

Application Requirements and Process

The registered owner of the property or an authorized agent may apply for a Tree Cutting Permit. You are required to submit the following to the Engineering Department;

- ❑ Tree Cutting Permit application form;
- ❑ Application Fee of \$100.00;
- ❑ Site plan locating all building, structures and trees; and
- ❑ Geotechnical Engineer's report.

The Geotechnical Engineer's report shall certify that the proposed cutting of trees will not create a danger from flooding or erosion. Alternatively, the report may recommend conditions to be imposed to ensure that the tree cutting will not create any detrimental effect to land or a water course.

Your permit application will be reviewed and processed by the Engineering Department. If further information is required in order to proceed with the review process, the applicant will be notified. You will also be advised when the permit has been authorized by the Municipal Engineer and ready to be issued.

Conditions that *may* be part of the permit issuance are:

- ◆ specific trees or areas within an Erosion District that may or may not be cut;
- ◆ having the applicant file a restrictive covenant and indemnity at the Land Title Office;
- ◆ the expiry date of the permit;
- ◆ permit security, such as a Letter of Credit, satisfactory to the Municipal Engineer; and/or,
- ◆ other engineering requirements as necessary for specific properties.

Bylaw Contraventions and Penalties

Every person who commits an offence against the Tree Cutting and Erosion Control Bylaw shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine and penalty of not more than \$2,000.00 or to imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

This pamphlet is intended for general guidance only. Applicants should consult the District of Central Saanich Erosion Control and Tree Cutting Bylaw (No. 993); the Tree Protection Bylaw (No. 1595) and other municipal bylaws for requirements and procedures.

Central Saanich



Tree Protection in the Erosion District

District Bylaws

In Central Saanich, there are two bylaws dealing with the removal of trees on private property.

The first is Bylaw No. 993, establishing erosion districts and regulating tree cutting; the second is Bylaw No. 1595, which identifies and protects specific trees within the Municipality.

This guide discusses Tree Cutting Permits for tree located in the Erosion District.

Erosion Area Tree Definition

A "Tree" is defined as:

Any woody plant which normally grows to be three metres tall or taller regardless of the size of plant when it is first put into place.

The Erosion District is identified as "any area of land designated" on the map provided on the inside page of this guide.

Information regarding Protected Trees, definitions and permits can be found in the pamphlet entitled "Protected Trees".

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Erosion Area Permits

In general terms, no person shall destroy, kill or cut down any trees in any Erosion District, without having obtained a permit from the Municipal Engineer.

A tree cutting permit would **not** be required where:

- ◆ the parcel is subject to the provisions of the Agricultural Land Commission Act;
- ◆ a tree constitutes a danger or hazard to persons or property, in which case it shall be removed forthwith; and,
- ◆ where the parcel is not included in an Erosion District and the tree is not a protected tree.

In dealing with applications for Tree Cutting Permits, the Municipal Engineer may grant such Permits either unconditionally, or subject to conditions, or may refuse such permits.

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EROSION DISTRICT PLAN

PERMIT AREAS

