



St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

Fees Policy

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Basis

This Fees Policy has been prepared to satisfy the requirement for a policy of administrative guidelines regarding fees for services and to document the principles and practices regarding fees charged under un-proclaimed provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Section 21.2). This policy used the following documents as references:

- *Policies and Procedures for the Charging of Conservation Authority Fees*, established by the Ministry of Natural Resources (June 1997, updated March 1999);
- *Guideline for CA Fee Administration Policies for Plan Review and Permitting*, endorsed by Conservation Ontario Council (June 24, 2019).

The attached Fee Schedules are based on the user-pay principle. The fees and revenues generated are designed to assist with recovering the costs associated with administering and delivering the services on a program basis. Fees take into account estimated staff time, travel, and materials costs to provide the service, but do not exceed the cost of the service.

Legislative Framework

Since 1996, the *Conservation Authorities Act* empowered conservation authorities to charge fees for services approved by the Minister of Natural Resources. Section 21 (m.1) of the *Conservation Authorities Act* allows for this collection of fees for the following services, where the service is not supported through provincial grant funding:

- *Conservation Authorities Act* Section 28 permit fees;
- Plan review;
- Response to legal, real estate and public inquiries;
- Extension services (e.g., technical advice/ implementation of erosion control measures, forest management/ tree planting, wildlife/ fisheries habitat management, management of forests/ recreational land owned by others, technical studies);
- Community relations/ information/ education services (e.g., tours, presentations, workshops, demonstrations, special events);
- Sale of products (e.g., reports, maps, photographs);
- Any services under other legislation authorized under agreement with the lead ministry.

The un-proclaimed amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (December, 2017) include the addition of Section 21.2 which clarifies that:

The Minister may determine classes of programs and services in respect of which an authority may charge a fee. The amount of a fee charged by an authority for a program or services it provides shall be,

- a. The amount prescribed by the regulations; or
- b. If no amount is prescribed, the amount determined by the authority.

Policy Direction

When updating existing fee schedules or establishing new fees the following policy direction will be considered:

1. Fees need to be set with regard to legislative requirements, ability to sustain programs, and be based on a user-pay philosophy;
2. Fee increases should include inflation;
3. Fees must not exceed the costs of delivering the services;
4. Refunds of fees may carry an administrative cost/penalty;
5. Fees are reviewed at least annually and regular adjustments to fees are desirable;
6. The fee schedule will be approved on an annual basis to inform the budget for the following year.

Exemptions and In-Kind Services

The Authority may waive fees for non-profit conservation groups contributing to the protection and restoration of the natural environment. Examples include but are not limited to: Ducks Unlimited, Rural Lambton Stewardship Network, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and various “Friends of” groups.

In addition, in-kind technical services are routinely provided by the Authority to assist non-profit conservation groups. Technical services may be required for non-profit groups that do not have qualified professionals nor the funding to acquire the expertise to undertake projects to further achieve the environmental targets of the Authority.

Process and Public Notification

When developing and establishing fees, the Authority also considers the fees of Conservation Authorities offering the same level of service and technical advice, the fees set by neighbouring Conservation Authorities, fees charged by local municipalities and agencies, and fees charged by the private sector for similar services.

Fees account for estimated staff time, travel, equipment and material costs plus a reasonable charge to cover administration of the program, which normally includes an allocation for shared corporate services.

This Fees Policy has been established by the SCRCA Board of Directors and is administered and applied by staff of SCRCA. The Management Team in consultation with the General Manager may, under extenuating circumstances, waive or reduce fees.

The public is notified of any proposed increases or revisions to the Fee Schedule, by way of posting a notice on the SCRCA website that the Fee Schedule will be reviewed on an identified date, at an open meeting of the Authority’s Board of Directors.

Implementation

While cost recovery is a requirement for certain services, noted above, the Authority considers other

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factors when setting fees, such as fees of neighbouring Conservation Authorities, the nature and level of fees charged by local municipalities for related services and in some cases, the value of similar services provided by the private sector. It should also be noted that for some circumstances and programs, an attempt to charge a fee that would provide complete cost recovery is not feasible due to inability to pay and would result in reduced demand for the service, e.g., school education programs.

