

Attachment 1
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Official Community Plan

The subject property is designated (RM) Residential – Multiple Unit Buildings. The purpose of this designation is to provide a mix of small to moderate sized multiple unit residential buildings in the form of townhouses, rowhouses, stacked townhouses and low rises. This proposal would be consistent with the designation.

Development Permit Area

The subject property is located within the Mainland – Multiple Unit Residential Development Permit Area. The intent of this DPA designation is to “integrate multi-unit housing forms into the city’s single detached dwelling and ground oriented housing neighbourhoods.”

This area is designated with the following purposes:

- Establishment of objectives for the form and character of multi-family residential development;
- Protection of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity (as outlined in the Justification section of this schedule), and
- Establishment of objectives to promote energy conservation (as outlined in the Justification section of this schedule).

A copy of the proposed DPA guidelines for the Mainland – Multiple Unit Residential Development Permit Area can be accessed at the following link below:

[https://www.newwestcity.ca/database/files/library/OCP_DPA_1.4_Multiple_Units_Residential_\(Consolidated_April_2023\).pdf](https://www.newwestcity.ca/database/files/library/OCP_DPA_1.4_Multiple_Units_Residential_(Consolidated_April_2023).pdf)

Zoning Bylaw

The subject property is zoned RM-2 Apartment Low Rise. The intent of this zone is to allow low-rise apartment development with an opportunity for increased density upon amenity provision conditions being met.

Policy for the Review of New Unit Additions in Existing Rental Buildings

The intent of this policy is to guide the evaluation of development applications which propose to add new units to existing rental buildings, to ensure the livability of proposed unit additions and maintenance of existing rental units. The subject property and proposal has met the requirements of this policy.

Affordable Housing Strategy

The first goal in the City’s Affordable Housing Strategy (2010) is to preserve and enhance New Westminster’s stock of safe, affordable and appropriate rental housing.

Secured Market Rental Housing Policy

The Secured Market Rental Housing Policy was adopted on May 13, 2013 and revised on January 9, 2017. One of the objectives for this policy is the renewal of the rental housing stock, specifically:

- Increase investment into the existing purpose-built rental housing stock.
- Increase the life span of the existing stock.
- Improve the operating costs of the purpose-built rental housing stock.

The incentives available through the renewal of the rental housing stock portion of this program are:

- Use the density bonus program to permit the construction of additional secured market rental units on site (up to 10% of the number of existing units), including the conversion of unused storage or recreation areas for additional units (subject to livability/Building Code issues being addressed).
- Eliminate the parking requirement for additional secured rental units created in existing buildings.
- Consider including existing rental buildings in a future phase of the Building Energy Efficiency Program that is part of the Community Energy & Emissions Plan.
- Consider relaxations to Engineering servicing requirements when adding new units.

Housing Agreements and Covenant

The recommended process to secure the building as market rental housing is through entering into a Local Government Act Section 483 Housing Agreement with the developer that is paired with a Land Title Act Section 219 Covenant on title. The Housing Agreement would need to be considered and adopted by Council. The Housing Agreement would be signed and registered with the Land Title Office.

Family Friendly Housing Policy

As this project is only adding two units, the Family-Friendly Housing Policy requirements for number of two and three bedroom units, which becomes applicable in development applications with 10 or more residential units added, does not apply to this project.