

# Sustainable Development Checklist

Council Planning Presentation  
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# Introduction to the Sustainable Development Checklist

- Tools and metrics to guide development that integrates sustainable design.
- Provide clarity on a standardized set of measures that all new site plan approval developments adhere to.
- Provides clarity and builds in flexibility.

# Policy Direction

- The Planning Act;
- City of Guelph Official Plan; and,
- City of Guelph Natural Heritage Action Plan

# Comprehensive Zoning By-law & Sustainable Development Checklist

- The Comprehensive Zoning By-law introduces several regulations focused on sustainability;
- Sustainable Development Checklist works in tandem with Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

# Sustainable Development Checklist Overview

- Integrate into Site Plan Approval;
- Sustainable Development Checklist will come into effect May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023;
- Consistent with current site plan requirements related to sustainable development;
- Initial step in creating a more comprehensive and fulsome checklist.

# Sustainable Development Checklist Overview - Structure

- Five Sustainable Development Categories:
  - Air Quality;
  - Building Energy, Emissions and Resilience;
  - Water Quality and Quantity;
  - Ecology and Biodiversity;
  - Waste and Circular Economy.
- Applicants will indicate the plan or drawing that demonstrates the achievement of the required performance measure.

# Next Steps

- Move forward with preparing the Sustainable City Master Plan (2023-2025).
- Next phases to include opportunities for community engagement, consultation with the development industry, and further discussions and revisions.

# Recommendation

1. That the Sustainable Development Checklist included as Attachment 1 to this report be approved.
2. That the Sustainable Development Checklist be applied by staff through the Site Plan Approval process as required.