



SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW

HOW DOES THE BY-LAW AFFECT ME?

The [Site Alteration By-law](#) allows a range of typical day-to-day activities that are permitted without any prior approval from Township staff or Council. If you're planning a project where you will need to change or alter your property's grading, check to see:

Zoning

Is your property in a residential zone, an environmentally sensitive zone, or a natural state/conservation zone?

Proposed Activity

Is the activity you're proposing outlined in the by-law as a standard exemption? (e.g., constructing a building or a septic system with an issued building permit)

Proposed Grade Change

If the activity is **not** outlined as a "standard exemption" – are you proposing to change the grade of your property by more than 0.3m (1ft.)?

Depending on where your property is located, the activity you're proposing, and the grade change you're proposing, you may need to seek permission from Township staff before proceeding with your plans to alter your shoreline property.

Visit the Township's website for more information on the Site Alteration By-law.

WHAT IS SITE ALTERATION?

Site alteration refers to activities which change the grade, elevation, or natural drainage courses of a property through:



Dumping fill*



Removing topsoil



Blasting or removing rock

* e.g., soil, bedrock, sod, turf, concrete, wood, stumps, rock, asphalt, granular material, etc.





TREE PRESERVATION BY-LAW

HOW DOES THE BY-LAW AFFECT ME?

The by-law outlines specific activities of everyday property maintenance, including changes to native shoreline vegetation on your property, which are permitted without any additional oversight from the Township. The Tree Preservation By-law recognizes the rights of property owners to use and enjoy their property and make changes to the natural landscape which represent good environmental stewardship of the land and water.

WHAT IS NATIVE SHORELINE VEGETATION?

Native shoreline vegetation

includes a variety of native species of woody plants and trees that are naturally occurring in the “shoreline buffer area” or the first 7.5m (25ft.) of a property that fronts on Georgian Bay or an inland lake.*



* measured from the highwater mark of the waterbody

If you're planning a project, check to see:

- 1 What is the **zoning** on your property?
- 2 Are you proposing to remove any native shoreline vegetation or clear cut your property?
- 3 Is the activity you're proposing already outlined in the by-law as a **standard exemption**?

Depending on where your property is located, the activity you're proposing, and whether you'll be affecting native shoreline vegetation, you may need to seek permission from Township staff before proceeding with your plans to alter your shoreline property.

