

A GUIDE TO THE SMART GROWTH CHECKLIST

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This guide is not a bylaw. It is a guide prepared to assist you in understanding the Smart Growth practices in the City of Pitt Meadows and the contribution you can make as a developer, architect, designer, or property owner in achieving a sustainable and natural Pitt Meadows. For details and legal documents, you must consult relevant bylaws and provincial legislation.

Introduction

One of the goals of the City of Pitt Meadows Council is to encourage the creation of a sustainable and green community. Therefore, in 2008, the City established its “Smart Growth Policy” and has introduced the use of a Smart Growth Checklist to assist developers, architects, designers and property owners developing lands to better determine the sustainable potential of their proposed projects.

Why do we have a Smart Growth Checklist?

Many of the policies and development permit area guidelines in the Official Community Plan are based on Smart Growth principles. In order for Staff and Council to better assess the sustainable potential of proposed developments, Council has adopted a policy that requires all Official Community Plan Amendment, Land Use Bylaw Amendment (rezoning) and Development Permits applications to include a completed Smart Growth Checklist.

The checklist collects project specific data on the environmental, economic, and social sustainability of the project (i.e., water use reduction methods, public gathering space, noise mitigation etc.), but does not grade the project. Rather it is intended to be used as a mechanism to gather information and to identify where the proposal meets and exceeds Smart Growth standards, and where the proposal may fall short.

The checklist will be used in addition to the policies and requirements found in the Official Community Plan. Depending on the nature of the project not all questions will be relevant at all times; however, the requirement by Council for an applicant to complete the list emphasizes the importance placed on sustainable development initiatives in the City of Pitt Meadows.

More Information?

Please contact Development Services at 604-465-2427, or visit our website www.pittmeadows.bc.ca (Under *Business*, then *Planning & Development*, then *Planning Projects and Public Consultation*) to find a copy of the Smart Growth Policy & Checklist.

Also visit www.smartgrowth.bc.ca and www.smartgrowth.org to learn more about Smart Growth.