PART 4.

4.0 SITE PLAN REVIEW GUIDELINES
CITY OF WATERLOO
Site Plan Review Guidelines (SPRG)
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SITE PLAN REVIEW GUIDELINES (SPRG)

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The City of Waterloo has prepared the Site Plan Review Guidelines (SPRG) to assist Applicants through the Site Plan review and approval process and their pursuit of Building Permit issuance and performance security release.

Site Plan Control is a process that examines the design and technical aspects of a proposed development to ensure that it is safe, functional and compatible with the surrounding area. The Site Plan process applies to specific types of development established in Section 41 of the Ontario Planning Act and further established in the City’s Official Plan policies and Site Plan Control By-law.

Common Site Plan development projects include higher density residential development (eg. townhouses and apartment buildings), mixed use buildings, commercial buildings including office and retail buildings, industrial buildings and institutional buildings.

Site Plan Control may also apply to building renovations, additions or changes to existing building usability subject to the provisions of the Ontario Planning Act (projects which substantially increase the size or usability of land). Site Plan Control is applicable law and is a common approval required prior to the issuance of a Building Permit. Some forms of development are exempt identified through the City’s Official Plan policies and Site Plan Control By-law.

Site Plan Control is a key mechanism to implement the City’s Official Plan policies and urban design guidelines subject to the provisions of the Ontario Planning Act. All stakeholders including builders, developers, property owners, City staff, agencies, and Council, should refer to relevant design guidelines in the preparation, review and approval of Site Plan Applications. The City of Waterloo will use urban design guidelines as a component to review and approve Site Plan development.
4.2 HOW TO USE THE SPRG

The SPRG’s are intended to be used by City staff, Applicants and commenting agencies in the review and approval of Site Plan Applications. The SPRG’s form part of the UDM and has been prepared to:

- identify the key steps and process for Site Plan review and approval;
- identify the basic requirements (submission requirements and checklists) for Site Plan Approval;
- describe the role of the UDM in the Site Plan review and approval process; and,
- establish technical guidelines (standards and criteria) for Site Plan development.

The SPRG’s have been prepared based on the current City practices, processes and applicable legislation. As a key part of the Site Plan Application review process, the City will identify the primary design expectations provided in the UDM at the pre-consultation process. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to review the City’s design guidelines and to submit development applications that address the City’s design and development expectations.

Over time, the Site Plan process may evolve and be updated through regular amendments approved by the delegated Site Plan Approval Authority. The SPRG’s are administered through staff and do not require Council approval for future amendments or revisions. In all cases, Applicants are encouraged to contact the City’s Site Plan Coordinator for current information affecting the Site Plan review and approval process. The primary intent of the SPRG’s are to make the Site Plan process an efficient and effective process for all users.

4.3 LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Site Plan Control is a development approval process administered through Section 41 of the Ontario Planning Act. This Section of the Planning Act gives the City of Waterloo the authority to designate areas (including the entire City) as being subject to Site Plan Control. The entire City is designated Site Plan Control with some exemptions provided in the City’s Official Plan and Site Plan Control By-law.

In 2006, the Province amended the Ontario Planning Act (through Bill 51) to expand Site Plan Control to include matters of exterior design, sustainable design and universal design. The Planning Act previously restricted the ability of a municipality to regulate building design features. The City has adopted the implementing Official Plan policies (OPA #72) and Site Plan Control By-law (repealed by-law 91-58 and replaced with by-law 09-085) to enable this legislation. Through OPA #72, the role of urban design guidelines has been strengthened to provide a strong and effective policy basis for urban design guideline implementation. The UDM is the City’s primary urban design guidelines and shall form a component for site plan review and approval. The City of Waterloo has also passed the necessary policies and by-law requiring mandatory pre-consultation meetings for Site Plan Applications. Applicants are required to meet with the City staff prior to submitting a Site Plan Application.

Applicants should contact the Development Services Department (Site Plan Coordinator) at the Waterloo City Centre to determine whether a particular development is subject to Site Plan Control. Additional legislation and Agency comments may impact Site Plan approval process and should be considered by the Applicant.
4.4 THE SITE PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

The Site Plan process is a multi-step process involving the following basic steps, illustrated in a process chart on the following page:

- **Step 1: Pre-consultation:** Mandatory process to identify site plan submission requirements, steps and design priorities. Applicants are required to submit a pre-consultation form and are encouraged to submit a development concept. Applicants are expected to address the City’s design expectations and standards established in the Urban Design Manual. The pre-consultation process involves a minimum 5 day review period as per the site plan schedule. Refer to the Site Plan Checklists and Notations section for submission requirements.

- **Sept 2: Preliminary Submission (optional step):** Applicants are invited to submit a preliminary site plan submission. This process follows the standard site plan review process.

- **Step 3: Site Plan Application:** The City will accept a complete site plan submission based on submission requirements identified at pre-consultation meeting and checklist requirements provided in the SPRG. Ensure all drawings are fully coordinated. Applicants are required to consult Waterloo North Hydro to determine hydro requirements prior to Site Plan Meeting and to submit a “Site Plan Engineering Submission” (a.). A more detailed “Complete Engineering Submission” (b.) is required following Endorsement.

- **Step 4: SPRC Meeting:** The SPRC meets on a regular basis as per the Site Plan Schedule. The SPRC reviews the submission and through the Chair, delivers a decision to either Defer (resubmit) or Endorse(ment). Endorsement occurs when the Site Plan drawings meet the City’s design and development expectations and is required prior to the General Manager review and Approval. An Endorsement is typically required prior to a Minor Variance meeting and for many residential Demolition Permit Approvals. Minutes are provided after the meeting typically within the same week of the SPRC meeting.

- **Step 5: Technical Review:** Following Endorsement, Applicants will be required to update the site plan drawing submissions based on the SPRC minutes and to submit a “Complete Engineering Submission” (b.). These are required prior to the General Manager’s review for Approval. Applicants are responsible to submit and obtain all agency and approval clearances prior to receiving Site Plan Approval. Any road widening must be conveyed to the road authority prior to Site Plan approval and all lot consolidation finalized (if applicable).

- **Step 6: Site Plan Approval and Building Permit Review:** Once all the plans have been updated to staff satisfaction, and all Agency comments addressed, the Site Plan Coordinator will present the plans to the General Manager for review and approval who has authority to revise the submissions. The Site Plan Coordinator will only prepare the Site Plan Agreement once the General Manager has approved the Site Plan. At this moment, Applicants may submit Building Permit drawings for review.

- **Step 7: Site Plan Agreement and Building Permit Issuance:** The Site Plan Coordinator will initiate a Site Plan Agreement with the City Solicitor. This process requires several weeks to complete. Once the Agreement has been prepared and signed by the Owner(s), the General Manager has authority to sign the Agreement for final approval and registration. Once the Site Plan Agreement has been registered the City can issue a Building Permit.

