

DOCK & BOAT Lift Bylaw - Information Sheet

Point #1 – All existing and new docks and boat lifts will require a permit from the municipality. The municipality will develop the appropriate forms and identification stickers and will provide enforcement for non-compliance and contravention. A permit fee will be required for all new docks, additions, extensions and when a change of ownership through the sale of property is facilitated. The proposed fee is \$75.00 for one dock and up to two lifts (boat or personal watercraft) for 3 years. There will also be a \$30.00 application fee. The R.M. shall also require photos of the docks to be included with the application and a further Aquatic Habitat Permit may be required where the dock or boat lift is located on lands governed by Ministry of Environment or Ministry of Agriculture.

Point #2 – Crib docks or other structures that result in the infilling of fish habitat will typically not be allowed by the municipality, Department of Fisheries and Oceans or Ministry of Environment as several less harmful alternatives are readily available (i.e. post docks, floating docks). Existing Crib docks may be required to be removed in order to maintain compliance with municipal policy Repair, removal and/or replacement of a crib dock or any structure that is likely to result in the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish or fish habitat requires prior review and authorization under the Fisheries Act and may require redesign and/or habitat compensation.

Point #3 – The R.M. will establish a limit of one dock and two lifts (boat or personal watercraft). This will include properties that have municipal/public or environmental reserve frontage, private frontage or Saskatchewan Environment frontage. The R.M. will encourage the sharing of docks and dock space in an effort to alleviate the number of structures along the shoreline. The R.M. will also encourage private development of inland or off lake marinas and/or storage areas for boats and watercraft equipment pursuant to approvals from the municipality and appropriate Government agencies that regulate development in and along lakeshores. (Ministry of Environment, Fisheries and Oceans, Transport Canada etc.)

Point #4 – Transport Canada requires that docks are 5 meters from adjacent property lines, 10 meters from any other docks/boat lifts so as not to impede the adjacent property owner. It is the license holder's responsibility to comply with the appropriate government agencies (as noted in Point #3 above) approval and licensing processes, as required

Point #5 – Stand-alone docks and boat lifts that are not connected to the shoreline are deemed to be non-compliant pursuant to the municipal regulations outlined in this policy and shall be prohibited. This shall be in concurrence with regulations from Ministry of Environment, Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada.

Point #6 - Boat houses and other similar structures shall be located on private property only in accordance with the zoning bylaw regulations of the municipality and identified non-compliant structures may be required to be removed or relocated.

Point #7 – Fees collected from licensing will be used for bylaw enforcement, shoreline management and public recreation facility improvements and maintenance.