

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES, EXEMPTIONS AND PERMITS
Regulation Ontario Regulation 41/24
FEE SCHEDULE 2026

When submitting an application, the appropriate fee must be included, otherwise, applications will not be deemed complete. The fee is non-refundable regardless of the decision reached by Grey Sauble Conservation Authority on the issuance of a permit.

Project Category	2026 Fee
1. Routine Project	\$310
2. Minor Project	\$600
3. Standard Project	\$1,370
4. Major Project	\$3,420
5. 60 Month Project	\$4,510
Permit Replacement (Expired within 1 year and no amendments)	\$135
Permit Replacement with Amendments (Minor Projects)	50% of original permit
Permit Replacement with Amendments (Standard Projects)	50% of original permit
Permit Replacement with Amendments (Major Projects)	50% of original permit
Property Clearance and Inquiry Letters	\$235
Property Clearance and Inquiry Letters with Site Inspection	\$920

Projects commenced prior to the issuance of a permit may be subject to a fee that is double the regular fee.

This is a summary for the guidance of all applicants; Grey Sauble Conservation determines the applicable fee and whether the project is exempt. Applicants must obtain written confirmation from GSCA staff for any GSCA-specific exemptions.

1. Routine Projects:

- Decks and patios greater than 15 m² (161 ft²) in floor area that are not enclosed or roofed and not located in a hazard area.
- Non-permanent docks greater than 10 m² (107 ft²) (example: floating or pipe dock).
- Fill (including placing, removal or re-grading) where the total quantity is equal to or less than 30 m³ (39 yd³).

2. Minor Projects:

- Buildings and structures with floor area equal to or less than 93 m² (1001 ft²).
- Fill (including placing, removal or re-grading) where the total quantity is greater than 30 m³ (39 yd³) and less than 100 m³ (130.8 yd³).
- Retaining walls where slope stability is not a concern.
- Fences that do not meet exception 5. (a) (ii).
- Pools and associated minor site alterations.
- Clean-out of existing ponds not associated with watering livestock where pond size does not increase (location of disposal of dredged material must be indicated and may trigger additional permits).
- Clean-out of channels less than 100 m in length completed while the channel is dry, provided the dimensions of the channel do not exceed the original “as constructed” channel.
- Watercourse crossing where the existing stream channel width is equal to or less than 3.0 m (9.8 ft) and the watercourse is dry at the time of construction.
- Maintenance and repair to existing on-stream structures provided the use and dimensions remain substantially the same.
- Stream bank or inland lake shoreline works that are equal to or less than 20 m (65.6 ft) in total length.
- Site alteration for the installation of a septic system.
- Repairs or replacement of Great Lakes shoreline protection works within the same footprint.

3. Standard Projects:

- All projects not defined as routine, minor, major or exempt are Standard Projects.
- Clean-out of channels greater than 100 metres and less than 500 m in length completed while the channel is dry, provided the dimensions of the channel do not exceed the original “as constructed” channel (primarily for agricultural purposes).

4. Major Projects:

- All non-residential buildings (commercial, industrial, institutional) greater than 500 m² (5380 ft²) in floor area.
- Filling (including placing, removal or re-grading) where the total quantity is more than 1500 m³ (1962 yd³).
- Ponds, dams, watercourse crossings where the existing stream channel width is greater than 10 metres (33 ft).
- New stream bank and channel works that exceed 500 m (1,640 ft) in length.
- Retaining walls or similar structures where there is potential for slope instability.

5. 60 Month Projects

- Permits will typically expire 24 months from the date of issue unless otherwise requested by the applicant due to the size and complexity of the project.
- The maximum period of validity of a permit including any extensions is 60 months.

6. GSCA Specific Exemptions (requires written verification from GSCA Staff):

- Fill quantities (including placing, removal or re-grading) equal to or less than 10 m³ (13 yd³) where the work is completed in one calendar year, is not an ongoing project, is not located in a hazard area.

- Septic system replacements being replaced in the same general location and size and not within a hazard area with no change to existing drainage patterns.
- New or replacement municipal/private water line, including shore wells, and/or municipal/private sewer hook-up, telephone/cable/electrical/natural gas installations provided it does not cross a watercourse, wetland or steep slope and maintains existing drainage and grading patterns.
- Demolition of an existing building provided there are no changes in grade.
- Repairs and/or replacement of a foundation provided the building footprint is not increased with no change in grade and the structure is not within a flood or erosion hazard area.
- Landscape works that do not change the grade or drainage and are not considered a structure.
- Emergency works that are required to protect municipal infrastructure in the case of a flood or erosion emergency. (Consultation is required with the GSCA prior to completing the work).

Notes:

The GSCA specific exemptions are to be verified in writing by GSCA staff.

Section 5 of Ontario Regulation 41/24 includes exceptions that do not require permission from a Conservation Authority provided the activity meets the requirement of the regulation. It is recommended that GSCA be notified of the Section 5 activity prior to commencement of the activity.

Payment Methods:

1. E-transfer sent to: payments@greysauble.on.ca
2. Cheque made out to Grey Sauble Conservation. Cheques can be mailed to:

237897 Inglis Falls Road
Owen Sound, ON, N4K 5N6
3. Debit or cash at the office.