



# Proposal

➤ To consider an amendment to the Development Application and Heritage Procedures Bylaw to allow for procedural updates to landscape planning and inspections.

# **Development Process**



# Background



- ► Current DA&HP Bylaw Adopted in 2021
  - Sets out the procedures for the processing of development and heritage applications.
  - ► The "Phase 1" update involved incorporating the heritage bylaw, general modernization, improved drawing packages for DP's, and the early consideration process.

### Proposed Phase 2 Amendments



- ▶ Landscaping updates as part of the 2040 Official Community Plan Implementation
- ► In combination and in support of the Tree Protection Bylaw to help enhance the City's urban tree canopy
- ► The changes are primarily procedural in nature and involve the monitoring and inspection of landscaping plans associated with development applications

### Phase 1 Proposed Now

Procedure/Section	Rationale
BC Society of Landscape Architects Schedules of Assurance – for projects over \$50,000 in landscape bonding (Schedule '1')	To provide an additional tool to ensure landscaping is constructed in compliance with the approved plans and include professional minoring and assurance.
Security Bond Release (Section 2.9 Performance Security)	To ensure that any deficiencies identified at the inspection stage are appropriately addressed prior to full release of funds by the City.
Security Bond Options – Surety Bonds (Section 2.9.1 Form of Security)	To permit an additional option of security bonding to developers and applicants.



#### Staff Recommendation

- Staff are recommending the proposed bylaw be supported
  - Supports 2040 OCP goals and objectives
  - Supports objectives of the Tree Protection Bylaw
  - Gives staff further tools to maintain and enhance urban tree canopy for urban developments.
  - Allows for more bonding options



## Conclusion of Staff Remarks