

Fees waived for flood victims

Fees for permits will be waived for residents of local service districts who require a development and building permit, and for all residents who may require a Watercourse and Wetland Alteration permit for restoration of properties affected by the flood.

Development and building permits are required for building, locating, relocating, demolishing, altering or replacing a building or structure in an unincorporated area. The permit will trigger an inspection to ensure that the structure is built to the National Building Code.

Development and building permit application forms are available at the [Regional Service Commission](#) for the area where the construction takes place.

Residents of municipalities should refer to the building permit requirements of their respective local governments.

A Watercourse and Wetland Alteration permit is required for any work within 30 metres of a watercourse or wetland; including tree and vegetation removal; soil disturbance including excavation, infilling; construction of homes, garages, decks, either on a foundation, blocks and/or posts, and rip-rap/retaining walls, etc. While the fee is waived for those affected by the recent flooding, the permit is still required.

Applications for Watercourse and Wetland Alteration permits must be submitted [online](#). For flood-related submissions applicants must indicate “pay at the office” for the fees to be waived. If a property owner is intending to develop, build or rebuild within 30 meters of a watercourse or wetland, they must first obtain their permit from the Department of Environment and Local Government or a written notification that a permit is not required.