

Sustainability Checklist for Development Applications 2019

Purpose of the Checklist:

The checklist has been developed to assist in the assessment of development applications with respect to the District's overall future vision, strategic priorities and policies. The checklist is intended to assist developers/applicants to plan projects that further the sustainability objectives of the OCP and the ICSP.

How is The Checklist Used?

The checklist will be provided to a development applicant at the pre-application meeting and should be submitted as part of a complete application.

Staff will consider the input received from the applicant and the preliminary checklist will form part of the evaluation of the development application. The finalized checklist is prepared by staff, not the applicant, and will be included in the report(s) to Council for their consideration.

Who Needs To Submit A Sustainability Checklist?

This is required for the following types of applications and proposals:

1. OCP Amendment applications
2. Rezoning applications
3. Development Permit applications (Major DPs)
4. Subdivision Applications

Things to Note:

1. Not all elements may be applicable to all applications. If you think a particular element is not applicable, please explain.
2. Statements such as "will consider" and "attempt to be" do not constitute a proposed outcome and are not acceptable. The statements must be realistic and propose attainable results.
3. All applicants shall have regard for the policies of the OCP and planning principles of the District of Sechelt Vision Plan

PLANNING ELEMENT	SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATION	Y	N	N/A	COMMENTS/EXPLAIN
Growth Management					
1	Is the development located within a priority growth area and/or sewer service area?				
2	Is there adequate capacity to support the development? (e.g. water, liquid waste, transportation, geotechnical conditions)				
3	Is the development adjacent to existing development and services to ensure cost-effective extension of services?				
4	Does the development make efficient use of land?				
Sustainable Community Development					
5	Does the development include measures to minimize site disturbance and changes to the existing topography and landscape features?				
6	Does the development balance the scale and massing of buildings in relation to adjoining properties?				
7	Does the development provide opportunities for aging in place or for people with disabilities?				
8	Does the development provide for a diversity of housing types, forms and price levels?				
9	Does the development include seniors housing or supportive housing?				
10	Will the housing units incorporate adaptable features and high levels of accessibility?				
Economic Prosperity					
12	Does the development include a non-residential				

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	component?				
13	Does the development provide opportunities for affordable space for small business?				
14	Does the development add to the diversity of the local economy?				
Environmental					
15	Is the development sited to preserve sensitive ecosystems on the site and areas adjacent to the site?				
16	If a waterfront development: is it compliant with the 15m foreshore setback?				
17	Does the development preserve significant trees?				
18	Does the development retain or enhance the urban forest?				
19	Does the development incorporate Dark Sky Principles? (environmentally responsible outdoor lighting)				
Sustainable Transportation					
20	Is the development accessible by multiple modes of transport, emphasizing walking and transit accessibility?				
21	Does the development include an interconnected road system? E.g. modified grid, multiple street connections, short block lengths, limited cul-de-sacs.				
22	Are the streets connected with sidewalks and pathways?				
23	Can shops and services be accessed safely and				

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	within easy walking distance?				
24	Is the development accessible to transit services? E.g. within 400m of an existing or planned route?				
25	Does the development incorporate alternative road standards and/or slope-sensitive road standards?				
Resource Efficiency					
26	Does the development incorporate best management practices in the management of stormwater?				
27	Does the development include efficient on-site stormwater management options? E.g. rain barrels, pervious parking pads, absorbent landscaping?				
28	Does the development employ other water conserving measures that would promote the reuse of captured rainwater and water storage for irrigation?				
29	Does the landscape plan use drought-tolerant plants and non-water dependant materials in the landscape design?				
Climate Adaptation					
30	Does the development include climate-sensitive design features to minimize the impact of flooding, wildfire, wave action and erosion?				
31	Does the development utilize green-shore principles?				
32	Does the development buffer the effects of extreme water flows by retaining adequate riparian zones?				

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33	Does the development include any renewable energy generation such as solar electricity, wind power, heat recover or district heating?				
Engagement					
34	Is a public information meeting planned for this development?				
35	Was the development modified as a result of public input?				