

Constructing decks on Manitoba Hydro Water Storage Land in the Winnipeg River system

DECKS

This Guidance Letter will assist you in completing Manitoba Hydro's Winnipeg River System Application for Shore Lands Development.

The information you provide in your application enables us to review your proposal to ensure it follows the Shore Lands Use guidelines for Manitoba Hydro Water Storage Land. If the required information is not included, your application may be delayed or may not be approved.

We recognize that there is no one-size-fits-all approach for decks since conditions can vary from area to area. We take into consideration existing regulations, the stability of the riverbank, the impact to the environment and impact to neighbouring property owners, among other issues. Because of this, we reserve the right to a final decision regarding any proposal affecting Manitoba Hydro Water Storage Land.

Some rules to keep in mind:

- They must be located at least 5 feet from the adjacent (neighbouring) property line.
- If your deck is to have a gazebo on it, you must also apply for that structure.

Your application must:

- clearly identify the proposed development area on the shoreline (total total number of structures and development cannot exceed 30 per cent of the shoreline, including areas reserved for removal and storage of seasonal structures (boat lifts, ice fishing huts, etc.)).
- include complete drawings showing all existing structures and development and their dimensions, as well as the proposed deck.
- include a list of any vegetation to be removed (e.g., bushes, trees) and a re-vegetation plan.
- include a detailed drawing if excavation of the shore is required.
- identify the method of anchoring the deck.
- include a list of the materials used in the construction, including the foundation.
- specify the distance from the deck to the shore, and to the adjacent (neighbouring) property line. D specify the dimensions (length, width, and height) of the structure.
- specify the distance to existing structures on the property.
- indicate if the deck will have a railing (required if the deck is more than 24 inches from the ground).

See reverse for examples of drawings to include with your application. To meet municipal code, the entire structure must reside on Manitoba Hydro property or private property.

Examples for illustration purposes only

