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### **Contractor fined \$20,000 for illegal construction of shorewall on Lake Ontario**

June 1, 2023, Oshawa, ON — A local contracting firm has been fined \$20,000, plus a 25 per cent Victim Fine Surcharge as a result of charges laid by Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. 11281216 Canada Inc. pleaded guilty to two counts related to the unauthorized construction of a stone revetment shorewall along the Lake Ontario Shoreline in the City of Oshawa.

The prosecution and fine are a serious reminder of the legal obligations that contractors and landowners have to ensure necessary approvals and permits are obtained prior to undertaking works within areas regulated by CLOCA, which include erosion and flood prone areas near rivers and lakes as well as wetlands.

The use of shorewalls on the Lake Ontario shoreline can be an effective way to protect property, structures, and people from hazardous erosion. The CLOCA review and permitting process is in place to ensure that any proposed shorewall is appropriately designed to maximize performance and protect against erosion while avoiding impacts to the environment and neighbouring properties.

The public is strongly advised to contact CLOCA staff when considering development projects to verify permitting requirements and avoid delays, additional costs and risk of prosecution. Permits are required for a variety of activities including but not limited to the construction of buildings, site grading and placement of soil and fill materials.

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#### **About Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority**

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) is a local, community-based, environmental organization and one of 36 Conservation Authorities responsible for managing watershed resources across Ontario. Established in 1958, CLOCA's jurisdiction is based on the watershed boundaries of four major watercourses and 18 minor watercourses draining an area of over 639 square kilometres. Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's watershed stretches from the municipal boundaries of Ajax/Pickering to Clarington, and north from Lake Ontario to the crest of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

With the goal to work together towards sustainable and safe community development, CLOCA provides residents, builders, developers, municipal partners and the province with comprehensive and integrated land use planning, advisory, and regulations' services.

Every year, hundreds of landowners receive our planning and regulation services leading to healthier and safer communities in the CLOCA watershed.

For more details on CLOCA's Planning and Permits, including regulation area mapping, visit <https://www.cloca.com/planning-permits>