

DPA-4 – OTHER COMMERCIAL AREAS

Objectives & Guidelines Checklist

HER COMMERCIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA GUIDELINES			SUPPORTING COMMENTS/RATIONALE
Building & Site Design	YES	NO	
Provides high quality architectural design and materials			
Design characteristics and materials complement buildings in the area			
Ensures exterior materials are finished			
Avoids the use of box stores and long expanses of walls			
Avoids the use of large expanses of any one material			
Consistency in detail and character			
Incorporates visual elements into walls facing roadways			
Provides finished elevations if visible from roads or properties			
Ensures building is close to the front lot line			
Provides variation in the character of roofs			
Provides screening of unsightly roof elements using awnings, overhangs, etc			
Use of artificial materials is not permitted			
Provides protection from the elements			
Screening & Landscaping	YES	NO	
Provides an effective transitional buffer and screening			
Provides a consistent visual image between properties			
Includes low-height vegetation between driveways			
Provides landscaped pedestrian walkways between buildings and parking lots			
Provides an attractive streetscape for off-street parking			
Provides a solid decorative fence or landscape strip/screen not less than 1.5 metres high			
Uses indigenous plant species and drought resistant species where possible			
Maintains and enhances existing trees			
Designed to maintain sightlines for personal safety and to avoid physical obstructions			
Provides a landscape screen, not less than 1 metre in width and height where more than 3 parking spaces are provided			
Avoids the use of fences or retaining along the public road frontage			
Incorporates public art and street furniture			

Signage	YES	NO
Conforms to the City's Sign Bylaw		
Fascia signs and awning mounted signs are encouraged		
Complements architectural design and materials		
A comprehensive sign plan is provided for larger		
developments		
Loading Areas / Utility and Storage Structures	YES	NO
Structures are not located where they can impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic		
Integrates utility and storage structures into the landscaping in an unobtrusive manner		
Screened by decorative fencing or landscaping with a minimum height of 1.8 metres		
Provides solid enclosure of outdoor garbage receptacles		
Placement of underground wiring where possible		
Surface / Structure Parking and Access	YES	NO
Parking is located away from the street, preferably at the rear of the building		
Access for cars is separate from pedestrian walkways		
Provides safe and convenient access for emergency vehicles		
Provides disabled or short term parking close to building		
Includes bicycle parking (preferably covered)		
Uses a permeable surface for parking areas or includes catch basins and landscaping to capture rainfall		
Provides concrete curbs, boulevards, and sidewalks along road frontages		
Maintains marked sidewalk at grade where there is underground or structured parking		
Provides shared access between landowners		
Designed to enhance personal safety		
Provides screening of service areas		
Designed to look like a commercial building		
Drive-Through Windows	YES	NO
Avoids traffic congestion and conflict with neighbouring properties		
Provides screening from adjacent sidewalks and property		
Provides adequate stacking length		
Provides screening that is integrated with the design of the building		
Shared Road Access	YES	NO
Provide combined access to main roads with adjacent properties		

Stormwater Management	YES	NO		
Incorporates Stormceptors or equivalent equipment to remove waste from stormwater				
Stormwater discharges designed based on Best Management Practices as recommended by the Ministry of Environment				
Lighting	YES	NO		
Ensures lighting is sufficient for pedestrian and vehicular safety				
Designed to minimize the illumination of adjacent residents				
Designed to minimize the impact on the night sky				
Provides light standards in keeping with the overall development				
Provides well-lit frontage of business				
Personal Safety	YES	NO		
Personal Safety Avoids dark alcoves, recesses, hiding spots and isolated areas	YES	NO		
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