

Summary of CA Involvement in Green Energy Proposals

This chart highlights provincial documents in which Conservation Authorities have been identified as having a role in providing information for the preparation of reports or the review of Green Energy proposals.

| Name of Policy, Procedure, Regulation or Guideline | CA Role in Renewable Energy |
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| Ontario Regulation | |
| <i>Conservation Authorities Act, 1990</i> | Under Section 28, subsection 13 (1) Conservation Authorities shall not refuse permission or impose conditions on renewable energy projects unless they are related to the control of flooding, erosion, pollution or dynamic beaches. |
| <i>Green Energy Act, 2009 Ontario Regulation 15/10: Designations Re Section 5 of the Act</i> | Under Section 3 (4) of this Regulation, Conservation Authorities are specifically identified as an exception under the <i>Green Energy Act</i> , with the result being that permitting requirements under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act would apply to green energy projects . Section 4 of this Regulation outlines all of the Acts which do apply in the review of green energy projects (as appropriate) and the CA Act is included in the list. |
| Ministry of Natural Resources Document | |
| Waterpower - Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides an overview of the CA Act • Identifies that CAs will be co-leads with the proponent on an application where they operate a flood control structure • Proponents must contact CAs to discuss their Water Management Plan |
| Natural Heritage Assessment Guide for Renewable Energy Projects (draft policy proposal-- under review) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discusses areas regulated under the CA Act and recommends that proponent contact the CA early for specific requirements and permission • A search of CA records must be completed if the project location is in a CA watershed • Identifies that CAs may be able to provide mapping for natural heritage concerns • Has a table B.1.2 outlining a variety of information possibly available from CAs |
| Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Approval and Permitting Requirements Document for Renewable Energy Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies that permission may be required under the CA Act • Identifies CAs as an agency that the proponent should engage with frequently • Records review report must illustrate that they contacted the CA regarding natural features and waterbodies • Has an appendix piece on CAs, which also highlights their relationship with DFO |
| Ministry of the Environment Document | |
| Provincial approvals for Renewable Energy Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies that a CA permit may be required for the proposed work • Identifies CA relationship with DFO and lists CAs as a contact for aquatic species at risk information. |

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| (guide) | Acknowledges that DFO will review applications under SARA |
| Renewable Energy Approval Technical Guidance for Water Assessment and Water Body Reports (draft policy proposal- under review) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proponents must complete a search and analysis of CAs records related to water bodies • Identifies that permits may be required • Encourages proponents to pre-consult with CAs <p>Information Identified as Potentially Being Available from CAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Average Annual Highwater mark ○ Source Water Assessment Reports ○ Aquatic habitat information |

In addition, various provincial documents list information that may be available from Conservation Authorities. These documents include:

- Bats and Bat Habitats- Guidelines for Wind Power Projects
- Waterpower Site Release- Crown Land (Procedure)
- New, redeveloped and upgraded hydro-electric generating stations- Ministry of Natural Resources' (MNR) statements
- Birds and Bird habitats Guidelines for Wind Power Projects
- Significant Wildlife Habitat: Technical Guide

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