- **Step 8: Performance Security:** Performance securities will be released when site works have been completed to the satisfaction of the City subject to the Site Plan Agreement conditions.
4.5 THE SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (SPRC)

The SPRC is a team of staff professionals who provide technical and design review comments to the Applicant. The SPRC members include:

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<tr>
<th>Site Plan Member</th>
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<tr>
<td>Site Plan Chair</td>
<td>Responsible to chair the Site Plan meeting, provide Site Plan comments to Applicant(s) and provide a recommendation to the General Manager (Site Plan &quot;endorsement&quot; or &quot;resubmission&quot;).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Site Plan Coordinator</td>
<td>Responsible for processing, administrating and coordinating the site plan application and process. The Site Plan Coordinator also initiates Agency review comments and facilitates the Site Plan Agreement process.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Engineering Review</td>
<td>Representative from the Engineering and Construction Division to provide comments on the engineering component of the Site Plan submission. Engineering and Construction staff will provide engineering approval of all technical engineering drawings which is required prior to site plan endorsement and prior to Site Plan approval. Engineering and Construction staff is responsible to coordinate comments with Public Works Services department (if applicable).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Landscape Review</td>
<td>Representative from the Policy Division providing comments on landscape plan submissions and tree management preservation. On-site tree management review will be provided from Urban Forestry division.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Volunteer Architect</td>
<td>Council appointed architect providing general site plan and building elevation recommendations to SPRC and Site Plan applicants.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Building Review</td>
<td>Representative from Building Division provides comments on related Building Code requirements such as barrier free accessibility, fire access and separation requirements. The Building Division representative is responsible to circulate comments to the Fire Department regarding emergency access. Applicants may also be required to submit additional studies prior to building permit issuance. The Applicants should consult Building Division staff to confirm what additional studies and analysis may be required, such as fire flow tests, Phase II Environmental Assessments and other requirements.</td>
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The SPRC may invite members from other public agencies to provide comments during the Site Plan meeting. The City encourages representatives from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Grand River Conservation Authority and Waterloo North Hydro to be involved early in the Site Plan process. Transportation staff from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo regularly attends the City of Waterloo SPRC meetings. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to receive comments and clearances from the commenting agencies prior to Site Plan Approval.
4.6 OTHER APPROVALS

Following Site Plan endorsement, there is often a series of approvals and clearances required prior to receiving Site Plan Approval. Common approvals and clearances are identified below:

- **City Standards and Policies:** Site Plan development will be subject to other Municipal standards and policies. Relevant standard and policies are noted below, but not limited to:

  - Development Manual (Engineering)
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Percent for Public Art Policy
  - Safe Access Policy
  - Multi-Use Recreational Trail Policy
  - Fire Access Standards

- **Agency Comments:** Applicants may be required to receive approvals or clearances from a number of external agencies. Applicants are required to satisfy agency comments prior to Site Plan Approval, and often, responsible to submit plans directly to the external agencies. Common agencies are identified below:

  - Regional Municipality of Waterloo
  - Grand River Conservation Authority
  - Waterloo North Hydro
  - Ontario One (Hydro)
  - Ministry of Transportation
  - Ministry of Environment
  - Ministry of Natural Resources

The City of Waterloo will circulate site plan drawings to most of the agencies however, will not circulate engineering plans. Applicants will be required to confirm submission requirements and to forward technical plans to Agency for approval/clearance. Applicants are encouraged to meet early with Waterloo North Hydro to indicate hydro service needs.

- **Advisory Committees:** For select Applications, the City may circulate development plans to select Advisory Committees for information and comment, such as:

  - Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - Transportation and Trails Advisory Committee
  - Uptown Vision Committee
  - Waterloo Park Master Plan Committee
  - Uptown Business Improvement Association
  - Municipal Heritage Committee
  - Public Art and Culture Committee
  - Other:

- **Statutory Committees:** Site Plan Applications may be subject to a Statutory Committee review and approval such as the Municipal Heritage Committee and the Committee of Adjustment. Applicants are encouraged to submit Site Plan Applications prior to a statutory committee meeting to receive Site Plan ‘Endorsement’ demonstrating the development is technically feasible and meets minimum design and development expectations. The relevant committee will take this into consideration and deliver their decision. The City will not approve a Site Plan until all approvals and clearances are in place.

- **Demolition Control:** It is City process that Site Plan Applications receive Site Plan “Endorsement” prior to receiving a Demolition Control approval subject to Council policy. Applicants should review the applicable meeting schedules and meet with staff to coordinate these approvals early in the process. Demolition approval requirements are identified at the pre-consultation process.
• **Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA):** Some projects may be located within areas regulated by the GRCA (including floodplains and areas of steep slopes). Applicants are required to meet with GRCA staff early in the process to identify GRCA requirements and approvals. Some clearances or support in principle will be required prior to Site Plan Endorsement (such as Fill and Alteration Permit approval) while other approvals may be required prior to Building Permit issuance. Applicants are encouraged to consult with GRCA staff to review the GRCA clearance process and GRCA Board meeting schedule.

• **Environmental Remediation:** Some sites may be subject to environmental remediation prior to building permit issuance subject to Applicable Law. In all cases, Applicants should investigate if environmental remediation will be required as part of the Site Plan approval process (as administered by the Region of Waterloo) or required as part of the building permit process. Applicants are encouraged to consult with Building Standards staff early in the process.

### 4.7 COMPLETE SITE PLAN APPLICATION SUBMISSION

A basic site plan submission includes the following information:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Basic Plan(s)</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<tr>
<td>Site Plan drawing (plan size, folded) with pdf.</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Building Elevations (folded) with pdf.</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Existing Conditions plan (folded)</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Landscape Plan prepared by landscape architect (folded)</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fire Access plan (11x17) with pdf.</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site Plan Engineering Submission</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application fee(s)</td>
<td></td>
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</table>

All plans and drawings must in metric scale, full plan size and be fully *coordinated* with notation confirming plans have been coordinated and include notation comments established in the Checklists and Notations section. Incomplete applications and un-coordinated plans will be deferred to the next meeting. The City may require additional plans and studies identified at the pre-consultation meeting and through SPRC meeting minutes.

### 4.8 PRE-CONSULTATION PROCESS AND STUDIES

In addition to the basic site plan submission, Applicants may be required to submit additional studies identified on a “Site Plan Pre-consultation Checklist”. Applicants are required to complete the checklist with basic site information, and staff will complete remaining sections including:

- Agency review comments and clearances;
- Summary of site plan process;
- Site plan submission requirements
- Preliminary design priorities
- Meeting notes
A copy of the Pre-consultation Checklist is available on the City’s website and Site Plan Application form. Applicants are encouraged to meet with staff early in the design process to identify and address key design objectives established through the UDM.

### 4.9 SITE PLAN FEES

All Site Plan Application fees (including Engineering Review fees) are set in the City’s Application Fee forms in accordance with the City Fee By-law Schedule. Fees are updated on an annual basis and should be confirmed prior to each Site Plan Application submission. A summary of standard fees and timing is provided below for reference:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Fee</th>
<th>Timing</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Site Plan Submission</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site Plan Fee</td>
<td>With Site Plan Application submission.</td>
<td>See Fee Schedule.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site Plan Resubmission Fee</td>
<td>Prior to resubmission meeting</td>
<td>See Fee Schedule.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Master Plan development / multiple phased development</td>
<td>With Site Plan Application submissions.</td>
<td>Separate Applications and fees for each phase and Master Site Plan approval.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>After Site Plan Meeting</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Engineering Review Fee</td>
<td>With Complete Engineering Submissions (following Endorsement, prior to Site Plan Approval)</td>
<td>Varies. 5% engineering site works or minimum base fee as per Schedule. Consult Engineering staff for fee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Performance Securities</td>
<td>Prior to Building Permit Issuance.</td>
<td>Set in Site Plan Agreement.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Development Charges</td>
<td>Prior to Building Permit Issuance. Paid at Building Permit stage.</td>
<td>See Fee Schedule.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Park land Cash In Lieu Fee</td>
<td>Prior to Building Permit Issuance.</td>
<td>Set in Official Plan.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legal Fees</td>
<td>Prior to Building Permit Issuance or shortly after. Applicants are responsible for any legal costs associated with Site Plan Agreement preparation and processing.</td>
<td>Varies (hourly rate).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Building Permit Fee</td>
<td>Initiate fee payment with Permit Application subject to revisions prior to Building Permit Issuance.</td>
<td>Based on building area. Set out in Fee Schedule.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>There may be other fees required through the approval(s) process. Applicants are responsible for any Agency review fees.</td>
<td>Varies. Consult Agency.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
4.10 PERFORMANCE SECURITIES

The Planning Act permits municipalities to require the posting of performance securities to be held for the completion of specific site development works. This process ensures that development is constructed to the approved development plans and specifications.

Performance securities are administered through the Site Plan Agreement. The performance security will be released (in some cases partially released) as site works are finished, inspected and certified. If the work is not completed in accordance with the approved plans within the required timelines established in the Site Plan Agreement, the City reserves the right to cash the security performance.

