

Appendix 2

Environmental Management

3.1 Community Context

- a. being proactive in addressing environmental issues and leading by example;
- b. preserving and enhancing the ecological systems and diversity of the City; and
- c. incorporation of environmental considerations as an integral part in assessing growth management options, land use plans, transportation plans and development proposals.

3.2 General Environmental Policies

- 3.2.3 The City will work with senior governments, First Nations and the community to reduce effects of non-point source pollution on drinking water and recreational water quality ...
- 3.2.4 The City will work with senior governments, First Nations and other community interests to promote groundwater protection ...
- 3.2.6 Development activities will be required to implement practices to prevent sediment from entering local watercourses.
- 3.2.7 The Development Permit process will be used to establish buffers to protect environmentally sensitive and hazardous areas such as watercourses and steep slopes from debilitating land uses.

3.3 Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- 3.3.5 The City will continue to identify and assess Environmentally Sensitive Areas with the objectives of formulating protective strategies, encouraging restoration and obtaining information to facilitate appropriate land use and servicing decisions.
- 3.3.6 Ensure that the management of City activities has the necessary structure and process to:
 - a. manage and control processes and operations to minimize impacts on the environment;
 - b. continuously improve the City's environmental performance; and
 - c. provide an example of environmental stewardship.
- 3.3.7 Encourage voluntary protection of natural features in cases where it is an objective of the City to protect (for stream conservation, water quality protection, or habitat preservation) land in excess of that which is, by virtue of municipal and senior government regulations, required to be protected.
- 3.3.8 Encourage all development and infrastructure projects to conserve wetlands, wildlife habitat, trees or other indigenous vegetation...
- 3.3.10 Encourage the retention and use of wetlands as natural buffers between urban and rural uses.

3.5 Development Permit for Environmentally Sensitive Areas

- 3.5.2 Due to their environmental significance and sensitivity, water-based and land-based features within the City of Salmon Arm have been designated as part of the Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit Area. The designated areas are thought to contain features that may need special protective measures in order to ensure:
- a. protection of designated environmentally sensitive areas;
 - b. prevention or reduction of air, land, and water pollution;
 - c. protection of quality and quantity of groundwater and surface water;
 - d. conservation of scarce resources; and
 - e. protection of fish and fish habitats.
- 3.5.4 Before making application for a Development Permit, property owners or their agents may complete a "Waiver Application" form (available at the Development Services Department) to determine whether the proposed development qualifies for a waiver of the Development Permit process. Qualifying projects may be issued a waiver in the following circumstances:
- a. Notification to the City by the Ministry of Environment that an assessment certified by a Qualified Environmental Professional to identify the streamside protection and enhancement area has been prepared in accordance with the Riparian Areas Regulation and the registration of a restrictive covenant on the subject property by the owner in favour of and to the satisfaction of the City of Salmon Arm that protects the streamside protection and enhancement area identified in the assessment and specifies how the area is to be protected an/or maintained.