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Riparian Areas Regulation Assessment Services for Land Developers

Brian Wilkes and Associates Ltd. delivers cost effective, timely riparian area services that are thorough, complete, and get it right the first time.

The Riparian Areas Regulation of BC applies to new developments, and significant re-developments proposed within 30 meters of a stream, lake or wetland, and that are subject to local government regulation or approval. Developers must submit, along with their proposal, a report prepared by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) that establishes a set-back from the water course, and may recommend measures needed to protect riparian habitat. The QEP must certify that, in their opinion, no HADD* will result if their recommendations are followed. Local government, the province and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have all agreed to accept the recommendations of a QEP who has followed the prescribed assessment methods. The resulting assessment identifies the Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area (SPEA), which specifies the required set-back for a development.



Services:

Brian Wilkes is a Registered Professional Biologist and QEP specially trained to carry out and report Riparian Area Assessments according to the methods specified in the regulation. To date, over 25 RAR Assessments have been completed. Our services include:

- Assistance to developers in concept development according to terrain or other constraints;
- Conducting the field work and carrying out the assessment methodology required for determining the SPEA;
- Working with all necessary additional QEPs to determine measures related to slope stability, tree hazard, storm water management, etc., in order to develop comprehensive recommendations for inclusion in the RAR Assessment Report;
- Working with the developer and local government to resolve concerns arising from the development proposal;
- Proper, timely submission of the RAR Assessment Report through the provincial government's notification system;
- Working with a BC land surveyor to help lay out the boundaries of the SPEA;
- Monitoring, both during and after construction, to ensure due diligence in protecting the riparian area and compliance with the recommendations in the Assessment Report.

For further information, please contact:

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*HADD = Harmful Alteration, Disruption or Destruction of Fish Habitat (Fisheries Act, Section 35)