

COMMUNITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Type**

- Council Committee Task Force

Mandate

The Community Planning Advisory Committee is a Select Committee of Council pursuant to section 142 of the Community Charter.

The mandate of the committee is to provide feedback to applicants and advice to Council on land use applications, policies, regulations and initiatives referred either directly by Council or through the Development Approval Procedures Bylaw.

The Community Planning Advisory Committee (the Committee) will provide:

- (a) Feedback to applicants and recommendations to Council on the following types of development applications, using the principles set out in Schedule A:
- Amendments to the Official Community Plan (OCP) where a change in land use designation is proposed.
 - Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw where change in zone, land use and/or density is proposed.
 - Issuance of a Development Permit where new construction is proposed in accordance with the guidelines for the Downtown (DPA 2).
 - Development or redevelopment of land, buildings or structures that are on the Community Heritage Register.
- (b) Advice to Council or participate on a project advisory committee or task force on behalf of the Committee for Town-initiated land use initiatives, policies or plans, such as new OCP policies, a major review of the OCP, a new area plan, or significant amendments to the Zoning Bylaw.

Authority

This is an advisory committee. The Committee will review matters as outlined within the Committee Mandate, and make recommendations to Council.

Membership and Terms

The Committee will be comprised of the following:

- Seven citizen members
- One Council liaison to facilitate ongoing communication between Council and the Committee on matters referred by Council (This is an *ex-officio* or non-voting role)
- One alternate Council liaison (This is an *ex-officio* or non-voting role)

Each member appointed by Council shall serve a two year term. A member appointed by Council shall serve a maximum of six consecutive years.

Membership Requirements/Qualifications

Members of the Committee will represent the diversity of the community.

The seven citizen members of the Committee will represent a broad range of skills and/or experience in economic and social development, housing, design, and the environment, in areas such as:

- Development economics
- Ladysmith's social issues, including housing
- Preservation and restoration of heritage buildings
- Architecture, urban design or landscape architecture
- Environmental protection and climate change.

Staff Support

The Committee will be supported by one Development Services Department staff liaison (This is an *ex-officio* or non-voting role.)

Reporting

Committee recommendations related to development applications will be conveyed to Council through the established development review process, and generally contained in staff reports to Council. Committee minutes will be provided to Council on a regular basis.

Meeting Management**(a) Chairperson**

- The Chairperson will be elected annually by the members.
- The first Chairperson will be elected at the first meeting of the Committee, and annually thereafter at the first meeting following July 1st.
- If the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, the members present will select an acting Chairperson for that meeting.
- An ex-officio member may not serve as Chairperson of the Committee.

(b) Meeting Times and Procedures

- The Committee will meet once per month, if there are referrals to consider.
- The meeting location will be published in the meeting agenda.
- The Council Procedure Bylaw of the Town applies to meetings of the Committee.
- Meetings of the Committee will be open meetings pursuant to section 93 of the *Community Charter*.

(c) Agendas and Minutes

- Staff in the Development Services Department, in consultation with the Chairperson, will prepare the meeting agenda and distribute it to the members of the Committee one week prior to the meeting date.
- Recording of meeting minutes will be assigned by the Director of Development Services. Draft minutes will be reviewed by the Chairperson.
- Draft minutes will be distributed with the meeting agenda package.
- Recommendations from the Committee will be included in the Staff Report to Council on the referred matter.
- Minutes of the Committee meetings will be posted on the Town of Ladysmith website and included in Council agenda packages.

Alignment with Council Strategic Priorities

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employment & Tax Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural & Built Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Protection & Water Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications & Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

Amended: September 21, 2021

Schedule A**1. Application Review Process Principles****(a) OCP or Zoning Bylaw Application Review**

- Staff will provide a report outlining the general proposal which will be included in the meeting agenda package.
- The Community Planning Advisory Committee will:
 - Refer to the Official Community Plan and Council's strategic priorities in the review of the proposal
 - Hear from the applicant and its consulting team through a brief presentation to summarize the proposal.
 - Consider each proposal on its own merits.
 - Provide its advice to Council in the form of a motion

(b) Development Permit Application Review

- Staff will provide a report outlining the general proposal which will be included in the meeting agenda package.
- The Community Planning Advisory Committee will:
 - Use the design guidelines contained within the Official Community Plan in the review of development permit proposals.
 - Hear from the applicant's design team through a brief presentation to summarize their design criteria and proposal.
 - Consider each proposal as an expression of the evolution of the streetscape of the Downtown and aim for the highest standard of excellence in the built environment.
 - Consider each proposal on its own merits.
 - Provide its advice to Council in the form of a motion or statement of review.