

District of West Vancouver
POLICY

Title: Sustainable Buildings
Division: Planning & Development Services
Policy Number: 0014
File Number: 0282-20-0014

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To advance sustainability, improve the delivery of community priorities and needs, and increase the efficiency of the permitting process.

2. Scope

- 2.1. This policy applies to development applications proposing bylaw amendment. It is subservient to Official Community Plan and Local Area Plan requirements. Should policy provisions not be viable due to specific constraints of the program or site, commensurate infrastructure should be provided.

3. Policy Statement

3.1. Passive House Expedited Processing

Passive House developments involve an independent certifier that addresses some staff permitting and inspection demands. This allows processing times to be reduced accordingly. In order to be eligible for expedited processing, applicants must provide a design stage assurance letter from a Passive House Institute Accredited Building Certifier confirming that the detailed design meets Passive House requirements. Where this assurance letter is provided, such Passive House applications will be advanced to be considered first in line ahead of other existing applications that are waiting to begin the permit review process.

3.2. BC Energy Step Code

New buildings should comply with the Low-Carbon Energy System pathway and should meet the step higher of the BC Energy Step Code than is otherwise required by Building Bylaw No. 4400, 2004.

3.3. Active Transportation Facilities

New commercial buildings should provide end-of-trip facilities for employee use.

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4. Approval

Approved by	<input type="checkbox"/> CAO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor and Council
Approval date	2020/06/08	
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5. Additional Information

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Related procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Date of last review	n/a	