

# DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS



DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY PLANNING  
AND BUILDING

## WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA (DPA)?

DPAs are areas of the city that require development permits (DPs) before altering the land, constructing new buildings or additions, or significantly changing the exterior of existing buildings.

DPAs are established under Parksville's Official Community Plan (OCP): *Plan Parksville: A Vision for Our Future, 2013*.

DPAs allow the City to manage types of development occurring in designated areas.

The City has designated DPAs for the following reasons:

- Commercial revitalization
- Form and character of intensive residential, multi-family, commercial or industrial development
- Environmental protection
- Energy and water conservation
- Reduction of greenhouse gases

## PARKSVILLE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS

- DPA-1—Downtown
- DPA-2—Waterfront
- DPA-3—Commercial and Mixed Use
- DPA-4—Multi-Unit and Intensive Residential
- DPA-5—Shopping Centre
- DPA-6—Industrial Park
- DPA-7—Craig Bay Resort
- DPA-8—Neighbourhood
- DPA-9—Estuary
- DPA-10—Wildfire Interface Management Area
- DPA-11—Coastal Protection
- DPA-12—Flood Plain
- DPA-13—Watercourse Protection
- DPA-14—Eagle and Heron Nesting and Perch Tree Protection
- DPA-15—Douglas fir and Terrestrial Ecosystems
- DPA-16—Ground Water Protection
- DPA-17—Farm Land Protection

## WHEN TO APPLY

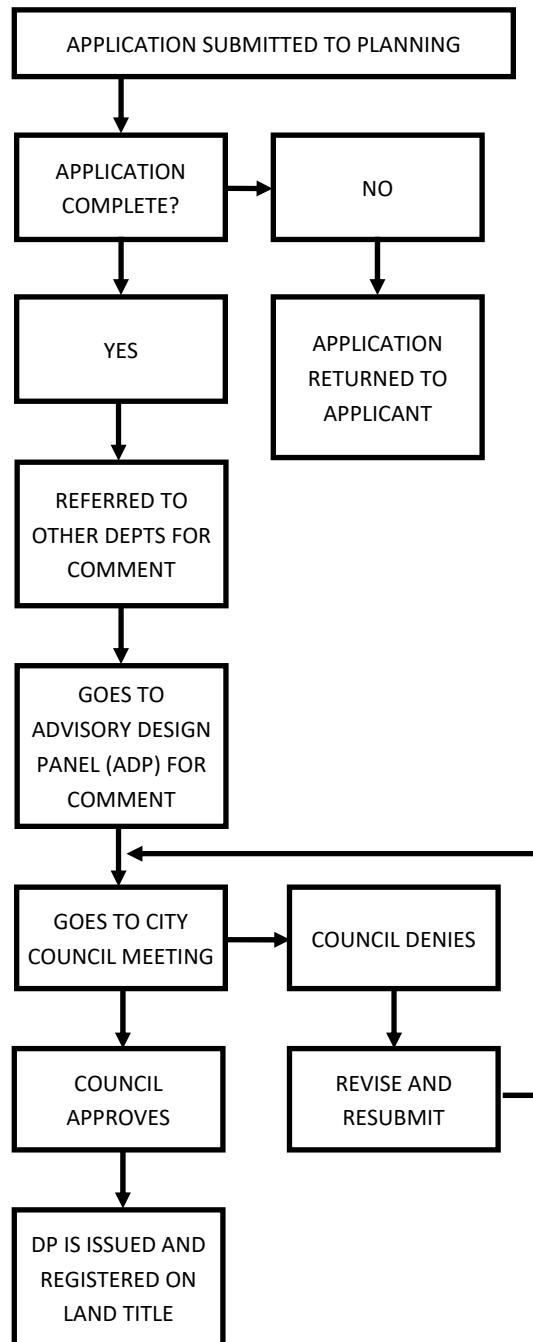
Unless the activity is specifically exempt under the applicable DPA guidelines, a DP is required before starting any new construction, renovating an existing building, altering the land or subdividing new parcels within the designated DPA. The proposal should be discussed with City staff before submitting an application.

Applicants are encouraged to retain the services of appropriately-qualified professionals to prepare relevant reports or supporting documentation for the DP application.

Applicants should expect the process to take several months to allow for adequate review by various departments and forwarding to City Council for consideration.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMIT PROCESSING

Applications are submitted to the planning department. Complete applications are then referred to other departments for review. Incomplete applications are returned to the applicant. During the referral phase, further information or plan revisions may be necessary to achieve compliance with applicable bylaws, guidelines or policies



## Photo Captions

Cover photo: City of Parksville. *Streetscape 1: Multi-unit Residential, DPA-1 Downtown.* Plan Parksville.

*Information is for convenience only. Contact department staff to discuss current and applicable bylaws*



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