1. Planning and Regulations (Section 28 Permit Fees, Planning Act and Technical Reviews)

SCRCA administers its fee program for Planning and Regulations to achieve a partial cost recovery to-date for the plan review function. SCRCA programs aims to achieve a 50-50 user fee to levy ratio by 2026 to represent the maximum reliance on user-fees in order to safeguard the planning and regulations program and its services against economic volatility and subsequent budgetary uncertainty. It is also intended to reflect that significant effort and resources are used for pre-consultation related to activities, proposals and inquiries prior to application submissions as well as compliance activities. The fee schedules are based on the complexity of the application and technical review required, which influences the staff time and resources needed for the review. Administration may consider the following issues and data, where and when relevant to revise the fee schedule::

- Analysis of trends in workload changes as a result of shifts in the development market and types of applications;
- Consultation with developers/municipalities about work effort, new planning/legislative requirements and streamlining;
- General overview of status of cost recovery;
- Statistics related to number of applications and annual changes, where required;
- Level of service/review expectation for processing timing;
- Areas of improvement of level of service/staffing demands;
- Cost cutting measures as required;
- Reserve fund requirements;
- Identification of specific/specialized municipal requirements;
- Trends in legal costs associated with appeals to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the Ontario Municipal Board), Mining and Lands Tribunal, and other legal services.

It is the objective of the SCRCA to provide an effective and efficient delivery of services consistent with the *Client Service Standards for Conservation Authority Plan and Permit Review*, endorsed by Conservation Ontario Council, June 24, 2019.

Exemptions to the application of these fees include:

- Non-profit conservation groups contributing to the protection and restoration of the natural environment, examples include but are not limited to: Ducks Unlimited, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, RLSN;
- SCRCA initiated work within SCRCA or foundation owned lands, or subsequent grants including permit applications, Planning Act applications, inquiries and site assessments.

2. Conservation Areas Fees

Conservation Areas fees are reviewed annually by Conservation Area Department staff following the end of the camping season in October. Criteria for setting fees are:

- Impact on or opportunity to support the Strategic Plan;
- Anticipated operational expenses that will be incurred that will impact the budget;
- Comments and feedback from CA users;
- Comparison to similar operations and opportunities in the industry, including trends.

As part of the fee setting process, staff also review operational policies that pertain to the various aspects of the Conservation Area services and programs. Refund policies are included in this review and adjusted as necessary. Information pertaining to these policies is shared on our websites as well as available in print. Seasonal campers receive an electronic copy of both the fee schedule and policies annually.

In order to meet deadlines for print advertising as well as reservation system upgrades, fees are approved in November and come into effect on January 1 of the new year. Once approved, new fees become public.

To be consistent with Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Regulation (O.Reg. 429/07) and the Human Rights Code, the Conservation Areas permit people with disabilities who use a support person to bring that person with them while accessing goods or services in premises open to the public or third parties, free of charge.

3. Conservation Services Fees

Fees for trees and services are reviewed and updated annually. An attempt is made to balance user fees with program costs while trying to maintain and, over the long term, expand natural areas according to the Environmental Targets Strategic Plan. It must be noted that without cost-sharing opportunities such as the Clean Water Program, 50 Million Tree Program, provincial and federal Species at Risk Funds and others, the program would not be sustainable due to the price of trees, planting and long-term tending and Maintenance costs (i.e., tree numbers planted would drop considerably). Without support dollars and funding to reduce property owners/clients' costs, the tree program would not be able to continue to operate.

The cost of providing these services is based on the following principles:

- Tree costs are based on wholesale tree costs dependent on individual stock items. A mark-up is applied to cover costs associated with staff time, tree delivery and storage requirements;
- Planting fees for both machine and hand planting are based on staffing and equipment costs;
- Where the SCRCA is asked to re-plant areas to comply with court orders (e.g., Woodlands Conservation By-Law, CA Act Permit requirements), the fees charged reflect full cost recovery. These projects are not eligible for grant money to offset project costs.

