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# COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

## MULTI RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA

The following checklist provides a quick reference for compliance with the guidelines contained within Section 8.5 Multi Residential Development Permit Area of the City of Courtenay Official Community Plan No. 2387, 2005. Applicants are required to complete this checklist and indicate in the comment box how their proposal complies with each development permit guideline. Where an element of the design does not comply with a guideline, a justification stating the divergence and the reason shall be made. A separate sheet may be used to provide comment. **Incomplete forms will result in application delays.**

**Project Address:** 759 8th St. Courtenay

**Date:** December 15, 2021

**Applicant:** Nik Szymanis

**Signature:**

### A. FORM AND CHARACTER

**Yes**

**No**

**Comment**

1. The design of buildings shall reflect the heritage of the City of Courtenay and the use of materials such as stone, brick, ornamental work and wood with varied details and columns is required. All designs will be assessed to compare the submitted design with these guidelines.



The project's design draws on Craftsman architectural style to maintain the integrity and character of the existing residential areas in the downtown Courtenay area. This includes the use of natural materials such as wood incorporated in siding, ornamental elements and support columns.

2. All multi residential projects shall front or appear to front onto abutting roadways. This may be achieved through appropriate treatment of the building exteriors and through the provision of pedestrian entranceways and walkways directly to the street.



The project's design is mirrored front to back so as to offer the primary appearance of a single-family home from the 8th Street frontage. With the rear laneway being a vibrant thoroughfare linking neighbours on 7th Street the mirrored aspect that includes yard space will tie the area together and add diversity to what is, with recent developments, becoming a parking monoculture.

3. Buildings located on corner lots, lots adjacent to a single residential building, and lots next to public open spaces shall be stepped down toward the flanking street, adjacent building, or public open spaces.



N/A

4. The design and introduction of a new building type to a residential neighbourhood shall provide harmony and lend continuity to the neighbourhood and should not create excessive disruption of the visual character of the neighbourhood.



The building type is well-aligned with the neighbourhood's visual character.

5. The design of a new project or an addition to an existing project shall be based on a comprehensive design concept and shall give adequate attention to the general architectural style, detailing, scale, materials, character of fenestration, character and materials of roofs, treatment of entrances, gradation of heights, relationship of indoor and outdoor spaces, design and placement of play areas, access parking arrangement and circulation, and landscape character and design. Plans submitted with Development Permit applications shall illustrate the aforementioned points.



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Dwelling units incorporate both private and shared outdoor living spaces.

Parking is located in close proximity to each unit for ease of access and to encourage off-street parking, which will free up as much public parking on 8th Street as possible.

6. No more than four townhouse units shall be linked in a row unless warranted by special design treatment.



N/A

7. Where townhouse units have attached garages or carports, the units shall be wide enough to allow the creation of attractive entrances to the individual units between garages. Where lane access is available, parking entrances shall be limited to lane access.



N/A

8. Where individual townhouse or multi-family units have vehicular access via public street, combined driveway access points are required.



N/A

9. The design and siting of buildings and individual units shall take advantage of views, natural amenities and adjacent open spaces and shall provide the maximum of units with good sun exposure to enhance the liveability of units.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Units fronting on 8th St will take advantage of morning light. The upper unit will also benefit from Beaufort range mountain views. The rear units will be bathed in afternoon and evening light.
10. Stepped or alternating massing shall be used in the design of buildings in order to break up the volume of the building(s) and to avoid a box like appearance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 in 12 roof lines will allow neighbouring properties to maintain the same amount of sunlight as they do currently while also preventing a box like appearance.
11. Sloped roofs shall be encouraged to harmonize with surrounding residential areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The 25.9 m height will fit well with the neighbouring buildings.
12. Building shall ensure visual privacy between units and also between private amenity spaces such as balconies or patios.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unit entries are located in proximity to encourage neighbourliness while also providing sufficient privacy. Outdoor space will use fencing and vegetation to ensure as much privacy between units and neighbours as possible.
13. Where a development is to be constructed in several phases, the proposed phasing plan indicating the sequence and timing of construction shall be included as part of the development permit application.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>B. SIGNAGE</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation of Non-Conformity</b>
1. All signs shall conform to the City of Courtenay Sign Bylaw No. 2760, 2013 and all amendments thereto.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>C. SITING, LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation of Non-Conformity</b>
1. A Landscape Architect or registered professional shall prepare a plan which will incorporate plant species, quantities and installation suitable for the project.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Silverstein at Silver & Or Design Co. will be supplying the required landscape plan incorporating plant species and quantities. After discussion with Planning we've been advised that Nancy's plans should be sufficient for this relatively simple project.
2. A detailed landscaping and screening plan, drawn to scale and showing the type, size and location of proposed landscaping, shall be submitted with the development permit application.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Recreation and play areas shall be provided within each project and shall be sensitive to the needs of the all age groups likely to reside in the development.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Care will be taken in developments intended for family living to ensure that the fundamental needs of family living are not compromised. This includes adequate storage, places for outdoor play, attention to sound and sight separation, and safe convenient parking.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. A continuous landscaped buffer area of at least 7.5 metres in width shall be provided along the inside of all property lines adjacent to Cumberland Road, 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, 29 <sup>th</sup> Street, Island Highway, Cliffe Avenue, Ryan Road and Lerwick Road. A perimeter landscaped buffer area of at least 4.5 metres in width shall be provided along the inside of all property lines adjacent to all other roads and at approved access points.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
6. If a property is adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve boundary, a fence and landscaped buffer area of at least 10 metres in width shall be provided along the inside of the property line.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
7. Buildings shall be sited to ensure the privacy of residences and adjoining properties, retain view amenities, and minimize the impact of noise or other off-site effects. Noise attenuation fencing will be required adjacent to arterial and collector roads.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

