



RVCA SCHEDULE "C" FEES: Technical Advisory Services 2009

From time to time Conservation Authorities are asked to provide professional opinions on environmental matters **where neither a planning or a regulatory approval is involved**. Fees must be charged to cover the staff time required to prepare the response. Section 21(1) (m) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* empowers individual C.A.'s to charge user fees for such services. The Minister has approved a procedures document specifying when such fees may be charged. Particular circumstances would include but not be limited to slope stability issues, erosion and storm water matters, aquatic habitat problems, riparian buffer issues, private servicing, Permit to Take Water Application circulations pursuant to Section 7(1)(2) of *Ontario Regulation 387/04* under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* and similar environmental concerns.

The following schedule of fees will apply in such circumstances:

Activity	Fee ¹
Category I Service	\$175.00
Category II Service	\$350.00
Category III Service	\$600.00

A Category I Service involves a desktop review with no site inspection. Brief written comments would be provided respecting minor works on a single residential lot, maintenance on a classified municipal drain or comments on maintenance of a seasonal dock. Less than one half day's work would be involved.

Would typically involve repair or maintenance activities (see note 3).

A Category II Service involves a written response **AND** a site inspection (along with return vehicle operation up to a maximum of about 150 kilometres.). Up to half day of staff time would be involved.

Typically involves new boat ramps; new docks including post, floating and cantilever types; cottage dredging; fill placement, removal and / or grading in the near shore area; new shore walls and shore protection; structures using cribs or solid structures on the water body bed; mechanical or chemical aquatic plant removal; drainage works; cables, pipes, and ponds. Surface area affected generally less than 15 square metres (160 feet²).

A Category III Service would entail the provision of written comments on larger properties and projects as well as those of a commercial, industrial or institutional nature. Plans would be reviewed and there would be discussion and consultation with other agencies as well as contractors and / or design professionals. Charges reflect a daily rate.

NOTES

1. All fees are exclusive of **Technical Report Review Fees** (see Schedule "D") which would be charged additionally on a per issue basis as outlined in Schedule "B".
2. All fees must be received prior to the release of written comments.
3. Repair or maintenance of existing structures means no change in location, shape or size.