Performance security requirements will be identified through the pre-consultation process or addressed through the SPRC meeting. The City of Waterloo is currently reviewing its performance security process and will provide recommendations through a separate process. The SPRG’s will be updated with any future changes.

4.11 MASTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

The City of Waterloo promotes Master Planned development, a defined process for larger-scale development projects often subject to Official Plan and/or Zone Change Amendment Applications or for large multi-unit site development projects. Master Planned development is often subject to area-specific guidelines. The City has also adopted Master Planned Guidelines in the Supplement Design Guideline Section to provide guideline direction for a range of development projects.

Master Planned development typically involves multiple buildings located on a single lot and development is typically developed in stages. The City of Waterloo will require separate Site Plan Applications for each stage of development, and may (1) require a parent Master Plan Agreement to provide comprehensive conditions for the entire development or, (2) may require special conditions in each Site Plan Agreement that relate to the comprehensive development plans subject to a Master Plan drawing approvals.

Applicants will be responsible to prepare a Master Site Plan drawing showing the development stages on the Plan, as well as, site development statistics for each stage of development and separate development statistics for the entire development to assist with development review process and zoning analysis. Applicants are encouraged to meet with the Site Plan Coordinator to discuss the best approach to process multi-stage development proposals.

For sites with multiple easements, the City may require a Master Easement Plan to show the approximate location of all proposed easements on the site with a key plan indicating the intent of each easement. Detailed easements will then be shown on each Site Plan submission in more detail.
4.12 SITE PLAN AGREEMENTS AND CONDITIONS

A Site Plan Agreement will be required for most site plan development, particularly for new development projects, building additions and change in intensity of use. The City may also require modifications to an existing Site Plan Agreement for any changes to approved site plan drawings.

The City has a standard Site Plan Agreement format. The City may add new conditions to the Agreement or incorporate as a separate schedule to accommodate special studies, multi-staged site development and other unique considerations for the site development. The City will identify potential conditions during the pre-consultation process and work through the Site Plan process to prepare an implementing Site Plan Agreement. Prior to preparing a Site Plan Agreement, the Applicant is responsible to:

- secure all internal approvals (endorsements from SPRC members including Complete Engineering Submission approval(s));
- secure all agency approvals and clearances, such as Regional Municipality of Waterloo Access Permits;
- with multiple properties, consolidate the lot;
- convey all necessary easements to the appropriate authority such as municipal road widenings; and,
- receive approval from the General Manager of Development Services.
4.13 SITE PLAN STANDARDS & CHECKLISTS

The City of Waterloo has established a series of technical standards and checklists for Site Plan development. These standards have been prepared by staff and provide for safe, functional and compatible development and shall be used as a basis for Site Plan Approval.

SPS 1: SITE PLAN CHECKLISTS AND NOTATIONS

The Site Plan Checklists and Notations section has been prepared to identify minimum site plan drawing submission requirements to be accepted by the City. Applications which do not follow these checklists or notations will be considered incomplete. Applicants are responsible to review these standards and to incorporate into the drawing submissions.

A) General Checklists

- All plans must be in full scale and to a legible metric scale generally not greater than 1:500.
- All site plan drawings, landscape drawings, fire access plans, must be folded.
• All text and plans must be fully readable/legible with appropriate scaled font size and line work.
• All plans must contain sufficient dimensions to evaluate building setbacks, separation distances, accessibility and slopes.
• All plans must be prepared by an accredited professional(s).
• All plans must be fully coordinated. Basic site information, such as building footprints, site grades, site features, and existing conditions, must be coordinated on all plans.

### B) Site Plan Drawing Checklist and Notations

Basic Site Plan Drawing Checklist:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Basic Technical Information</th>
<th>Basic Design Information</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>□ Basic site data chart with street address information, north arrow and location map</td>
<td>□ Building entrance and emergency access locations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Abutting streets identified and labeled</td>
<td>□ Parking and loading areas with all line painting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Preliminary Building Code Matrix</td>
<td>□ All site utilities such as hydro poles, hydro vaults, transformers, bell boxes, fire hydrants</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Existing site features to be retained</td>
<td>□ Identify barrier free and visitor parking spaces</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Basic surrounding site information such as boulevard dimensions and details, driveway entrances, hydro poles, major grade changes, trails, approximately building setbacks etc…</td>
<td>□ Basic car and truck turning radii to demonstrate adequate circulation and turning movement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Building location with building dimensions</td>
<td>□ Bike parking spaces.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Clearly identifiable property boundary excluding road widening conveyance (heavier line weight)</td>
<td>□ All site sidewalks, curbing, surface treatments identified and labeled.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Road widenings as per Official Plan Policy</td>
<td>□ Landscape areas (only show area)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Zoning setback lines (medium line weight)</td>
<td>□ All fence and retaining wall locations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Basic dimensions such as building setbacks, buffer dimensions, walkway dimensions, driveway width, parking spaces, underground parking setback etc… (lighter line weights)</td>
<td>□ Location and screening of outdoor garbage and recycling facilities or any other utility facility</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Site slopes or grade changes related to ramps, walkways, barrier free access routes with spot elevations etc…</td>
<td>□ Mail delivery area/post office box location</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>□ Daylight triangles as per Zoning requirements, SPRG and Regional Requirements</td>
<td>□ Snow storage area(s)</td>
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<tr>
<td>□ Easements</td>
<td>□ Building signage location</td>
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<tr>
<td>□ Designated Fire Route</td>
<td>□ Outdoor light fixtures</td>
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<tr>
<td>□ GRCA floodway delineation boundary</td>
<td>□ Location of rooftop equipment and screening features (show on building)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>□ Location of nearest fire hydrant</td>
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Refer to Site Plan Standards for daylight corner requirements. In all cases, any road dedication (for road widening or regional daylight corner) will affect the site area calculations and building setback line(s).

Standards Site Data Chart shall include the following information:

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<th>Site Plan Data Chart</th>
<th>Proposed</th>
<th>Required</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Property Address(s):</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Identify existing property addresses:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Identify Assigned property address: (assigned by Building Division)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of consolidated lots:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Site Area:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>• Existing Site Area: (in square metres and hectares)</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Road Widening Area: (in square metres for Regional Roads)</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Site Area: (in square metres and hectares excluding Regional road widening)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Property Zoning: List all zoning categories that apply to site</td>
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<td>Site Specific Zoning (Special Provisions):</td>
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<tr>
<td>Impervious Cover Limit (if applicable):</td>
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<td>Setback Information:</td>
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<td>• Front Lot Line (identify the front lot line):</td>
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<td>• Front Yard Setback: (show on plan)</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Side Yard Setbacks: (list for each yard)</td>
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<td>• Rear Yard Setback:</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Underground Parking Setbacks: (show location of parking structure)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parking Information:</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Total parking spaces provided (list by use and parking requirement):</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Identify parking calculations/method</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Barrier Free Spaces:</td>
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<tr>
<td>• Bike Parking Spaces:</td>
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<td>Previous Committee of Adjustment Application Approval:</td>
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Site Plan drawing notations:

- All Site Plan drawings are fully coordinated with Landscape and Engineering drawing submissions.
- The property Owner is responsible for right-of-way replacement or repair costs to City standards.
- All site lighting shall not result in any glare or spill over to surrounding properties or public view.
- All rooftop mechanical equipment shall be fully screened from public view and surrounding residential properties.
- All snow storage shall be stored on site. Surplus snow storage shall be removed off site at Owner’s expense by private removal service.
- Optional: Outdoor storage shall be located behind building in rear yard.
- Optional: The Site Plan application forms part of a multi-phase development approval. Future development is required to be coordinated with Site Plan Approval [add file here], approved through a separate Site Plan application.

C) Existing Conditions Plan Checklist

- Show property boundary;
- Show all municipal right of way utilities including sidewalks, hydro poles, bell boxes, hydro vaults, manholes etc;…
- Show location of building setback on abutting properties;
- Show vegetation include trees and hedges and location of vegetation located on adjacent lands near property line;
- Show fences;
- Show site grades with contour lines and retaining walls;
- Show driveways and curbing;
- Show site servicing connections (if available); and
- Other existing features.

D) Fire Access Plan

A Fire Access Plan is required for most projects to identify basic emergency access and fire protection measures for site development. The Fire Access Plan will be reviewed by the SPRC and forwarded for information to Waterloo Fire Rescue. The Fire Access Plan is a simple site plan drawing showing:

- Municipal street address;
- Site location plan;
- Property boundary;
- Building location(s) and building entrances (identify if primary entrance, secondary entrance or emergency access door);
- Driveway entrance(s) and parking area;
- Sidewalks

- Retaining walls
- Hydro poles and utility wires
- Fences
- Fire route with turning radius plans
- Fire route signage
- Standpipe location(s)
- Fire hydrant location(s)
E) Building Elevation Checklist and Notations

Elevation submission for Endorsement:

- Show property address and site plan application number
- Elevations drawings for each building elevation (ensure correct elevation is identified)
- Detailed elevation drawing showing building massing and design elements including all architectural features, materials and colours labeled
- Show location (and design) of municipal street address and light fixtures
- Show location of rooftop equipment and screening feature(s)
- Show building height in storeys and floor height (in metres)
- Show average grade
- Identify property line (“PL”)

Elevation submission for General Manager Review and Approval:

- Coloured site plan elevations will be required for General Manager review and approval.

Building Elevation Notations:

1. The approved building elevations shall form the basis for the Building Permit Application.
2. Any substantive change(s) or modification(s) to the approved site plan building elevation(s) shall require a modification to the approved building elevation drawings by the delegated site plan approval authority.
3. All site lighting shall not result in any glare or spill over to surrounding properties or public view.
4. All rooftop mechanical equipment shall be fully screened from public view and surrounding residential properties.
5. Building colours may be subject to minor adjustments in tone and/or shade.
6. Any proposed signage is for illustration purpose(s), and subject to City of Waterloo Sign By-law.

Street Elevation Plans:

1. Show proposed building elevation (street frontage) and surrounding building elevations.
2. Design elevation to match or coordinate with surrounding buildings (where appropriate).
3. Provide materials, architectural elements and features that complement surrounding buildings and enhances streetscape charter.

F) Context Plan

A Context Plan is recommended for most site plan applications to assist in the Building Elevation review and approval process and addressing City design guidelines related to sympathetic design, compatible development and character. Context plans provide a tool to facilitate elevation approvals by demonstrating how the proposed development, and elevations, fit within the existing or evolving context of an area. A Context Plan may be a simple analysis including area photos and summary of building materials, styles and colours or, a more detailed study including a historical context of surrounding area, more detailed analysis of surrounding built form, building design and architectural elements. A variety of drawings may be used in support of the proposed elevations, including street elevations, streetscape drawings and material boards.
An architects or qualified designer should prepare a Context Plan and elevations based on the applicable guidelines and surrounding context. The purpose of the Context Plan is to justify the proposed elevation(s) and to improve building elevation review and approvals.

G) Cross Section Drawings

A cross section drawing may be required to illustrate a cross section of the site and surrounding features to evaluate building scale, site grades and relationship to existing and surrounding vegetation. More specifically, a cross section drawing is to show:

- Property line(s) and dimensions
- Existing and proposed grading (with spot elevations)
- Proposed building(s), proposed retaining walls, existing and abutting trees/vegetation.
- Underground parking structure (if proposed)
- Surrounding buildings
H) Landscape Drawing Checklist and Notations

Landscape Plans shall include the same basic site plan drawing information with additional information noted below excluding building code matrix and site data chart information:

Basic landscape plan checklist:

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Landscape Submission Requirements:

1. All Landscape Plans must be prepared and stamped by a qualified landscape architect. All Landscape Plans must be stamped by professional architect.
2. The City may consider Plans prepared by a landscape designer for small additions or renovation projects.
3. All proposed plant material must be drawn to scale equivalent to 10 years growth.
4. All proposed plant material must be native to the Region of Waterloo subject to the satisfaction of City.
5. Plant material chart to be located on Landscape Plan and lists: plant material key, both common and botanical names of species, quantity, size, on-centre spacing, general remarks.
6. Ensure plant material does not obstruct sight line views. Review daylight corner requirements and select plant materials to comply with regulations or guidelines.
7. Provide details of all elements and furnishings proposed on landscape plan including special paving details, typical fence construction detail, retain wall system detail and street furniture details.
8. Landscape Plans must be coordinated with Engineering Plans, particularly as it relates to site grading information, tree preservation areas with spot elevations, retaining wall location and details and swales.

Landscape Plan Notations:

1. All Landscape Drawings are fully coordinated with Site Plan and Engineering drawings submissions.
2. The property Owner is responsible to implement the approved Landscape Plan and Tree Preservation Plans. The Owner is financially responsible for all replacement costs for a two year warranty period.
3. Optional notation for tree preservation:

   a) The property Owner is responsible for any impacts, damage, remediation and replacement to existing vegetation located on-site and abutting properties. Tree replacement shall be to satisfaction of the City.
   b) No trees shall be cut or removed without the written permission of the City Forester.
   c) The property Owner is responsible to prune or replace any damaged trees or vegetation on site.
   d) Landscape Architect has met with City Forester on [insert date of meeting] and finalized plant material list and tree preservation strategies.
   e) Landscape protective fencing will be installed prior to start of site works and shall be maintained for the duration of construction. Certification of installation is required prior to Building Permit.

References:

- Further information regarding size, planting specification etc. can be found in the Urban Forest Policy (City of Waterloo Parks & Environmental Services, June 1998). Contact SPRC Landscape Architect for more information or recommendations
- List of preferred Species for Street Trees is provided in Site Plan Design Standards
- City of Waterloo Landscape Manual
- SPRG landscape and buffer standards
I) Engineering Submission Checklists

- Engineering review and approval is a multi-step process.

- Separate engineering submissions are required for the Site Plan Application submission, followed by a more detailed engineering submission after Applicant’s have received Site Plan Endorsement.

a. Site Plan Engineering Submission – submitted with Site Plan Application Package for SPRC Review and Endorsement

- A functional engineering design including a Functional Grading and Functional Servicing Plan is required as part of the Site Plan Application (Step 3 in the Site Plan Process).

- The Functional Grading and Functional Servicing Plan must include, at a minimum, the following:
  - existing topographic contours;
  - all existing vegetation, utilities, infrastructure;
  - all Proposed Site Plan items;
  - proposed grading; and,
  - proposed service connections and infrastructure (such as infiltration gallery/cistern)

b. Complete Engineering Submission – detailed engineering submission following Site Plan Endorsement with Engineering approval required prior to Site Plan Approval.

Site Plan Approval is subject to review and approval of a complete engineering design package.

When all engineering design details have been finalized a complete engineering package must be submitted directly to the Engineering and Construction Division, for review and approval (Step 5 in the Site Plan Process).

The engineering submission must be made to the SPRC Engineering and Construction representative. Applicants are advised to consult Section 4.0 of the City of Waterloo’s November 2003 Development Manual for details on submission requirements.

The complete engineering submission must be accompanied with an Engineers Cost estimate for the total cost of site servicing (i.e. undergrounds) and surface works. As per the Council approved Development Services Fee Guide, 5% of this total cost estimate will apply as a non-refundable Engineering review fee, or a minimum fee as determined by the General Manager of Development Services or his/her designate.

The following items are required, as applicable, for the complete engineering design package:

- Grading & Filling Plan;
- Phase II ESA Reports (if Record of Site Condition is required);
- Storm Water Management (Quality and Quantity control); sites that warrant underground structures for water quality will require a City easement to be registered on title;
• Capacity Analysis of sanitary, storm and water;
• Salt Management;
• Erosion and Sediment Control;
• Site Servicing (including Water Metering Plan);
• Geotechnical Report; and
• Any other study required for a complete engineering review.

All engineering drawings/plans must be coordinated and be consistent with other approved plans (matching scale, layout, reference points, major infrastructure).

All engineering submissions must be developed by a Licensed Professional Engineer (in good standing with a valid Certificate of Authorization from the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario) with all plans and reports dated, stamped and signed.

The Applicant should satisfy themselves that all other services are not in conflict and applicable agencies have provided their clearances.

An Erosion Control/ Topsoil Removal Permit is required for any site development >1ha. The application for the permit, with applicable fees and securities, must be submitted to the Engineering and Construction Division for approval.

c. Prior to Issuing the Building Permit

Prior to the issuance of a building permit the following items must be addressed:

1) **Engineering Approval**: The completed engineering submission must be approved by the Engineering and Construction Division, together with any necessary agency clearances (e.g. Grand River Conservation Authority, Region of Waterloo);

2) **Payment of Fees**: Applicable fees and securities with respect to any works within the right-of-way (i.e. servicing, new or repaired curb, sidewalk, boulevard, curb cuts etc.) must be paid by the registered owner;

3) **Private contractor information**: The owner will be required to provide information about any private contractors proposed to complete service connection work within the City right-of-way. The use of private contractors will be subject to City approval and other requirements (i.e. insurance, WSIB clearances, health and safety, indemnification);

4) **Construction Staging Plan**: A Construction Staging Plan will be required prior to sign off for issuance of a building permit. This plan shall show the surveyed property boundary and identify anticipated construction activities, including items such as:

   • location of material stockpiles;
   • designated construction parking;
   • location of the site trailer and potable toilet(s);
   • area designated for unloading material;
   • sediment and erosion controls with details;
   • construction hoarding or fencing around the site with details, to comply with Ontario Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects O. reg.231/91 s.65;

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• note that the boulevard is not to be used for any construction purpose;
• note that existing sidewalk is not to be removed until the contractor is ready to replace sidewalks;
• note that sidewalk and bike paths are to be maintained and safe pedestrian access is provided throughout the duration of construction; and
• indicate the construction entrance with details.

5) **Erosion and Sediment Control:** Prior to the issuance of a building permit the following is required:

• a letter of compliance (signed and stamped by the owners engineer) for the sediment and erosion controls shall be provided to the Engineering and Construction Division; and,
• an inspection by a staff member of the Engineering and Construction Division will be undertaken to confirm the City’s acceptance of those controls.

**d. Additional considerations/requirements:**

1) **Traffic Control**

Any construction work within the traveled portion of a roadway is prohibited until formal written authorization from the City’s Public Works Services Transportation Division is obtained. A traffic control plan (including signage considerations) will require approval by Public Works Services staff.

The use of the City boulevard and sidewalk (other than one (1) approved construction access point) is not permitted unless a license agreement for temporary construction is granted by the City. A separate application and fee is required and the permission to use the City boulevard and sidewalk to facilitate private construction is subject to approval by the General Manager, Development Services and/or Public Works Services and is not guaranteed.

The following items may be deferred to the Building Permit (BP) review process provided that the applicant recognizes that the BP review may take longer as a result, and shall be submitted directly to the Engineering and Construction Division prior to issuance of the BP.

• Construction Staging Plan
• Dewatering plan
• Shoring and Tie back plan
• Drainage Control; Certificate of Approval from M.O.E. in accordance with Section 53 in the Ontario Water Resources Act for overland flow discharge directly to a receiving water body
• Encroachment Agreement
• License Agreement

**Release of Securities** (Step 8 in the Site Plan Process)

Prior to release of the development agreement, performance deposits or servicing securities (e.g. letters of credit), the owner’s engineering consultant will be required to certify that all site servicing, grading and storm water management has been constructed as per the final
engineering approval. Arrangements for final inspections are to be made with staff of the Engineering and Construction Division. Securities will not be released to the owner until all outstanding deficiencies are corrected and all required records/drawings are submitted to the City for its files.

References:

- City of Waterloo Urban Storm Drainage Policy
- City of Waterloo Development Manual
- City of Waterloo Sidewalk Policy

**SPS 2: Site Plan Standards (SPS)**

Technical design standards have been prepared for:

A) Street Addressing  
B) Daylight Corners  
C) Parking and Accessibility  
D) Turning Movements  
E) Fire Protection  
F) Bike Parking  
G) Tree Preservation  
H) Landscape and Buffers  
  i) Preferred Shrub and Tree Species  
  ii) Perimeter Landscaping  
  iii) Buffers and Swales  
  iv) Fence Details  
  v) Habitable Room Separation  
I) Waterloo North Hydro (draft)  
J) Outdoor Lighting Criteria  
K) Shadow Study Criteria  
L) Nodes and Corridors Standards
A: STREET ADDRESSING

The City of Waterloo has developed technical guidelines for Street Addressing in consultation with Waterloo Fire Rescue. These guidelines will be reviewed through the Site Plan process and administered by the Building Standards Division. The following standards apply to street addressing and site plan approval(s):

- Municipal address shall be assigned by Building Standards Division and shall be incorporated into the Site Plan Agreement;

- Street address signs shall be located within 2 metres of primary building entrance(s). Exceptions may be provided subject to written authorization from the City.

- The primary street address sign shall be at least 150mm (6”) in height. Address sign shall be visible from the street and shall be located within 30 metres of the street line.

- The primary street address sign shall be at least 300mm (12”) in height if building is located 30-60 metres from street line.

- Street address signage shall require approval from the City’s Building Division and Waterloo Fire Rescue if building is located more than 100m from the street line.

- Street address signs shall be clearly visible and identifiable on the building elevation. Contrasting colours or fixtures shall be required to clearly distinguish the address sign.

- Sites with multiple buildings:
  - Individual properties are expected to have one municipal street address.
  - Each building shall have a corresponding suffix address such as Building A, Building B, Building C.
  - Separate street address will be provided subject to creation of new property boundary or to satisfaction of Building Standards Division.
  - Sites with multiple buildings are encouraged to provide a “Multi-Unit Sign” located at the front driveway entrance (right hand side outside daylight triangle area). This sign is to show basic site plan information with building identification, surrounding street names and landmarks. Basic fire fighting information is to be provided. All signs to be constructed of durable (decorative) material with weather protective surface. The content of multi-unit signs should be approved by the City’s SPRC in consultation with Waterloo Fire Rescue and Building Standards Division staff.

- Multi-tenant buildings:
  - Individual properties are expected to have one municipal street address.
  - Each unit shall have a corresponding suffix address such as Unit A, Unit B, Unit C.
  - A separate street address will be required when or if a property is severed or under separate ownership.
B: **DAYLIGHT CORNERS**

A Daylight Corner is a triangular setback measured from the corner intersection (at property lines) to provide unobstructed views for motorist and pedestrian safety. At street intersection locations, Daylight Corners are established by the City of Waterloo and the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. Different requirements apply to City and Regional daylight corners.

The City of Waterloo requires the following daylight corners at municipal street intersections and at driveway intersections:

- City of Waterloo street daylight corner: A 3.0m x 15m triangle (by-law requirement)
- City of Waterloo driveway daylight corner: 3.0m x 3.0m triangle (site plan standard)

The City of Waterloo Street Daylight Corner standard is established in the Zoning By-law and must be shown on the Site Plan drawing as a “setback line” subject to height restrictions. A separate Daylight Corner is established at driveway intersections (site plan standard). In both cases, municipal Daylight Corners remain part of the property area and are not conveyed to the City. Low level landscaping is permitted within the daylight corner(s) subject to zoning height restrictions. Site signage and trees are not permitted within the daylight corner.

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo also requires Daylight Corners however, these are to be identified on a reference plan and conveyed to the Region prior to site plan approval. Applicants must exclude the land area requirements of the daylight corner, and any required road widening, from the development proposal resulting in less land area and density potential on the site. Building setbacks are measured from the conveyed property boundary. Identify “Road Widening Dedication” on site plan drawings. Contact the Region of Waterloo for more information.
C: PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

General Note: Parking standards may be regulated by the City of Waterloo Zoning By-laws. In cases of potential conflicts, the City’s Zoning By-law and any other applicable legislation shall apply. Universal Access standards shall be subject to Ontario Building Code Act requirements, City of Waterloo Barrier Free Guidelines and to SPRG standards. The City of Waterloo Barrier Free Guidelines shall apply to private development subject to current legislative requirements and to the SPRG’s.

Parking Standards:
- Standard Parking stall Dimension: 2.8m x 5.5m (zoning by-law regulation, no encroachments including parking garage columns)
- Parallel parking space: 2.8mx 6.0m (subject to City approval)
- Curbing: all parking areas are to be curbed with minor exceptions for site drainage and engineering purposes. Curbing is not be provided within the Municipal right of way (boulevards). Different standards may apply on Regional Roads.
- Corner parking spaces: provide minimum 3.0mx 5.5m parking space for stall located beside walls or columns. Provide minimum 2.8m x 5.5m parking space with 1.2m hammerhead for surface parking areas.

Barrier Free Parking Standards:
- Single barrier free parking stall dimension: 5.2m x 5.5 m
- Paired barrier free parking stall dimension: 3.9m x 5.5 m
- Curbing: provide flush curbing for barrier free parking adjacent to walkways with gentle slope tapering across abutting parking spaces to avoid sharp change in grade.
- Barrier free parking target: minimum of 5% barrier free parking for the number of parking spaces required however, not less than the City of Waterloo Barrier Free Guidelines.

Drive Aisle Standards:
- Minimum 6.1metre wide driveway (two-way) is required for all development including residential development with 10 or more parking spaces (established in Height and Density By-law). A minimum of 3.0 metre wide driveway may be provided for residential development with less than 10 parking spaces, and shall not conflict with other requirements including landscape strip and barrier free access routes. Wider drive aisles may be required to accommodate service vehicles (SPS D: Turning Movements)
- The City will be flexible and encourage wider drive aisles for primary vehicular routes, internal transit routes, designated fire routes and proposed bike routes.
- Minimum one-way drive aisle: 3.5 metres with no obstruction
- Maximum driveway width: 7.5 metres
- On Regional Roads, with more than 6 residential units, the Region will require a 6.1 m wide driveway. Contact Regional Municipality of Waterloo for current standards.
- Contact Regional Municipality of Waterloo regarding Regional access requirements

Sidewalk Standards:
- Sidewalk must meet minimum Ontario Building Code and Engineering requirements.
- Encourage minimum 1.5 metre internal sidewalks;
- Encourage minimum 2.5-3.0 metre width for primary internal walkway connections.
- Encourage minimum 2.5-3.0 metre sidewalk width located between store fronts, central internal parking areas and outdoor display/outdoor retail areas where permitted.
Basic parking dimensions and access (surface parking):
Basic Barrier Free Parking dimensions and access (surface parking area):

Underground parking dimensions and column spacing:
D: TURNING MOVEMENTS

A basic principle for all site development is to provide minimum turning radius requirements for a range of vehicles, particularly for basic site servicing needs such as site delivery vehicles, garbage collections, moving, and loading zones which involve different vehicles such as cube vans, semi-trailers, tractor trailers, delivery vehicles and garbage truck and buses. All sites should be designed to accommodate basic turning movement needs and demonstrate through the site plan review process. As a basic standard, all loading and site access areas must be accommodated on the site and not located on the public right of way. The following principles and technical guidelines will be applied as a guide to accommodate large vehicles on site.

1. Principles:

To design sites to accommodate site functions through the following principles:

- Design sites to accommodate basic site functions on site rather than off-site locations.
- Provide adequate turning movements and zones for large vehicles on site – showing turning movements on site plan drawings;
- Design landscape islands and drive aisles to accommodate truck turning movements—show truck turning movements on all site plan drawings; and,
- Encourage direct (forward motion) loading and access movements. Minimize reverse turning movements on site, public right of way and avoid long reverse movements particularly along steep grades and turning movements.

2. Garbage Truck Movements:

- Design for minimum 18.0 m straight head-on approach to collection area where possible.
- Provide minimum centre line turning radius of 12.0m for all truck movements. Alternatives will only be considered subject to adequate justification and access.
- Access driveways must be a minimum of 6.1m wide at the point of ingress or egress, turning movements and a minimum of 4.5 m through out the site.
- Provide minimum vertical clearance of 4.4m along route.
- Design access route with 50mm compacted depth of HL-8 asphalt (base course) and 40 mm compacted depth of HL-3 asphalt for the top course (as per City’s Development Manual specifications).
- Loading areas must not be more than 0.6m above grade and must be at +/- 2% level.
- Design external garbage container dimensions to be an average of 2.0m wide and 2.0m deep for 6 yard bin type. Alternatives may be considered on a site by site basis.
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E: FIRE PROTECTION

The City of Waterloo supports site development that meets minimum Building Code, City Engineering requirements and Fire Code access requirements, but also, minimum standards that accommodate the local Fire Rescue emergency response requirements as it relates to emergency access, minimum fire truck turning movements and accessibly criteria.

To assist with functional and safe site development, the City of Waterloo will require a Fire Access Plan showing basic information discussed in the Site Plan Checklist section. Other Fire Protection standards are identified below and may be updated on a regular basis:

Fire Routes shall:

- Show designated fire routes on site plan drawings and engineering plans.
- Be designed to meet minimum legislative requirements and local fire fighting needs and equipment.
- Direct fire access may be provided if the primary building entrance is located within 15m of street curb line.
- Must have a clear width of 6.0m at all times and be connected to a public thoroughfare. Changes in direction of route will require a radius in conformance with the following standards:
  - **Setback:** Be located not less than 3m and not more than 15m measured horizontally from each face of the building required to face a street;
  - **Overhead Clearance:** Have an overhead clearance of not less than 5m.
  - **Grades:** Have a change in gradient of not more than 1 in 12.5m over a minimum distance of 15m.
  - **Turning Radius:** Have a centre line turning radius of not less than 12m with respect to any change in direction of the access route complete with a 3m clearance from the center line to any obstruction such as islands or parking.
  - **City of Waterloo Aerial Truck:** Design sites to accommodate the City of Waterloo Aerial Truck Model with inside radius of 7.9m and outside turning radius of 14.1m radius.
  - **Access:** Where fire routes are more than 90m in length, a 27.4m turnaround shall be provided. If a turnaround is not possible, a hammerhead of 6.1 x 24.4m shall be provided. Alternative turning dimensions may be required subject to site configuration and grading.
  - **Emergency Access Routes:** Constructed in accordance with City’s Engineering Standards and Building Code.
  - **Compaction:** Design fire access route and underground parking structures, to accommodate fire fighting vehicular weight loads.

- Secondary emergency access is required when buildings are located more than 90m away from public street.
Fire Hydrants shall:
- Be clearly identified on the site plan, whether on-street or private.
- Shall be located within 90.0 metres horizontally of any portion of the building permit which is required to face a street.
- Be positioned not closer than 12m to any building face where possible.
- Be installed in compliance with the requirements of the Region of Waterloo.
- Be located in an area unobstructed by landscaping.
- Upon completion of project, the installing contractor shall certify in writing to the Fire Prevention that the hydrant(s) have been tested and left fully operational.

Standpipe and sprinkler Siamese connections fire protection checklist
- Standpipes and sprinkler Siamese connections shall:
  - Be located in accordance with the current Ontario Building Code and shall be identified on the site plan. Show location of off-site fire hydrants.
  - Be located within 45m of a fire hydrants;
  - Be located and access adjacent to a street or fire access route.
  - Be located in an area unobstructed by landscaping.

Tall Buildings:
- Confirm design and construction of underground parking structures to accommodate fire routes and fire fighting weight loads.
- Encourage sprinklered systems for high rise buildings.

Contact Chief Fire Prevention Officer for further information. All information to be confirmed by Chief Prevention Officer and Building Standards staff.
**F: BIKE PARKING**

The City of Waterloo has a highly interconnected open space system established through on-street bike lanes, major City and Regional trails and the City’s multi-use trail program. The City is experiencing greater demand for bicycle parking, particularly given its large student population and expanding hi-tech sector. With more intensification, the City of Waterloo supports non-vehicular modes of transportation and will apply the following bicycle guidelines to development projects based on the following criteria and principles:

- Provide outdoor bike storage for all projects;
- Cluster near building entrances and distribute across large sites;
- Encourage sheltered bike storage areas in central locations near primary or secondary building entrances;
- Encourage indoor bike storage (and indoor shower rooms), particularly for higher density residential projects and employment uses;
- Provide locations that avoid conflicts with pedestrian movement, circulation and be well lit; and,
- Basic standards: ring and post rack with following dimensions:

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**Bike Parking Criteria:**
- Basic bike parking target: minimum of 10% bike parking for all required parking spaces; or,
- Minimum 0.6 bike parking space for 1 residential unit;
- Minimum 2 bike parking spaces for units with 4 or more bedrooms;
- Average 1 per 5 class room for institutional use.
- Vertical bike rack systems will be supported.
**G: TREE PRESERVATION**

**Process:**
- Show all tree preservation measures on landscape plan for SPRC approval including vegetation on or adjacent properties.
- Complete site visit with City of Waterloo Forester prior to Site Plan Approval. Show tree preservation measures on Landscape Plan and confirm date of meeting on final Landscape Plan submission for approval.
- Install protective fencing prior to and maintain during site construction.
- Examine potential impacts to surrounding properties and provide adequate tree protection measures to avoid damage to vegetation located on surrounding properties.
- Where required, City Forester will make final decision on the tree protection requirements on the job site.

**Basic Standards**
- Provide tree and vegetation protection barriers for roots, trunk and branches to the drip line prior to and during site development.
- Develop sites to avoid impacts to existing or proposed vegetation and landscaping. Trenchless replacement, torpedo or similar methods must be used where location of existing trees conflict with the proposed location of sewers and services.
- Minimize grades changes surrounding existing trees and vegetation.
- Locate access routes or construction routes away from protected areas.
- All tree protection fencing shall be 1.0 past the drip line of a single or clumps of trees. Buffer provided to protect root zone and minimize compaction impacts.
- All areas within tree protection fencing shall remain undisturbed and shall not be used for storage of building material, equipment, infill or stockpiling.
- All fencing to be approved by City Fosterer. Special fencing may be required adjacent to Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas (ESPA).
- Avoid cutting surface roots. In excavation, if roots cuts are required, it should be done quickly with smooth flush cuts inspected by City Forester. Cut root areas to be quickly backfilled and watered. Remove branch spending future dieback.

**Financial Responsibility:**
- No trees shall be cut or removed without the written permission of City Forester.
- Owner is responsible to prune or replace any damaged trees or vegetation on site.
- Owner is responsible for any impacts, damage, remediation and replacement to existing vegetation located on-site and abutting properties. Tree replacement shall be to satisfaction of the City.

**Reference:** Protective Measures for Tree During Construction (provided in UDM Appendix section)
H: LANDSCAPE & BUFFERS

The City of Waterloo has established the following standards for:

i. Preferred Tree Species
ii. Perimeter Landscaping
iii. Landscape Buffers and Swale Detail
iv. Fence details
v. Habitable Room Separation Requirements

i. Preferred Tree Species

- Native plant species are required for all site development.
- Avoid invasive plant species or species with high susceptibility to disease (such as Norway maple and Austrian pine).
- Select species based on site conditions including shade, salt tolerance, soil conditions (compaction, pH and moisture), mature size and form. Preferred street tree species identified below.
- Alternative, or non-native species, may be considered subject to:
  - Accent or design purposes
  - Salt or shade tolerance
  - Approval of City Landscape Architect, City Forester or General Manager of Development Services.

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ii. Perimeter Landscaping

- Standard deciduous tree spacing: 6.0-10m intervals with average of 7.5m on centre interval spacing
- Minimum deciduous specifications: minimum 70mm caliper street trees with trunk clear of branches to 1.5m height
- Pyramidal/oval form tree spacing: 5-6 m on center interval spacing.
- Deciduous tree specifications: minimum 5m intervals and minimum 2.5-3.0 height
- Larger trees may be required to implement wind analysis and buffering
- Minimum shrub planting: minimum 60cm height and/or 3.0 gallon volume.
- Hedges: minimum 1.0m on centre intervals with minimum 1.5m height. Maximum 1.0m height along pedestrian routes.

iii. Buffers and Swales

Principles:
- Provide adequate plant material to screen headlamp glare.
- Provide year round buffer. Include all-season plant materials. Encourage small grouping of coniferous trees and all season shrubs.
- Encourage native, drought-resistant and salt-resistant species.
- Provide enhanced landscape treatment in public view. Include shrub planting. Encourage decorative screening walls.
- Ensure that trees do not interfere with existing trees on adjacent properties.
- Measure buffer from mutual property line.
- Maintain buffers for landscaping and screening purposes. Locate site functions including utility equipment and structures, outside landscape buffer area. Minor adjustment can be considered provided integrity of buffer maintained.
- Screen parking areas/lamps from public view(s), sidewalk and residential properties without obstructing pedestrian view.

Intent:
- Maximize landscaped along site perimeter with plant materials such as a mix of coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs native to Waterloo Region that are drought and salt tolerant, and will provide appropriate screening while allowing for necessary safety and views.
- Landscape buffer typically range between 1.5-4m pending land use relationships. Increased buffers are provided adjacent to low-rise neighbourhoods.

Buffer standards:
- Review Zoning By-law. Varies by By-law.
- Typical residential side yard buffer: typically 1.5m buffer.
- Residential rear yards: typically 3m buffer.
- MR 25 side yard buffer(s): 10m buffer width with at least 3m on one side.
Residential Setbacks and Buffers Standards:

Zoning Requirements (review zoning by-law for current regulations)

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<td>MR 4</td>
<td>Minimum side yard is 1.2m plus 0.6 m for every storey above first storey.</td>
<td>No low rise on either side, minimum 1.5m buffer on each side. Abutting low rise, require 3m buffer.</td>
<td>3 minimum</td>
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<td>MR-6</td>
<td>Minimum 3m sideyard setback.</td>
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Commercial Buffers

- Any commercial zone located outside Uptown Commercial Core: minimum 1.5 m side yard buffer, minimum 3.0 m front yard buffer and minimum 3.0m rear yard. Minor reductions may be considered on a site-by-site basis for commercial properties.
- Any commercial zone (and yard) located outside Uptown Commercial Core abutting residential property: 4.0 m standard buffer.
- Any commercial zone located within Uptown Commercial Core: urban landscape treatment subject to city approval and Uptown Design Guidelines.

Industrial Buffers

- Any front yard located in North land Business District: minimum 10 m front yard landscaped strip with minimum 1.5 m side yard landscape strip. 10 m front yard may be reduced to 6m provided enhanced level of front yard landscaping is provided to satisfaction of City.
- Any industrial zone abutting a residential property: minimum 4 m landscape buffer unless subject to site-specific by-law or guidelines.
- Any other industrial zone front yard setback: 5.0 m landscape strip with minimum 1.5 m side yard and minimum 3.0 m rear yard landscape stip.

Parking Areas:

- The minimum landscaped buffer for a parking area located adjacent to a public street, sidewalk, any residential property, or any sensitive use, excluding development located in the Uptown Commercial Core, shall be 3.0 metres. Reduced buffers may be considered in the Uptown Commercial Core subject to providing an alternative landscape treatment to the satisfaction of the City.
Typical landscape strips/buffers for medium density residential development and residential/non-residential landscape development interface:
Basic buffer standards:

Standard
1.5m buffer

Standard
3 buffer @ 8m intervals
w/ columnar trees

Standard
3m buffer @ 7.5m intervals
w/ larger canopy trees

3m swale

Enhanced 4.0m buffer
with 5m coniferous tree intervals
and deciduous tree mix
iv. Fencing Details

Requirements:
- Fencing is subject to the City of Waterloo Fence By-law regulations.
- Fencing shall not be located in daylight corners.
- Noise attenuation is implemented through the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. Noise attenuation fencing may be required for noise mitigation purpose as part of site plan approval particularly for loading areas located adjacent to residential properties. Provide high quality, durable fence treatment. Stone or masonry fencing preferred.

