28, 2024, your property will be scheduled for a site inspection which will take place on a weekday during the months of July-September.

Site Inspections of properties will begin July 2, 2024, and may run until September. Sending photos of your property does not guarantee that no site inspection will take place, as the Township requires a certain quality and scope of the photos to ensure the highest quality of accuracy regarding the program. The photos that are required by the Development Services Department are as follows:

- A wide view photo of the shoreline
- Photos taken from the shoreline showing the dwelling(s) on the site
- Photos taken from the dwelling(s) to shoreline
- Photos clearly showing the buildings on the site, especially any new buildings resulting from your 2020 Site Plan Control application
- Photos of any new landscaping, grading, or filling

We at the Township of Rideau Lakes hope that this program will help to educate residents on the importance of shoreline buffers. With the support of our Council and community we hope that this program can help strengthen and improve shorelines, water quality, and the enjoyment of our waterways for years to come.

For more information regarding shoreline buffers and planting please refer to the Township of Rideau Lakes 'Shoreline Planting Guide' which can be found on our website at <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/component/edocman/shoreline-planting-guide/viewdocument/238?Itemid=0> or via <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/live/home-and-property/construction-renovations/forms-fees>. At the end of the guide, you can find information regarding who to contact here at the Township along with information for the two regional conservation authorities within our Township and how best to contact them. If you have any trouble finding this guide, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Any comments about the Program Specifics or Council's strategy can be directed to Malcolm Norwood at 613-928-2251 ext. 236 or mnorwood@rideaulakes.ca. Photos and general comments regarding the program can be sent to Alison Merkley at 613-928-2251 ext. 222 or kporter@rideaulakes.ca.

On behalf of Council, thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

Alison Merkley
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Township of Rideau Lakes