

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

DOCKS

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 docks 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:

- A typical dock is 8 feet by 32 feet. Longer or wider docks can be approved under certain circumstances; however a Transport Canada review may be necessary.
- Docks must be located at least 15 feet from the adjacent (neighbouring) property line.
- Docks must be removable (no crib docks).
- The dock must be orientated as such that it remains fully in front of the assigned parcel.
- Dock cannot extend further into the waterway than neighbouring docks within 300 feet unless reviewed and approved by Transport Canada.

Your application must:

- clearly identify the proposed development area on the shoreline (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 of all the existing structures and their dimensions and the proposed dock.
- include a list of vegetation to be removed (e.g. bushes, trees).
- include a detailed drawing of any planned excavation of the shore.
- specify the method of anchoring the dock to the shore.
- include a list of materials that will be used in the construction of the dock.
- identify the distance from the dock to the adjacent (neighbouring) property line.
- specify the dimensions (length and width) of the dock.
- specify the distance between the dock and existing structures on the property.

See reverse for examples of drawings to include with your application.

Examples for illustration purposes only

