

5.21 RC – Comprehensively Planned Residential District

¹5.21.1 RC Purpose

This District is generally intended to accommodate a range of dwelling forms and flexibility in the design and development of a neighbourhood not exceeding a maximum density of 35 dwelling units per net residential hectare. Development in this District may require a Neighbourhood Design Concept setting out the mix of land uses, lot sizes, housing types, streetscapes, relationships of buildings and architectural form and character.

5.21.2 RC Permitted and Discretionary Uses

RC Permitted Uses:

- Accessory development
- Duplex dwelling
- Home office
- Identification Sign
- Multi-attached dwelling
- Secondary suite dwelling*
- Semi-detached dwelling
- Single detached dwelling

RC Discretionary Uses:

- Bed and breakfast
- Community garden
- Day care facility (limited)
- Group home (limited)
- Home business
- Show home
- Temporary sales centre

*Subject to regulations in Section 4.35 Secondary Suites.

5.21.3 RC Site Subdivision Regulations for Single Detached Dwellings and Duplex Dwellings

	Interior Site	Corner Site
Site Area	309.4m ² (3,330.4ft ²)minimum	342.4m ² (3,685.6ft ²)minimum
Site Width	9.1m (29.9ft) minimum	10.6m (34.8ft) minimum
Site Depth	34.0m (111.5ft) minimum	

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5.21.4 RC Site Subdivision Regulations for Semi-Detached Dwellings

	Interior Site	Corner Site
Site Area	238.0m ² (2,561.8ft ²) minimum	271.0m ² (2,917.0ft ²) minimum
Site Width	7.3m (24.0ft) minimum	9.1m (30.0ft) minimum
Site Depth	34.0m (111.5ft) minimum	

5.21.5 RC Site Development Regulations for Single Detached, Duplex and Semi-Detached Dwellings

	Interior or Corner Site	
Front Yard Setback	Front Yard*	3.0m (9.8ft) minimum with a lane 1 ⁴ .5m (14.7ft) maximum with a lane *Where a semi-detached dwelling has front vehicular access to one unit and rear vehicular access via a lane to the other unit, the front yard setback for the unit with lane access may be increased to a maximum of 7.0m (23.0ft)
		6.0m (19.7ft) minimum without a lane 7.0m (23.0ft) maximum without a lane
	Flanking Yard	3.0m (9.8ft) minimum on a corner site 4.5m (14.8ft) maximum on a corner site
Rear Yard Setback	8.0m (26.2ft) minimum 6.0m (19.7ft) minimum where a garage or carport is attached to the principal building and is accessed from a lane at the rear of the property	
Side Yard Setback	2 ¹ 1.5m (4.9ft) minimum	

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5.21.5 RC Site Development Regulations for Single Detached, Duplex and Semi-Detached Dwellings

	Interior or Corner Site
Principal Building Height	<p>For single detached and duplex dwellings: Two and one half (2 ½) storeys not to exceed 10.0m (32.8ft) maximum</p> <p>For semi-detached dwellings: Three storeys not to exceed 11.0m (39.4ft) maximum. A maximum differential of one storey shall be allowed between adjacent sites.</p>
Site Coverage	<p>45% maximum for principal building over one storey, excluding decks</p> <p>50% maximum for principal building of one storey, excluding decks</p> <p>52% maximum for all buildings and structures where principal building is over one storey</p> <p>57% maximum for all buildings and structures where principal building is one storey</p>
Density	<p>For single detached dwellings: maximum of one dwelling unit per site, plus one secondary dwelling unit where permitted</p> <p>For semi-detached dwellings: maximum of one dwelling unit per site</p> <p>For duplex dwellings: maximum of two dwelling units per site</p>

5.21.6 RC Site Subdivision Regulations for Multi-Attached Dwellings

	Interior Site	Corner Site
Site Area	187.0m ² (2,011.9ft ²) minimum	271.0m ² (2,917.0ft ²) minimum
Site Width	5.5m (18.0ft) minimum for an Internal unit 7.0m (23.0ft) minimum for an End unit	8.5m (27.9ft) minimum
Site Depth	34.0m (111.5ft) minimum	

