

# Housing Design Catalogue Information Sheet

The Housing Design Catalogue is a digital resource created by the City to help residents and builders understand how small-scale multi-unit housing (e.g., secondary suites, detached garden suites, townhouses and multiplexes) can fit into neighbourhoods while following City requirements. The easy-to-navigate webpage includes example site layouts, building designs, and links to other design resources.



## 1. Pre-Reviewed Site Plans:

City-prepared example layouts that are not site-specific and show how small-scale multi-unit housing might fit on common lot types. They:

- illustrate layout, parking, private outdoor space, and building placement
- do not replace site-specific review or permit applications
- do not guarantee permit approval



## 3. Province of BC Design Resources:

Links to standardized Province of BC housing designs to explore options. Use of these designs does not replace City requirements.



## 2. