

Development Approvals Process Review (DAPR) – Update

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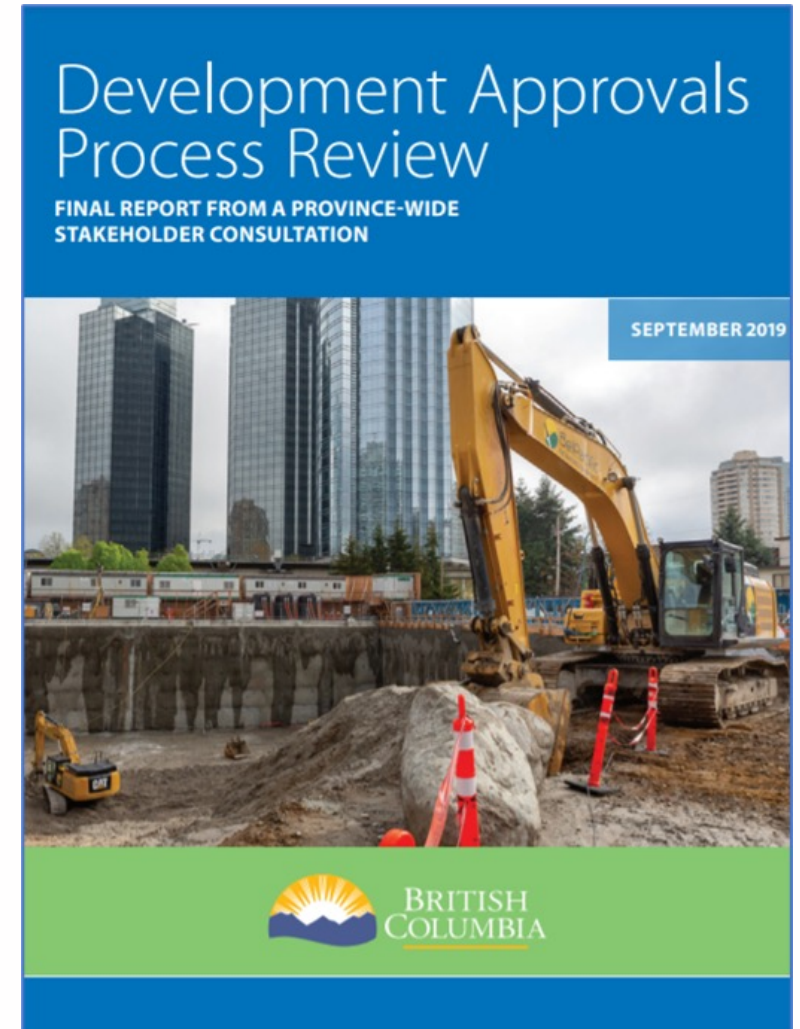
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Background

- **Purpose:** To support local governments to reduce barriers and accelerate supply of new homes in their community, by making approvals processes more *effective* and *efficient*.
- **2018-2019** – Extensive engagement to identify challenges and opportunities.
- **September 2019** – Consultation report.



Early Initiatives

- **June 2021 – legislation:**
 - Permanently authorizing electronic meetings and public hearings.
- **August 2021 – \$15M Local Government Development Approvals Program.**
 - 43 local government projects underway.
- **November 2021 – legislation:**
 - By default, no public hearing on zoning bylaws consistent with OCP; and
 - Authority to delegate minor development variance permits to staff.



DAPR Priorities

1. Community plans and zoning framework

- Exploring potential policy approaches that support greater up-front planning and fewer spot-rezonings.
- Aligned with introducing legislation later this year to:
 - Allow secondary suites in every community across B.C.
 - In many communities, allow up to 4 units on a single-detached lot (or 3 depending on size/type of lot), with additional density permitted in areas well-served by transit.



DAPR Priorities (continued)

2. Development finance tools

- Focus on Development Cost Charges and Community Amenity Contributions

3. Other streamlining (peer learning network, monitoring)

4. Public Engagement Process



Supports for Local Governments

- **Budget 2023:** \$57 million to help “unlock more homes through new residential zoning measures and by reducing the time and cost associated with local government approval processes.”
- **Guidance** to support local governments to implement best practices and meet any new requirements.
- Growing Communities Fund, CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)



Next Steps

- Consultation with First Nations, UBCM and local governments, development sector (ongoing)
- Further policy work.
- Additional implementation steps anticipated Fall 2023.



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