5.21.7 RC Site Development Regulations for Multi-Attached Dwellings

	Interior or Corner Site	
Front Yard Setback	Front Yard**	3.0m (9.8ft) minimum with a lane 4.5m (14.8ft) maximum with a lane **Where a multi-attached dwelling has front vehicular access to one or more dwelling units and rear vehicular access via a lane to other units, the front yard setback for units with lane access may be increased to a maximum of 9.0m (29.5ft)
		6.0m (19.7ft) minimum without a lane 7.0m (23.0ft) maximum without a lane
	Flanking Yard	3.0m (9.8ft) minimum on a corner site 4.5m (14.8ft) maximum on a corner site
Rear Yard Setback	8.0m (26.2ft) minimum	
	6.0m (19.6ft) minimum where a garage or carport is attached to the principal building and is accessed from a lane at the rear of the site	

5.21.7 RC Site Development Regulations for Multi-Attached Dwellings

	Interior or Corner Site
Side Yard Setback	¹ 1.5m (4.9ft) minimum
Principal Building Height	Three storeys not to exceed 11.0m (39.4ft) maximum. A maximum differential of one storey shall be allowed between adjacent sites.
Site Coverage	45% maximum for principal building
	52% maximum for all buildings and structures
Density	Maximum of one dwelling unit per site

5.21.8 Additional Development Regulations for RC

- (a) All development and uses within this Land Use District are subject to the applicable provisions of Part 4 – General Regulations for all Land Use Districts, Sections 5.1 to 5.13 of Part 5 – Residential Land Use Districts, Part 11 – Parking and Loading, and Part 11 – Signs; and
- (b) No vehicular access to the street shall be permitted from the front yard when a rear lane is provided.

5.21.9 Site Planning and Design Standards for RC

- (a) Development in this District shall generally follow a Neighbourhood Design Concept for the area which sets out the mix of land uses, housing types, streetscapes, relationships of buildings and architectural form and character; and
- (b) Neighbourhood Design Concepts shall demonstrate compliance with the following principles of urban design, to the satisfaction of the Development Authority:
 - i. Design sites and buildings with people as the primary focus and with setbacks that are generally consistent with existing adjacent development;
 - ii. ²Create animated, active streetscapes with interesting building facades and human-scale building and setbacks, particularly at the street level. Use upper-storey setbacks to minimize the mass and shading of multi-storey buildings and provide additional design features on the first two storeys;

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- iii. Avoid blank facades and provide articulation or additional design features to break up long solid walls;
- iv. Create appropriate transitions in building scale and height to adjacent areas of lower intensity;
- v. Locate building entrances to connect directly with the public street network and clearly articulate building entrances through design and landscaping features;
- vi. Design sites and buildings that allow for convenient, universal access and have clear signage;
- vii. Promote pedestrian comfort with appropriate landscaping, furniture, weather protection and buffers from vehicular traffic;
- viii. Design for active and alternative transportation by providing convenient access to buildings from transit stops, and including bicycle parking and mid-block pedestrian connections where appropriate;
- ix. Design sites and buildings to facilitate social interaction by including patios, courtyards, plazas and sidewalk amenity space to the extent reasonably feasible, to enliven the public or semi-public realm;
- x. Design sites and buildings for visual interest and maximum use in different seasons and at different times of the day;
- xi. Locate vehicle parking, access and service areas to minimize their impact on pedestrians, surrounding properties and the public realm by:
 - a. Minimizing the width of driveways and curb cuts across sidewalks;
 - b. Providing underground parking where possible and locating surface parking to the side or rear of buildings;
 - c. Locating loading or other service areas to the side or rear of buildings and buffering or screening these areas; and
 - d. Integrating service connections, vents, mechanical rooms and equipment within the architectural treatment of buildings to the maximum extent feasible.
- xii. Ensure that parking areas, service areas and public spaces are well-lit and visible from other locations and clearly signed if they are not visible from the public street.

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a) Notwithstanding the above site development regulations, where a dwelling constructed prior to the adoption of this Bylaw (as amended) has a 1.2m (3.9ft) minimum side yard setback, it shall be considered to be in conformity with the Land Use Bylaw; and

(b) Notwithstanding the above site development regulations, where a dwelling is to be constructed on a site located in a subdivision with an application received and deemed complete prior to the adoption of this Bylaw (as amended), it may be constructed with a 1.2m (3.9ft) side yard.

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