

Provincial Legislation

Legislation	Authority	Regulations	Permits	Application
Aggregate Resources Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Aggregate Resources Act General Regulation	Yes	Applies to all aggregate removal in the province. Includes quarrying for building materials, and clearing sand, earth, gravel and stone from the bed, bank, beach, shore or water of any lake, river or stream.
Beds of Navigable Waters Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	n/a	Yes	Declares all lands forming the beds of navigable rivers as crown land.
Bridges Act	Ministry of Transportation	n/a	Yes	Governs the building of bridges in Ontario, including limits to building across riverbeds owned or otherwise regulated by the Crown.
Building Code Act	Local Municipal Governments or where no exists - the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Construction and Demolition Regulations	Yes	The Act outlines the rights of the crown to inspect and condemn buildings. Also outlines the rights of inspectors when doing their job, and circumstances in which buildings can be condemned. The Building Code is in five parts and sets out all the regulations that must be follow when design, constructing and maintaining buildings.
Conservation Authorities Act	Local Conservation Authority	Area Under Jurisdiction Regulation Lands owned Regulation Mandatory Regulations Other Regulations	Yes	Applies to any structure built in or into a waterway or lake in a Conservation Area, and also any alterations to shorelines or river flow into or out of a Conservation Area.
Crown Forest Sustainability Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Crown Forest Sustainability Act General Regulation	Yes	Legislation to manage crown forest reserves for multiple objectives, including social, economic and environmental. Applies to all crown forest last outside of Provincial Parks.
Electricity Act	Ministry of Energy	General Regulations Transition-Ontario Hydro Regulations Transitions-Municipal Electricity Utilities Transitions- OPA, OEB	Yes	Establishes and sets out the workings of the deregulated electricity market and system in Ontario. Establishes the mandate of the Independent Market Operator (IMO) of Hydro One, and of the Electricity Safety Authority (ESA) among other things.
Endangered Species Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Ontario Regulation 242/08	Yes	Provides for the conservation, protection, restoration and propagation of species of flora and fauna that are threatened with extinction in the Province of Ontario.

Environmental Assessment Act	Ministry of the Environment	Environmental Assessment Act Regulations	No	Established the circumstances where either an environmental screening process or a full assessment is required for projects. The Ministry has authority to withhold approvals for certain components of a project, or the entire project itself based on the outcome of the assessment.
Environmental Protection Act	Ministry of the Environment	Regulations relating to the Environmental Protection Act	Yes	Contains regulatory requirements pertaining to air, water, land and noise pollution. Also covers required approval of sewage and solid waste disposal sites.
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Ontario Regulation 665/98 Ontario Regulation 171/13	Yes	Legislation outlining provisions for handling of wildlife as well as hunting and fishing in Ontario.
Forest Fires Prevention Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Ontario Regulation 207/96	Yes	Regulates the use of open fires in or near wooded areas for any purpose.
Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Construction Regulation	Yes	Regulates development of all improvements to lakes and rivers, including dams; grants the Ministry of Natural Resources the authority to order preparation and use of water management plans be. Part VI allows persons owning in whole or in part a 'water privilege' to enter onto any lands for the purpose of surveying when wanting to use or improve that water privilege. 454/96 does not apply when the Public Lands Act does.
Mining Act	Ministry Of Northern Development and Mines	Ontario Regulation 242/00 - Mine Development and Closure	Yes	Governs mining operations in the province. For waterpower purposes, the Aggregate Resources Act mostly supersedes this.
Occupational Health and Safety Act	Ministry of Labour	Health and Safety Regulations	Yes	Regulates workplace safety in all areas of waterpower production, from planning and constructing to operating. Provides provisions for storing/handling explosives and hazardous materials (WHMIS) on construction sites, and also provisions related to confined space entry.
Ontario Energy Board Act	Ministry of Energy	Payments Regulation Distribution System Code Transmission System Code	Yes	Establishes and sets out the mandate and operations of the Ontario Energy Board. The OEB has authority to make regulations concerning electricity supply related to quantity of supply and what sources produce that supply (to name some).
Ontario Heritage Act	Ministry of Culture	Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest	Yes	Regulates activities near, in or around archaeological or historical sites that are know of or discovered during construction. It is up to the proponent to recommend to the Municipality, or in the case of Crown Land, to the provincial agency responsible for that crown land, to

				bring in archaeologists to investigate the area of construction.
Ontario Water Resources Act	Ministry of the Environment	Ontario Water Resources Act Regulations Permit to take Water	Yes	Governs use and alteration of water resources in Ontario, including all lakes and watercourses.
Power Corporation Act	Ministry of Energy	n/a	No	Almost entirely rescinded, the part that remains grants municipalities the authority to undertake power generating and distribution projects independent of other power corporations.
Provincial Parks and Conservation Areas Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Provincial Parks: General Provisions Designation and Classification of Provincial Parks	Yes	Does not allow for surface disturbances from waterpower projects inside Provincial Park boundaries. Prohibits the erection of buildings, including dams in provincial parks, but does allow for provincial parks land to be occupied by transmission lines.
Public Lands Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Work Permit - Construction	Yes	Regulates use of all Provincial Crown Lands and shorelines. Provides for the occupation of water lots for intake, discharge and draining for dewatering purposes. Also regulates flooding and lands submerged or emerged by a waterpower project, dredging and filling operations, and removing aquatic vegetation.
Public Transport and Highway Improvement Act	Ministry of Transportation	Public Transport and Highway Improvement Act Regulation 472/10	Yes	Outlines the duties and powers of the Ministry of Transportation in relation to roads and highways.
Wilderness Areas Act	Ministry of Natural Resources	Wilderness Areas Regulation	Yes	The act seeks to preserve wilderness areas that have unique features. Does not appear to outright prohibit development of natural resources in the area.