

CRCA 5-Year Review of Regulatory Guidelines for Permitting

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Appendix U Section 2.0 Shore Docks ... docks allowed in the flood plain but non-marine structures such as decks require flooding and erosion setbacks because decks used for seating or other non-marine related purposes presents an unacceptable level of risk ... and docks should be constructed perpendicular to the shoreline ... docks proposed to be constructed parallel to the shoreline (shore docks) that function as a deck will not be allowed subject to certain site restraints

Appendix U Section 2.0 (NEW) Dock Staving – the length of dock staving shall not extend into the water and impede the movement and flow of water

Appendix U Section 3.0 Changes to the definition of a boathouse to include ONLY a peaked or sloped roof – no flat rooftops which can also function as a deck

Members of the community are questioning why CRCA is becoming involved in riverfront property rights and details going beyond the CRCA flood and erosion control mandate? Although the initial public consultation period has expired, there remains time for those with concerns to voice them now with the CRCA and local politicians.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access a River Talk News Alert Update on the subject providing more particulars on what to look at and who to contact to voice any concerns.

A request for a formal public hearing, with better CRCA announcement communications, would be a good approach for the CRCA to hear property owner concerns and for the CRCA to explain the rationale of such far reaching policy changes to serve the overall interests of the public at large.

Cataraqui Conservation (CRCA) initiated a 5-year review and update to its regulatory guidelines document: Guidelines for implementing Ontario Regulation 148/06 (Guidelines). As part of this process CRCA has posted policy document proposed changes and a comment form on its website and requested input from the public and stakeholders during a consultation period from July 4 to July 29, 2022 – [CLICK HERE](#) to access:

These proposed changes are extensive and affect what you can and cannot do with your waterfront property. This impacts not only new construction but also on repairs or replacements requiring permitting. Summaries of proposed changes can be found on the Minor Revisions Table, and the Substantive Revisions Table links below:

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Examples of significant proposed changes include: