

# Caledon Green Development Standard: Site Plan Checklist

## Instructions

Applicants are required to complete the developer checklist during the Pre-Consultation (DART) Review and Formal Application phase. The Town of Caledon's Green Development Standard Guidebook provides the metric requirements, submission requirements, specifications and applicable site exclusions, and resources to assist applicants in completing their GDS submission. Note that the checklist is a condensed version of the metrics, and should be completed using the GDS Guidebook as a reference to ensure completeness.

This checklist is primarily applicable to residential developments (i.e., detached, semis, and townhouses), institutional, and commercial developments submitting for Site Plan approval. For subsequent submissions, applicants are only required to complete the metrics that have not been approved by the Town of Caledon.

## Project Information

**Application Number**

**Project Name**

**Site Address**

**Applicant Name**

**Applicant Email**

**Applicant Phone Number**

**Registered Owner**

**Submission Number**

## For Town Use

**Town of Caledon Planner**

**Date Received**



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<p><b>1.2 Connection to Parks and Open Space</b></p> <p><b>Low-Rise Residential and Multi-Unit Residential:</b></p> <p>Provide new or enhanced visual and physical connections to open-space areas, parkland, and natural features (where appropriate) for the proposed development (e.g., vistas, public access blocks, single-loaded roads, trails, sidewalks).</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape Plan</li> <li>• Community Design Guideline or Urban Design Brief</li> </ul>		Parks and Natural Heritage Reviewer Name and Notes
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<p><b>1.3 Light Pollution Reduction</b></p> <p>Sites adjacent to protected natural features shall have no lateral light trespass into the feature. See specifications for details and definitions of natural features.</p> <p><b>Low-Rise Residential:</b></p> <p>Developments are encouraged to adhere to the Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting outlined by the DarkSky International Association.</p> <p><b>Multi-Unit Residential, Institutional, and Commercial:</b></p> <p>For street and walkways/bikeways lighting and outdoor lighting: all lighting fixtures must be DarkSky approved, street and walkway/bikeway lighting must have NEMA 7-pin ANSI 136.41 receptacle and photocells, and all other fixtures must have photocells or astronomic time clock operations.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting Design Plan</li> <li>• Photometric Plan</li> </ul>		Development Engineering Reviewer Name and Notes
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<p><b>1.4 Active Transportation</b></p> <p><b>All Sites:</b></p> <p>Follow all requirements outlined in the Active Transportation Master Plan, including guidelines for sidewalks, trails, cycling networks, and bicycle parking. For employment sites, provide outdoor amenity areas and appropriate walkways within the site for employees.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Achieve a minimum score of Silver (70%–79%) on the applicable Peel Healthy Development Assessment (HDA) for Streetscape Characteristics, Street Connectivity, and Efficient Parking.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic Impact Study</li> <li>• Peel HDA</li> <li>• Include relevant drawings/mark-ups on Site Plan, Pedestrian Circulation Plan etc.</li> </ul>		<p>Transportation Engineering Reviewer Name and Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p> <p>Peel Public Health Reviewer Name and Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p>
<p><b>1.5 Public Spaces</b></p> <p><b>Low-Rise Residential and Multi-Unit Residential:</b></p> <p>In dense developments where private yard space is limited, provide a common outdoor amenity space at a recommended rate of 4.0 square meters per dwelling unit (minimum 40 square metres provided in a common location). Amenity type and design to be approved by Town staff.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Plan and Urban Design Brief</li> </ul>		<p>Planning and Development Reviewer Name and Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p>