4. Education Program Fees

Conservation Education program fees are reviewed annually and changes implemented in time for promotion of fall programs. The fees advertised in September are in place for the school year. SCRCA conservation education programs are funded through a number of avenues including fees charged directly to the school classes participating, fees charged directly to the School Board and through corporate, foundation or government sponsorships of specific programs.

The Authority offers programs on site (within the L.C. Henderson Conservation Areas), off-site (wetland, watercourse) and in-class and on the grounds of the school. The fees charged for an on-site program is a cost per student per half day program. There is a minimum fee per program. Most programs can accommodate two or three classes. This revenue is augmented by Authority levy funds to cover costs. To determine the fees charged directly to the school classes a number of factors are considered including:

- Availability of similar services;
- Surveys of prices charged by organizations offering similar services; and
- Demand for the program.

Off-site, specialty programs can be sponsored through corporate, foundation or government agencies.

Cancellation Policy:

The SCRCA requires two weeks notice for program cancellations. Any cancellations received with less than two weeks notice will be subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of the total program cost. This cancellation policy does not apply to programs cancelled due to inclement weather.

5. Hunting Fees

Lands, facilities and fees for hunting will be reviewed annually. Criteria for increasing the hunting program fees are:

- Anticipated operational expenses that will be incurred;
- Comments and feedback from applicants and permitted users of designated hunting areas;
- Comparison to similar operations and opportunities at other Conservation Authorities.

The fee setting process will include a review of operational policies. The Water Resources Department, overseeing the hunting program, will incorporate MNRF hunting regulation changes, SCRCA policy changes, admission agreements, terms and conditions (written permission) updates, GIS map updates, and applicable fee updates, which are shared on our websites as well as available in print.

6. GIS Fees

GIS fees will be reviewed annually. Criteria for increasing GIS fees are:

- Comparison to similar operations and opportunities in the industry, including trends.
- General overview of status of cost recovery;

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Exemptions to the application of some of these fees may include:

- Non-profit conservation, or academic groups contributing to the protection and restoration of the natural environment
- SCRCA initiated work within SCRCA or foundation owned lands

7. Watershed Technical Fees

Watershed Technical fees will be reviewed annually. Criteria for increasing Watershed Technical fees are:

- Comparison to similar operations and opportunities in the industry, including trends
- Increased staff effort required to modify Hydrology/Hydraulics models

8. Administration Fees

Administration fees will be reviewed annually. Criteria for increasing Administration fees are:

- General overview of status of cost recovery

Refunds

The SCRCA does not issue refunds for services or products once the application or order is submitted and the payment has been processed.

Conservation Area policies are in place regarding refunds specific to the different programs and services offered. Policies regarding refunds are posted on the Authority website as well as copies are distributed to seasonal campers. Links to the websites are updated by January 1 for the upcoming operating season. Refunds are not offered for inclement weather, nor are they offered when a permit holder is evicted from the premises.

Appeal

The fee appeal process will be based on the principles of fairness, opportunity, and notification. Application for an administrative review may be received for, 1) an appeal if a fee is contrary to the fees set out in the fee schedule, or 2) that the fee set out in the fee schedule is excessive in relation to the service or program received.

If an applicant has concerns with a fee that was charged, they have the right to an administrative review after the fee has been paid. Requests for an administrative review must be in writing to the General Manager (or delegate) and specify the reason(s) for the request for review. Upon reconsideration of a fee that was charged by the authority, the authority may:

- a. Order that the fee paid be upheld; Vary the amount of the fee originally charged, as the authority considers appropriate; or
- b. Order that the fee be refunded.

If not satisfied with the outcome then an appeal will be directed to the SCRCA Board of Directors for a decision. Once heard, the appeal will be dismissed or upheld through a resolution passed by the Board of Directors. The appellant will be notified accordingly of the Board's decision.

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If a refund is approved, a 20% administration fee will apply.

Date of Effect

The Fee Policy becomes effective as of the date of SCRCA Board of Directors approval unless stated otherwise.

