

Sustainability Checklists

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Purpose:

The City of Pitt Meadows is committed to ensuring that future development is accomplished in an environmentally responsible manner, and has several policies that support sustainability. In May 2008, the Green Communities Amendment Act (Bill 27) came into force. It required official community plans to include targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and policies and actions of the local government proposed to achieve those targets. To fulfill this obligation, the City amended its OCP to include a thirteen percent reduction in GHG emissions by 2017. A community energy and greenhouse gas inventory revealed that buildings and transportation directly contributed to 96% of the total greenhouse gases in the community. Policies and guidelines that are intended encourage sustainable development have the potential to curb the community's carbon production.

The purpose of this policy is to gather information from the following types of applications in order for Staff and Council to better assess the sustainable potential of proposed developments, to require minimum standards regarding sustainable development and to encourage sustainable development into the future:

1. Official Community Plan amendment applications
2. Zoning Bylaw amendment applications
3. Development Permit applications requiring Council approval

Policy:

When an application is received for an Official Community Plan Amendment, a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, or a Council approved Development Permit the applicant is required to complete one of the attached Sustainability Checklists prior to Council's review of the application. The completed checklist will form part of the file, and a summary will be provided in the report to Council. The following proposed developments are exempt from having to complete a Sustainability Checklist:



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- a. Development permit amendments that do not involve an increase in impermeable surfaces;
- b. Residential rezoning and / or subdivision applications with fewer than 4 units;
- c. Façade renovation for buildings affected by water penetration.

Revisions to the checklist will be necessary over time. Council authorizes the Resource Management Committee to make minor changes to the checklists on an as needed basis.