



# Rideau Lakes

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**RIDEAU LAKES SUPPORTS A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TO ENJOY  
THE 2025 SITE PLAN CONTROL FOLLOW UP AND SUPPORT PROGRAM  
IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY**

**May 16, 2025**

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!

This year marks the sixth year of the Site Plan Control Follow Up and Support Program, focusing on Site Plan Control Agreements completed in 2021. You are receiving this letter because we are following up with all waterfront properties that had a Site Plan Control Agreement completed in 2021, and our records indicate that you are the owner of one of these properties. We are contacting 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 with the Township. The Site Plan Control Follow Up and Support Program 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 2021:

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 (providing coverage for Kayla Porter) at [kporter@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:kporter@rideaulakes.ca).

If we have not received photos via our online portal or a request for a site visit by June 23, 2025, 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 may run between July 2, 2025, 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 all buildings on site, especially any new builds resulting from your 2021 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 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 via [www.rideaulakes.ca/live/home-and-property/construction-renovations/forms-fees](http://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 Tom Fehr at 613-928-2251 ext. 236 or [developmentmanager@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:developmentmanager@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](mailto:kporter@rideaulakes.ca).

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

Sincerely,

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Township of Rideau Lakes