Principles:
- Locate good side facing public street or surrounding properties.
- Design fencing to accommodate or withstand snow storage compaction (6”x6” posts).
- Select fence style that complements and improves streetscape quality and character.
- High quality fence styles shall be required for buffering, screening and streetscape purposes.
- Provide higher quality decorative fencing abutting residential properties or in public view.
Fence Standards:

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<td>Decorative privacy lattice or decorative top rail</td>
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<td>Buffer (residential with non-residential use)</td>
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Preferred Fence Types:

**Medium Duty:**

- MD1
- MD2

**Heavy Duty:**

- HD1
- HD2
v. Habitable Room Separation Requirements

- Minimum 8.0m separation space in front of a principle living room window. This may be reduced to 3.0m if a 1.0m vertical screen is provided with intensive landscaping treatment.
- Provide a minimum 5.0m separation space in front of habitable room windows. This may be reduced to 3.0m where a 1.0m vertical screen is provided with intensive landscaping treatment.
- Provide a minimum 8.0m separation space in front of a principle living room or habitable space with a 1.0m vertical screen if window sill is less than 0.5m above grade.
- A separation space is not required if the principle living or habitable space is more than 2.0m above grade.

Site plan showing minimum 3m landscape buffer between parking space and habitable room/principle living room window.
I: WATERLOO NORTH HYDRO (WNH, Draft)

- Transformer Location: internal side or rear yard. Fully accessible with no obstructions. Not permitted in front yard locations. Discouraged within flankage yards.
- Consult WNH for technical requirements. Basic requirements, subject to change, include:
  - Typical pad mounted transformer: 1.83m x 2.03m (>400 A service)
  - Minimum 300mm concrete base pad, constructed 150mm (6”) above grade. Design slopes to avoid runoff to pad.
  - Minimum landscape buffer: 1.75m from transformer structure (not base) with 1.2m deep root barrier (100mm from edge of granular A).
  - Locate transformer at least 3m of openings, doors or windows, combustible material including neighbouring buildings and fences.
  - Provide protective bollards installed around transformer.
  - WNH requires 2m access area around pad mounted transformers, switching units and vaults.
  - WHN requires minimum 3m clearance in area fronting equipment access doors.
  - Must provide clear path (driveway) to electrical equipment.

- Of note, WNH requires an electrical load calculation. The calculation shall be done following ESA guidelines or approved by an Electrical Engineer. Information may be submitted to WNH to: eclerk@wnhydro.com.

- As standard practice, WHN provides only 1 electrical supply at one voltage level per property.
Typical Transformer Dimension(s):

[Diagram with dimensions and notes]

Notes:
1. CONTACT: ACTON PRECAST CONCRETE LIMITED
   RR2 ACTON 1-800-461-1516 FAX (519) 853-1324
2. CONCRETE 32 Mpa MIN. AIR 5-7%
3. APPROX. WEIGHT 3600 KG.
4. UNIT CAN BE SET IN PLACE IN ACTON PRECAST TRUCK IF SITE IS READY AT TIME OF DELIVERY.

LPC 80-WNH 3 PHASE TRANSFORMER BASE
N.T.S.
Typical Service Vehicle Dimensions:
J: OUTDOOR LIGHTING CRITERIA

The City of Waterloo will require a photometric plan to evaluate illumination impacts on the site and surrounding properties (in foot candles). All site lighting shall be designed to provide for consistent light levels on the property, avoid glare and be architecturally integrated into the site development based on established standards noted below.

Principles:

• Provide uniform lighting levels (illumination) across the site. Avoid pockets of very high or low levels of illumination.
• Avoid light spill over onto surrounding properties. Average light level shall not exceed 0.1 foot candles on adjacent properties including roadway. Light spill over shall not impact the roadway or surrounding residential properties.
• Avoid glare from public view or surrounding residential properties. Provide full cut off light fixtures, or alternative deflection shields, to eliminate glare. Show light fixture on elevation plans.
• Encourage metal halide or other white light fixtures to improve visibility.
• Consider opportunities for LED lighting/technologies for reduced energy consumption.
• Lighting fixtures should complement the design of the development. Encourage decorative style fixtures that architecturally complement the building design.

Example of full cut off light fixture

Cut off deflection shield offer an architecturally enhanced alternative

Lighting Standards:

• Average commercial illumination levels (parking areas): 2.0 footcandle.
• Average industrial illumination levels (parking areas): 2.0 footcandle.
• Average residential illumination levels (parking areas) or abutting development: 1.0.
• Average sidewalk/walkway illumination levels: 2.0 foot candle (22 lumens per sm).
• Average building entrance illumination level: 3-5 foot candles (maximum 54 lumen per square metre).
• Average stairway/ramp illumination levels: 3-5 foot-candles (maximum 54 lumen per square metre).
• Maximum gas station illumination levels: 5-8 foot candles.
• Maximum wattage for residential development: 70 watts (suggested by Waterloo North Hydro).
Illustrative lighting plan for 48 Moore Street South:
To evaluate the impact of intensification, the City of Waterloo may require a Shadow Study to illustrate the shadow impact the proposed development has on the site and surrounding properties with emphasis on residential uses, outdoor amenity spaces and park spaces, and to provide recommendations to reduce shadowing based on City criteria. At the discretion of the City, a Shadow Study may be required for development over 6 storeys (18m) height. The Shadow Study requirement will be identified through the pre-consultation process for the following types of applications:

- Official Plan applications
- Zone Change applications
- Site Plan applications
- Minor Variance applications

Ideal times to measure the impact of sun and shadow occur during the equinox, the beginning of spring and fall (around March 21 and September 21) and the summer solstice, the beginning of summer in the northern hemisphere. During the equinox, the sun shines directly on the equator and the length of day and night are nearly equal in all parts of the world. Another important time to consider is during the summer, a time when people generally use their amenity space or public space the most. Based on this, the City of Waterloo shall require shadow tests for the following dates and times:

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<td>Spring shadows, March 21 (equinox):</td>
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These times allow for measuring of hours of sunlight intervals. Additional times may be requested to respond to specific site conditions and shading concerns. The level of impact is measured by the time of shadow, or duration. To be considered compatible, a Shadow Study must demonstrate:

- As a principle, at least 50% or more of any property should not be shaded for more than two interval times (a four hour equivalency); or,
- As a principle, at least 50% of any property should be in full sun for at least two interval times (a four hour equivalency).

These criteria are similar to other municipal shadow study requirements in the Province. The study should include a summary letter describing how the proposed development meets minimum shadow criteria. If the proposal does not meet the general Shadow Study criteria, the Shadow Study must identify other massing options that would meet the intent of shadow criteria.

The study model is to include the site (highlighted on the plan), as well as, surrounding streets, blocks, parks and all buildings located within the shadow impact boundary during the requested times. Where possible, the model should include other approved but not built buildings within the model area. The City of Waterloo will provide this information. The shadow model is to be plotted in colour to a standard metric scale.
**L: NODES AND CORRIDOR STANDARDS**

Supplemental Design Guidelines have been prepared for the Nodes and Corridor Areas. The City has prepared a series of technical design standards to distinguish development expectations for development located in Minor and Major Nodes and Minor and Major Corridor Areas (identified in Appendix Section). These standards provide subtle variation between the two planned areas and should be considered in all site plan development.

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***refer to supplemental, district corridor guidelines.
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<td>Encourage reduced setbacks for low to mid rise buildings.</td>
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***Maximum 23m setback from property line to accommodate landscaping and two-row parking.