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<p><b>1.6 Mixed Use Neighbourhoods</b></p> <p><b>All Sites:</b></p> <p>Provide for a mix of uses within the same lot or block and site residential dwellings in close proximity to a range of community amenities. Three or more community amenities must be within 500 m (strategic growth areas) and 800 m (other residential areas) of 75% of dwelling units along connected routes. See GDS Guidebook for list of community amenities.</p> <p>Large-scale developments should include a distinct neighbourhood centre.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Plan and site map</li> <li>• Community Design Guidelines/Urban Design Brief</li> <li>• Healthy Development Assessment (if applicable)</li> </ul>		Planning and Development Reviewer Name and Notes
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<p><b>1.7 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging</b></p> <p><b>All Sites:</b></p> <p>Provide EV parking spaces at the rates identified in the GDS Guidebook. Dedicated parking spaces for carshare services or carpooling are encouraged.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Plan, Traffic Plan, or Parking Plan</li> <li>• Site Statistics Template (multi-unit residential and non-residential)</li> </ul>		Metric Approved
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<b>2.1 On-Site Green Infrastructure</b> <b>All Sites:</b> Meet minimum green cover targets of 0.6 (low-rise residential), 0.5 (multi-unit residential in strategic growth areas), and 0.30 (institutional and commercial) by completing the Green Factor Tool. Eligible green infrastructure features must comply with specifications in the GDS and other Town standards and guidelines.  Note: mixed use sites can pro-rate their required factor based on the gross floor area of each of the types of development on site.  <b>Submission Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Factor Scoresheet</li> <li>• Landscape and Planting Plans</li> <li>• Arborist’s Report</li> </ul>		Parks and Natural Heritage Reviewer Name and Notes
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<b>2.2 Healthy Soils</b> <b>All Sites:</b> <b>Soil volume:</b> Provide access to a minimum of 30 m <sup>3</sup> soil volume for newly planted trees or tree-specific soil volume indicated in municipal tree species guide. Refer to GDS Guidebook for additional details on techniques.  <b>Grading and compaction:</b> Where feasible and appropriate, use selective grading techniques that reduce soil compaction and preserve the natural landform as much as possible. Refer to GDS Guidebook for additional details on techniques.  <b>Submission Requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soils Report</li> <li>• Landscape Plan and Grading Plan</li> <li>• Letter of Commitment (where applicable)</li> </ul>		Development Engineering Reviewer Name and Notes
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<p>Refer to GDS Guidebook for additional details</p> <p><b>2.5 Stormwater Quantity and Quality</b></p> <p><b>All Sites:</b></p> <p><b>Water balance:</b></p> <p>Control the infiltration deficit per the criteria identified in the water balance assessment through stormwater retention low impact development (LID) practices.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Control, to the greatest extent possible, the 27 mm event using a hierarchical application of LID measures to achieve the target beginning with (1) retention, followed by (2) filtration, in accordance with site constraints outlined in the GDS Guidebook.</p> <p><b>Stormwater quality:</b> Ensure 80% Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removal, to the greatest extent possible through a hierarchical approach identified in GDS Guidebook.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater Management Plan</li> </ul>	Please include comments/notes.	<p>Enter detailed notes on Drawing, Plan, Reports</p> <p>Development Engineering Reviewer Name and Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p>







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<p><b>3.2 Building Resilience</b></p> <p><b>Low-Rise Residential:</b></p> <p>Using the reference guides in the GDS Guidebook, implement at least two measures to increase resilience to climate-related impacts in the areas of basement flooding, high wind, and/or extreme heat.</p> <p><b>Multi-Unit Residential:</b></p> <p>Provide a resilience strategy for the building that includes measures to address climate risks, including flooding, high wind, extreme heat, and power outages to improve outcomes for residents in the context of climate change. At a minimum, the strategy should include a refuge area for residents with heating, cooling, lighting, potable water, and power available.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Resilience Strategy Template</li> </ul>	Please include comments/notes.	<p>Enter detailed notes on Drawing, Plan, Reports</p> <p>Energy and Environment Reviewer Name and Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p>



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<p><b>3.4 Embodied Carbon</b></p> <p><b>Low-Rise Residential:</b></p> <p>Conduct a Materials Emissions Assessment using MCE2 or an equivalent tool to measure A1–A3 stage emissions for all structural, enclosure, and major finishes.</p> <p><b>Multi-Unit Residential, Institutional, and Commercial:</b></p> <p>Report embodied carbon in these bulk materials based on the relevant Environmental Product Disclosures (EPD): concrete, steel, masonry, wallboard, glass, thermal insulation, and wood.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Include concrete mixes that are at least 10% below the Concrete Ontario baselines per mix type.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of Commitment</li> <li>• MCE2/BEAM or Embodied Carbon report (prior to building permit)</li> </ul>	Please include comments/notes.	<p>Enter detailed notes on Drawing, Plan, Reports</p> <p>Energy and Environment Reviewer Name and Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p>

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<p>Refer to GDS Guidebook for additional details</p> <p><b>3.5 Water Conservation</b></p> <p><b>Low-Rise Residential:</b></p> <p>Install high-efficiency Water Sense-labelled toilet and lavatory faucets or equivalent.</p> <p>For single detached homes: Each house includes a separate, non-potable watering system with minimum capacity of 180 L to harvest rainwater for irrigation purposes in a location approved by the Town.</p> <p><b>Multi-Unit Residential, Institutional, and Commercial:</b></p> <p>Install water fixtures or use non-potable water sources that achieve a minimum 25% reduction in potable water consumption in the building over baseline water fixtures.</p> <p>Where soft landscaping exists on-site, reduce potable water use for irrigation by 40% using strategies identified in the GDS Guidebook.</p> <p><b>Submission Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of Commitment</li> <li>• Relevant drawings</li> </ul>	Please include comments/notes.	<p>Enter detailed notes on Drawing, Plan, Reports</p> <p>Energy and Environment Notes</p> <p>Metric Approved</p>



# High Performance Buildings



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<p><b>4.1 High Performance Buildings</b></p> <p>A voluntary additional metric that allows applicants to demonstrate ways in which they are going above and beyond the Town’s GDS or using innovative practices. This metric is optional to complete and will not be used to determine application approval.</p>		Energy and Environment Reviewer Name and Notes

## For Town Use: Application Decision

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<p>This GDS Checklist has been reviewed by the Energy and Environment department to confirm compliance with metrics. The applicant has demonstrated that GDS requirements are met and has been approved for Detailed Design and Site Construction Phase.</p> <p>Reviewed by:</p> <p>Approval date:</p>