

Development Permit Area No. 1 – Multi-Unit Residential

9.3.1 Scope

All land designated Multi-Unit Residential on Schedule “C” are part of DPA No. 1.

9.3.2 Category

Section 919(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act* – form and character, multi-family residential.

9.3.3 Justification

This Plan emphasizes the importance of protecting residential neighbourhoods and encouraging a high quality of construction for new development. It is essential that new multi-unit residential development not have a negative impact on, or be out of character with, existing residential neighbourhoods. The primary objective of Development Permit Area No. 1 is to ensure that the development of multi-unit residential sites is compatible with surrounding uses.

9.3.4 Requirements of Owners of Land within the Development Permit Area

a) Owners of land within Development Permit Area No. 1 must not do any of the following without first obtaining a development Permit in accordance with the guidelines for this Development Permit Area:

- i) subdivide lands; or
- ii) construct or alter a building or structure;

without first obtaining a Development Permit in accordance with the guidelines of this Development Permit Area.

b) Exemptions:

The following do not require a development permit:

- i) construction of buildings or structures less than 10 square metres in area;
- ii) minor additions to existing dwellings where the floor area of the addition does not exceed 10 percent of the ground floor area of the dwelling;
- iii) emergency repairs to existing structures and public walkways where a potential safety hazard exists;
- iv) fences;
- v) the cutting of trees as permitted upon application under the municipal tree protection bylaw; and
- vi) placement of signs less than 1.5 sq. metres in area.

9.3.5 Guidelines for Owners of Land within the Development Permit Area

a) The size and siting of buildings that abut existing single- and two-unit and townhouse dwellings should reflect the size and scale of adjacent development and complement the surrounding uses. To achieve this, height and setback restrictions may be imposed as a condition of the development permit.

- b) New buildings should be designed and sited to minimize visual intrusion onto the privacy of surrounding homes and minimize the casting of shadows onto the private outdoor space of adjacent residential units.
- c) High-density multi-unit residential buildings or mixed commercial/residential buildings in commercial areas with a zero front setback should be designed so that the upper storeys are stepped back from the building footprint, with lower building heights along the street front.
- d) Landscaping of multi-unit residential sites should emphasize the creation of an attractive streetscape, as well as provide privacy between individual buildings and dwellings, screen parking areas and break up large expanses of paving.
- e) Surface parking areas in multi-unit residential developments less than five storeys in height, will be situated away from the street and screened by berms, landscaping or solid fencing or a combination of these three.
- f) Underground parking will be provided for any multi-unit residential buildings exceeding four storeys.
- g) The retention of public view corridors particularly views to the water should be encouraged wherever possible.
- h) To preserve view corridors and complement natural topography, stepped-down building designs are encouraged for sloping sites.
- i) Retention and protection of trees and the natural habitat is encouraged wherever possible.
- j) Townhouses will be designed such that the habitable space of one dwelling unit abuts the habitable space of another unit and the common wall overlap between adjoining dwellings shall be at least 50 percent.
- k) Site lighting in multi-unit residential developments should provide personal safety for residents and visitors and be of the type that reduces glare and does not cause the spill over of light onto adjacent residential sites.
- l) Garbage receptacle areas and utility kiosks should be screened by solid fencing or landscaping or a combination of the two.
- m) For waterfront sites, retention of natural features and existing trees should be a priority in site planning considerations.
- n) When any existing single-unit residence or duplex residence is being redeveloped to a multi-unit residential use by adding on of one or more dwelling units, such addition will be designed so that all of the units form a cohesive whole. In order to achieve cohesiveness:
 - i) both, the existing and proposed structures will be in the same architectural style;
 - ii) variations between the roofline of the existing building and any proposed addition(s) will be no greater than 1.5 metres;



- iii) roof styles and pitches must be complementary;
- iv) architectural features such as sloping roofs and dormers should be incorporated into the design to unite the various parts of the structure; and
- v) the existing and proposed structure will be constructed using the same or complimentary exterior finishes including roofing materials, window treatments, door styles and other finishing details.
- o) Within the area bounded by Tillicum, Craigflower, Lampson and Transfer Streets, redevelopment to multi-unit residential use will require that vehicular access to these sites be off Lampson Street rather than Tillicum, in recognition of the high levels of traffic currently using Tillicum Road.
- p) To create a more aesthetic and functional design that links each multi-unit residential project with the streetscape, the following guidelines are recommend:
 - i) Avoid long, narrow parcels with minimal road frontage (consolidate one or more parcels where necessary);
 - ii) Place parking areas away from the street; and
 - iii) Design porches and windows overlooking the street to increase personal interaction and safety.