Transition

The establishment of this Fee Policy supersedes and replaces all previous fee policies and/or schedules. The Policy also applies to proposals not previously invoiced, such as draft approved plans of subdivision which predated any fee schedule.

Review

This Fee Policy and Schedules will be reviewed annually by the SCRCA Management Team, in conjunction with the annual budgeting process. The Management Team will seek information regarding fees, from various sources, as identified in the process and public notification section above; prepare a proposed revised Fee Schedule with a report to members regarding recommendations. The Board of Directors shall receive and make recommendations as to the proposed Fee Schedule. Once approved, the revised Fee Schedule to this policy will be published on SCRCA's website, distributed to Municipal Clerks for posting, and in other materials used by the public.

Fee Schedules

- Schedule 1: Planning and Regulations Fees
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Schedule 1: Planning and Regulations Fees

Includes SCRCA Section 28 Permit Fees, Plan Review Fees, Technical Review Fees, and other fees

The fee schedule is revised annually by the Authority's Board of Directors. If an applicant has concerns with a fee charged, they have the right to appeal to the Authority's Board of Directors after the fee has been paid. To appeal a fee which has been charged, the applicant must submit a written request to the Authority's Board of Directors via the General Manager outlining their concerns with the fee charged. Written concerns should be submitted to stclair@scrca.on.ca. The decision to revise the fee will be made by the Authority's Board of Directors via an impartial review by the General Manager and Director of Corporate Services. This is in accordance with the MNR/CO Policies and Procedures for Charging of CA Fees, 1997 and the SCRCA Fee Administration Guidelines.

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Administrative Fees		2026
Processing Fee		\$155.00
Legal Inquiries		\$245.00
Expedited Response (<5 Business Days)		\$400.00
Site Inspection/Meeting Attendance		\$285.00
Property Inquiry ¹		
Real Estate Inquiry – no site visit, limited review		\$245.00
Minor – desktop review, minor in nature relative to cost, location or impact		\$315.00
Major – complex features, site visit required		\$450.00
Technical Report Review		2026
Includes initial review of complete report; review of revised reports are subject to surcharge. Technical Report Review fees are in addition to application fees.		
Terms of Reference ²		\$490.00
Engineering Study/Technical Report ³ (floodline, geotechnical, meander belt, slope stability, natural heritage, coastal ⁴)		
Minor – scoped report, minor review (cost, location, impact), 1- lot		\$515.00
Standard – scoped technical assessment, within feature, 1 – lot		\$940.00
Major - Complex features, potential impact, multiple lots		\$1,500.00
Environmental Impact Study / Development Assessment Report		
Minor - limited assessment required, adjacent to feature		\$1,190.00
Standard - scoped technical assessment, adjacent or within feature		\$2,220.00
Major - comprehensive technical assessment, adjacent or within feature		\$5,625.00
Mitigation / Monitoring Report		\$890.00
Hydrogeological Assessment ⁵		\$1,775.00
Stormwater Management Plans		
Preliminary Concept		\$450.00
Detail Design		\$860.00
Additional Review of Revised Report ⁶		50% Surcharge

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Planning Service Fees		2026
<i>Fees are per application, unless otherwise noted. Applications are assessed for Natural Hazard and/or Natural Heritage features and fees will be charged accordingly.</i>		
Pre-consultation ⁷		\$315.00
Natural Hazards		2026
Minor Variance (Waterfront ⁸ fee x2)		\$245.00
Severance (per lot created; Waterfront ⁸ fee x2)		\$340.00
Site Plan Approval		\$365.00
Major - large scale, complex features, requiring technical studies.		\$855.00
Zoning By Law Amendment		\$365.00
Major - large scale, complex features, requiring technical studies.		\$565.00
Official Plan Amendment		\$365.00
Major - large scale, complex features, requiring technical studies.		\$570.00
Natural Heritage		2026
Minor Variance		\$410.00
Severance (per lot created)		\$615.00
Site Plan Approval		\$555.00
Major - large scale, complex features, requiring technical studies.		\$1,120.00
Zoning By Law Amendment		\$645.00
Major - large scale, complex features, requiring technical studies.		\$1,120.00
Official Plan Amendment		\$645.00