8. Buildings shall be sited to retain existing tree stands and terrain as much as possible. Protective barriers, such as snow fencing, shall be installed around all existing plantings which will be retained at the drip line for the duration of construction. No material or temporary soil deposits may be stored within these areas.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Buildings shall be sited to ensure the privacy of residences and adjoining properties, retain view amenities, and minimize the impact of noise or other off-site effects, noise attenuation fencing or buffering will be required adjacent to arterial and collector roads.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Grading requirements of a development shall be resolved within the property boundary. Cut and fills shall be minimized and blended into the existing terrain. Stepped retaining walls shall be used where possible. Stepped foundation walls and floor levels for buildings shall be used on sloped sites. Slopes shall be determined to promote opportunity for re-planting.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Buildings shall locate refuse containers, utility services, etc. to minimize visibility and they shall be screened by landscaping and fencing to a minimum height of 2 metres. In general, chain link fencing shall be used only when screened by landscaping. Similarly, utilities, meters, exhaust elements, satellite dishes, etc., shall be screened by landscaping, fencing or roof elements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Each unit will have individual storage space with specific allocation for refuse and recycling containers. There will be a shared space for weekly refuse pick-up in the rear alley.
12. To separate internal roads, parking, service or storage areas from adjacent properties, a landscaped buffer area of at least 30 metres in width.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
13. Development shall include installation of street trees and sidewalks along all adjacent streets. Boulevards of adjacent streets shall be landscaped, irrigated and maintained by adjacent developments.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Undeveloped areas of the site shall be left in its natural state if there is substantial existing native vegetation. Otherwise, the owner will undertake vegetation control within 6 months of building occupancy satisfactory to the City.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Any development adjacent to or near stream or wetland areas shall adhere to the requirements of the Streamside Stewardship, 1993 guidelines and the "Land Development Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Habitat 1992" prepared by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection along all streams and their tributaries.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
16. The City may require an environmental analysis of site conditions in areas subject to natural hazards such as slope slippage, drainage, or high vegetation value, prior to development.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. It is City policy to limit the peak run off from areas of new development to that which the same catchment areas would have generated under the pre-development land use. A storm water management plan will be required as part of any development and shall be prepared by a Professional Engineer to comply with the City's stormwater management policies and plans and the City's Water Balance Model.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We understand that the new project will have comparable run-off rates to what the current property has. The landscape plan will incorporate substantial permeable areas to reduce run-off, improve groundwater exchange and increase on-site retention.
18. Setbacks areas abutting stream areas shall be fenced prior to development occurring to prevent encroachment of equipment or material into the stream system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

19. A biophysical assessment of the site prepared by a professional biologist may be required outlining any environmental values to be protected during and after developments and the methods to achieve this to the satisfaction of the City and federal and provincial agencies.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
20. Prior to the subdivision or development of land containing a stream, the natural watercourse and surrounding area shall be considered for dedication to the Crown, the Municipality or other public agencies committed to the protection and preservation of natural watercourses			N/A
21. The City will require the following minimum depth of topsoil or amended organic soils on all landscaped areas of a property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shrubs – 450 mm</li> <li>groundcover &amp; grass – 300 mm</li> <li>trees – 300 mm around and below the root ball</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
22. All landscape areas shall be serviced by an underground irrigation system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native plants will be incorporated to encourage drought-resistance. When required irrigation systems will be implemented. As informed by preliminary discussions grass and clover coverage will not require irrigation.
<b>D. LIGHTING</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation of Non-Conformity</b>
1. Lighting should be designated for security and safety. However, there should not be glare on neighbouring properties, adjacent roads or the sky.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. All new, replacement and upgraded street lighting in existing and proposed developments will be Full-Cut Off/Flat Lens (FCO/FL) luminaires to light roads, parking, loading and pedestrian areas. Exterior building lighting will also be required to have FCO lighting fixtures.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>E. PARKING</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation of Non-Conformity</b>
1. Large surface parking areas should be broken down into smaller parking lots evenly dispersed throughout the development and integrated with planted landscaped areas. Visitor parking spaces shall be clearly identified within each development. Tree Planting is required in parking areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
2. Parking areas shall be screened from adjacent properties and from direct views of parking vehicles from the street. The screening should consist of landscaping and fencing.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Outdoor parking and loading areas should be located to the sides and rear of buildings. Parking areas shall include landscaped areas, defined by concrete curbs, to provide visual breaks between clusters of approximately ten stalls.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking will be at the side of the property and split between the front and rear, providing closest proximity to each respective dwelling unit for ease of access as well as access to EV charging systems linked to each proximal unit. Based on research of neighbouring developments with parking solely in the alley, this approach will also improve street parking congestion on 8th St. and allow for "safe convenient parking" connected to units at both the front and rear of the property (re: C-4 above).
4. Direct and functional pedestrian pathways to connect building entrances to parking areas and sidewalks of the abutting streets shall be provided. Installation of features such as distinct paving, special landscaping with trees and benches, and overhead weather protection on exterior building walls where appropriate is required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	