

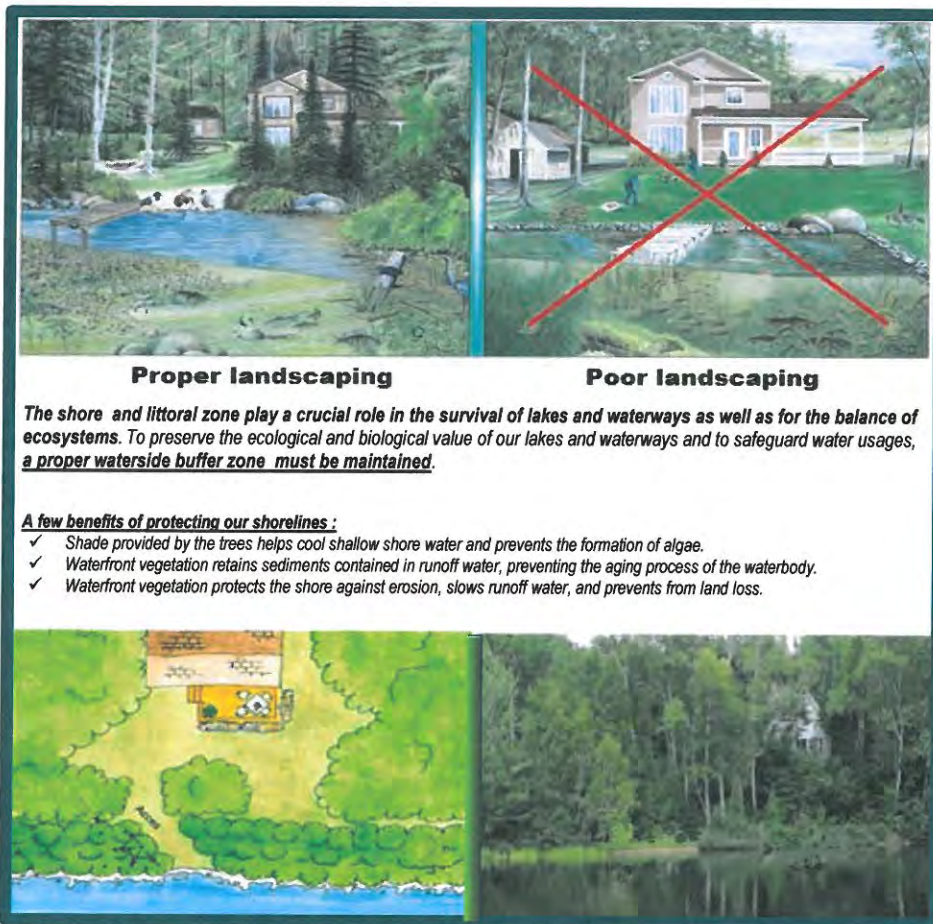
# IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE



**ALL waterfront landowner on a waterbody (lake), other waterways (river, creek) or wetland (swamp) must take all necessary means to ensure that the shoreline area is covered by appropriate natural vegetation (trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants).**

In accordance with Interim Control By-law 2009-206, any owner of a shoreline area that is not adequately covered by such vegetation or any person who controls the vegetation in a shoreline area by cutting the grass or cutting down trees or shrubs is, without prior warning, liable to a fine.

***Fines between \$300 and \$1 000***



**Proper landscaping**

**Poor landscaping**

***The shore and littoral zone play a crucial role in the survival of lakes and waterways as well as for the balance of ecosystems. To preserve the ecological and biological value of our lakes and waterways and to safeguard water usages, a proper waterside buffer zone must be maintained.***

**A few benefits of protecting our shorelines :**

- ✓ Shade provided by the trees helps cool shallow shore water and prevents the formation of algae.
- ✓ Waterfront vegetation retains sediments contained in runoff water, preventing the aging process of the waterbody.
- ✓ Waterfront vegetation protects the shore against erosion, slows runoff water, and prevents from land loss.

Source : RAPPEL

***Our lakes and waterways form a natural environment central to our leisure activities and recreational tourism such as camping, outdoor living, swimming, water sports, scuba diving, etc. They are our gems which can be enjoyed sustainably on a long term basis. Our collective and individual efforts will allow us to preserve our aquatic environment.***

**For more information, please contact the Building and Environmental Inspector in your municipality.**

**Together, let's protect our waterways for future generations!**