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Major - large scale, complex features, requiring technical studies.	\$1,120.00
Draft Plan of Subdivision/Condominium	2026
< 20 Units	\$1,790.00
21-50 Units	\$3,665.00
> 50 Units	\$4,885.00
Additional Natural Heritage Fee	
< 20 Units	\$805.00
21-50 Units	\$1,615.00
> 50 Units	\$2,420.00
Clearance of Conditions (per condition)	\$360.00
Redline Revision (applicant initiated)	50% of initial fee
File Re-Activation Fee (dormant for greater than 2 years)	50% of current fee
Draft Plan Extension (original comments lapsed)	100% of current fee
Ontario Regulation 171/06 Review Fees <i>Application fees are applied per works/project.</i>	2026
Application Fees ⁹	
Routine Permit Limited review, minor in nature relative to cost, location, or impact (may include deck, patios, etc.)	\$270.00
Minor Permit A Small scale, and/or consistent with policy	\$525.00
Minor Permit B Medium scale, primary structures, and/or consistent with policy	\$820.00
Major Permit Large scale, requiring technical studies, and/or inconsistent with policy	\$1,385.00
Linear Utility Corridor Fees	
Routine – may include linear utility crossings and digs adjacent to watercourses or wetlands	\$525.00
Minor – may include linear utility corridors where a watercourse or wetland crossing is proposed (small scale,	\$820.00

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limited in scope and location)	
Major – may include linear utility corridors where multiple watercourse or wetland crossings are propose (large scale, multiple roads/concessions)	\$1,385.00
Drainage Act Review ¹⁰	2026
DART Review	
Minor - project value under \$500.00	\$65.00
Standard – follows DART protocol, SCR issued	\$300.00
Major – within a regulated wetland	\$1,130.00
Engineer's Report Review	\$570.00
Other Fees	2026
Aggregate Resources Act review	\$3,760.00
Environmental Assessment Act	
Standard	\$3,760.00
Major	\$9,390.00
Commercial Renewable Energy Projects	Double
Golf Course Development/Realignment	\$1,130.00
Hearing Request	\$900.00
Application Revisions and Permit Revisions/Extensions ¹¹	\$150.00
File Re-Activation Fee (dormant for greater than 1 year)	50% surcharge
Major Project (ex. Ministerial Zoning Order) ¹²	\$25,000.00
Applications for Work Proceeded without Authorization ¹³	Double
<p>Footnotes/Addendums:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This fee will be reduced from the application fee provided no change has occurred in the proposal and the application moves forward within a 2 year limit. 2. Terms of Reference fee is reduced from the Technical Report Review Fee 3. It is required that the proponent consult with the SCRCA and the Municipality prior to preparation and submission of a detailed technical report 4. SCRCA will generally require shoreline development to be reviewed by the Conservation Authority retained coastal engineer. Costs for review are to be borne by the proponent. In this case, a Technical Report Review fee would not apply. As per Board of Directors approval November 10, 2016. 5. SCRCA will generally require hydrogeological reports to be reviewed by the Conservation Authority retained hydrogeologist. Costs for review are to be borne by the proponent, and may exceed SCRCA's review fee, which would then be paid directly to the consultant and SCRCA's review fees would not apply. 6. The fees for technical report review include one comprehensive report review and one revised report review. The SCRCA reserves the right to charge a processing fee or additional 	

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technical report fees for additional reviews.

7. This fee will be deducted from the application fee when a formal application is submitted. It is required that the proponent consult with the SCRCA and Municipality.

8. Waterfront includes properties within the Shoreline Hazard along Lake Huron, St. Clair River, Chenal Ecarte, and Lake St. Clair

9. Acceptance of an application as complete does not imply permission will be granted. Permission will be forthcoming only if submissions address statutory requirements and conform to approved SCRCA policies in effect at the time an application is made, or where allowances are granted by the Authority's Executive Committee or SCRCA Board of Directors.

