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“Schedule 5”

Required for a development permit application for sensitive terrestrial ecosystems and sensitive aquatic ecosystems

Letter of undertaking to retain a qualified environmental professional to ensure substantial completion of development permit requirements

Development permits for the sensitive terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems often include habitat compensation, conservation or restoration in accordance with the conditions indicated on the development permit. The Regional District of Central Okanagan must ensure that these requirements have been carried out in conformance with the requirements of the development permit. Typically, the qualified environmental professional who produces the report for the site is retained to ensure substantial completion of the terms of the development permit.

A development permit has been applied for the property :*(insert legal description of property)*

Located at: *(insert address of property if available)* _____

I, *(print name of property owner)* _____

will undertake to contract with, *(print name of qualified environmental professional)*

of, *(list firm if applicable)* _____

under whatever terms and conditions are required in order to ensure substantial completion (and monitoring if applicable) of the requirements of the development permit and so that the qualified environmental professional (QEP) will be in a position to provide a letter indicating that substantial completion of the conditions and requirements of the development permit have been carried out. Should the QEP be changed in the future a new letter of undertaking to retain the services of another QEP must be provided to the Regional District.

Agreed to and signed on *(insert date)* _____

(Signature of property owner – if owner is a registered company then signature and title of a person with authority under the company to enter into this agreement.)

Signature(s) of property owners _____

Signature(s) of QEP _____

Office use only; Development Permit file _____

Definition of Qualified Environmental Professional

The qualifications of a “qualified environmental professional” are provided, along with other definitions, in the development permit guidelines for that particular development permit area. For convenience those qualifications are repeated here as follows:

Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) - An applied scientist or technologist, acting alone or together with another qualified environmental professional, if:

- the individual is registered and in good standing in British Columbia with an appropriate professional organization constituted under an Act, acting under that association’s code of ethics and subject to disciplinary action by that association;
- the individual’s area of expertise is recognized in the assessment methods as one that is acceptable for the purpose of providing all or part of an assessment report in respect of that development proposal; and,
- the individual is acting within that area of expertise.