

**To:** The Chairperson and Members of the Board of Directors

**Origin:** Githan Kattera, Engineering & Development Officer

**Date:** February 11, 2026

**Report:** 26-PD-01

**Subject:** Report on Ontario Regulation 41/24 & Ontario Regulation 686/21

**Background:**

On April 1, 2024, the *Conservation Authorities Act* was amended, and Ontario Regulation 41/24 (Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits) was enacted. Within this regulation, a CA may issue a permit to a person to engage in an activity specified in the permit that would otherwise be prohibited by Section 28 if, in the opinion of the authority, the activity is not likely to affect the control of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches or unstable soil or bedrock and that the activity is not likely to create conditions or circumstances that, in the event of a natural hazard, might jeopardize the health or safety of persons or result in the damage or destruction of property.

Ontario Regulation 686/21 (Mandatory Programs and Services) was amended on April 1, 2024, to include annual reporting requirements for CAs. Further to section 8.1 of the regulation, NBMCA is required to prepare and publish (on the NBMCA website) an annual report outlining statistics on Section 28.1 permits, including reporting on its level of compliance with the requirements of O. Reg. 41/24, respecting the application for and issuance of permits, including any associated timelines.

NBMCA staff are committed to efficient reviews of permit applications in accordance with legislated timelines and service standards. In 2025, the timelines outlined by O. Reg. 41/24 for Section 28.1 permits were met or exceeded by NBMCA staff for 100% of applications. The average permit processing time was two (2) calendar days (from the time an application was deemed complete to the permit being issued).

The table included in the *Analysis* subsection of this report outlines the annual mandatory reporting requirements to be published to NBMCA’s website in 2026.

**Analysis:**

In 2025, NBMCA issued 82 Section 28.1 permits.

Table 1: Annual Reporting – Permit Statistics

<b>Year</b>	<b>2024</b> (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)	<b>2025</b> (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)
Major/Large Permits	5	18
Minor/Standard Permits	75	64
Total Permits Issued	80	82
Total Applications Subject to Minister’s Order (Minister’s Review) O. Reg. 474/24	0	0

Table 2: Annual Reporting - Permit Timelines (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025)

<b>Permits and Timelines</b>	<b>2025</b>
Total complete application reviews completed in 21 days	82
Total Major/Large permits issued <b>Within</b> decision timeline (90 days)	18
Total Major/Large permits issued <b>Outside</b> decision timeline (90 days)	0
Total Minor/Standard permits issued <b>Within</b> decision timeline (30 days)	64
Total Minor/Standard permits issued <b>Outside</b> decision timeline (30 days)	0
Reason for variance from timelines	N/A
Overall average permit review time	2 days
Average Major/Large permit review timeline (90 days)	2 days
Average Minor/Standard permit review timeline (30 days)	2 days

Table 3: Annual Reporting – Compliance with O. Reg. 41/24 and 2025 Property Inquiries and Reviews.

<b>Mapping and Administrative Reviews</b>	<b>2025</b>
Maps of regulated areas available on the website	Yes
Annual review of the mapping and necessary updates made (ss.4(2))	No
Total requests for administrative reviews made to the Authority	0
Total administrative reviews completed within 30 days	N/A
Total General and Property Inquiries were reviewed and completed in accordance with O. Reg. 41/24 of the <i>Conservation Authority Act</i> .	154

**Recommendation/Recommended Resolution:**

That the members receive and approve this report as presented.

**Reviewed by:**

Hannah Wolfram, Planning & Development Officer  
 Paula Loranger, Community Relations Coordinator