10. If an Ontario Regulation 171/06 application is required for a drain enclosure or works within or adjacent to a wetland additional fees, as appropriate, may be charged. Section 76 reports are exempt.

11. A charge is applied for permit amendments that are administrative in nature (eg. expire date extension). Applications that are more substantially amended or re-submitted after approval are subject to a surcharge of 50% of the original fee that was paid.

12. Review of applications made under a Ministers Zoning Order (Fee includes review of 2 major studies and 2 project meetings. Additional fees to be charged per report as appropriate and consistent with the current fee schedule, additional charges (\$/hr) for project team meetings beyond the 2 already included, plus any other additional expenses to enable cost recovery. Additional charges for legal or technical peer review may be applicable

13. First occurrence 100% surcharge. Second and subsequent occurrences will be subject to a 200% surcharge. Note: applications will only be accepted retroactively where works undertaken meet SCRCA board approved policies or where works are proposed that are intended to bring a project into compliance with said policies

Schedule 2 - Conservation Areas Fees

Note: All fees include applicable taxes and may be changed by resolution of the Board of Directors

Camping Fees	2026
Reservation Fee	\$ 15.00
Cancellation Fee	\$ 20.00
Reservation Change Fee	\$ 6.00
Peak Season June 20, 2026 – September 1, 2026	2026
Daily, Unserviced	\$ 46.00
Daily, Serviced (hydro & water)	\$ 58.00
Daily, Serviced (hydro only)	\$ 52.00
Weekly, Unserviced	\$ 288.00
Weekly, Serviced	\$ 365.00
Monthly, Unserviced (4 weeks)	\$ 1039.00
Monthly, Serviced (4 weeks)	\$ 1,314.00
Off-Peak: May 1 – June 18, 2026; September 2 – October 17, 2026 (excludes Victoria Day Weekend & Thanksgiving Weekend - long weekends at peak season rates)	2026
Daily, Unserviced	\$ 38.00
Daily, Serviced (hydro & water)	\$ 45.00
Daily, Serviced (hydro only)	\$ 40.00
Weekly, Unserviced	\$ 238.00
Weekly, Serviced	\$ 282.00
Monthly, Unserviced (4 weeks)	\$ 904.00
Monthly, Serviced (4 weeks)	\$ 1071.00
Seasonal Camping Season Fees – May 1 – October 18, 2026	2026
Full Payment made on or before	\$ 3,388.00
First instalment payment on or before	\$ 2,200.00
Second instalment payment on or before	\$ 1,263.00
Seasonal late payment fee	\$ 100.00
Non-refundable seasonal site deposit for the following season (beginning in the fall) - Due	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous Campground Fees	2026
Overnight Visitors (per person)	\$ 10.00
Sewage Pump Out per service fee	\$ 55.00
Sewage Pump Out seasonal fee (bi-weekly)	\$ 320.00
Sewage Pump Out seasonal fee (weekly)	\$ 640.00
Exterior fridge/freezer charge	\$ 200.00
Extra hydro fee for electric golf cart	\$ 210.00
Ice	\$ 4.00
Firewood (bundle)	\$ 10.00
Vehicle Day Pass	\$ 10.00
Pedestrians/Cyclists (16 & over) Day Pass	\$ 3.00

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Seasonal Day Pass	\$ 70.00
Maple Syrup Festival (A.W. Campbell)	\$ 5/ person (5 and under free)
Pavillion Rentals	2026
Open Pavilion reservation (A.W. Campbell, L.C. Henderson, Coldstream)	\$ 100.00
Closed in Pavilion reservation (Warwick, L.C. Henderson)	\$ 150.00

Schedule 3 - Conservation Services Fees

Conservation Services Fees	2026
Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program Plan Approvals	
Plan Review & Approval Process (including site visit)	\$550.00/plan
Plan Creation & Plan Approval (includes field work)	
10 to 20 acres	\$800.00/plan
20 to 40 acres	\$1000.00/plan
Greater than 40ac	\$1200.00/plan
Timber Management	
Field Work / Site Visit	\$80.00 per man hour
Timber Report Creation	\$250.00
Drain Maintenance Program	
Spot spray application for vegetation control in drains	\$1200 per ha + chemical Spot spray \$150/hr.+ chemical
Tree Planting (Private Lands) These are guidelines, pricing is dependent on size and location	
Large Stock Program	Cost vary according to size and species
Tree Seedlings	Cost vary according to size and species
Seedling Tree Planting Services Machine planting: 500 - 999 trees 1000 – 1999 trees 2000 plus trees Larger sites requiring more than 5000 trees Coniferous plantations Includes tree planting and initial herbicide application - HST will be added	\$1,500.00/site \$1.50/seedling \$1.40/seedling Quotation provided 10% reduction from above prices
Seedling Tree Planting Services Hand planting: Refill planting up to 500 trees More than 550 trees Includes tree planting and initial herbicide application - HST will be added	\$1850.00/site Larger hand planting sites Are dependent on private tree planting contractor availability
Herbicide Tending up to 750 seedlings	\$450.00
750 to 3000 trees	\$0.50/seedling/max charge \$1400.00
more than 3500 trees up to 1000 trees requiring backpack sprayer >1000+ trees requiring backpack sprayer	\$0.40/seedling \$700.00/site \$0.70/seedling
Vegetation Control – Mowing between tree rows	

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Mowing vegetation between tree rows	\$140 per acre of trees with a flat fee of \$350 for sites less than 2.5 acres
Tree Species (Subject to Availability)	
Coniferous Trees	Native & Traditional Species – bare root transplant seedlings 20-35 cm tall
Deciduous Trees & Shrubs	Native & Traditional Species – bare root seedlings are 25-60 cm tall
<i>All seedlings will be grown from seeds collected in seed zones suitable to St. Clair Region</i>	

*Price dependent on species

Schedule 4 - Education Program Fees

Education Fees	2026
Half Day (2 hour program) per student	\$8.50
Minimum Fee per instructor (2 hour program)	\$155.00
Full Day (4 hour program) per student	\$16.00
Minimum Fee per instructor (4 hour program)	\$290.00
In Class program (without sponsors) per class (1 hour)	\$170.00
In Class program (without sponsors) per additional class, same school/day (1 hour)	\$142.00
ICE (Innovation, Creativity & Entrepreneurship) per day	\$515.00
SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) 1/2 day	\$310.00
SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) Full day	\$515.00
Webinar Program Fee - 1 hour session	\$500.00
Nature in Your Neighbourhood Schoolyard Program Fee – per class (1 hour)	\$135.00
Nature in Your Neighbourhood Schoolyard Program Fee – per additional class, same school/day (1 hour)	\$110.00
Live-Stream with a Naturalist Program Fee - 1 hour session	\$100.00
Mileage Surcharge for Schools Outside SCRCA Watershed	\$100.00
Cancellations made outside of the cancellation policy will incur a fee equal to 50% of the total program cost.	

Schedule 5 - Hunting Fees

Hunting Fees	2026
Hunting - McKeough Properties Only (annual permit)	\$80.00
Trapping Permit	\$10.00

Schedule 6 – GIS Fees

GIS Services (plus tax)	2026
Data Requests (includes up to 3 data sets, \$100.00 per additional data set)	\$330.00
GIS Service Fees (per hour, minimum 1 hour charge)	\$105.00
Digital Aerial Photography (requires license agreement) per tile	\$60.00

Schedule 7 – Watershed Technical Fees

Watershed Services Technical Fees		2026
Technical Reports - Adobe digital (pdf) format on USB		\$100.00
Data and Information Requests		
a)	HEC II, HYMO, Hydro Pak, Streamgauge, Precipitation, Meteorological or Flow Data	\$100.00
b)	Additional cost for data or information collection in excess of one hour	\$55.00/hr
c)	Additional cost for USB or printed reports	\$100.00

Schedule 8 – Administration Fees

Administration Fees		2026
Administrative Fees negotiated by contract		
NSF Cheques		\$55.00
Processing Fee - Oil & Gas (Long term)		
a)	Oil & Gas Long Term	\$340.00
b)	Annual	\$550.00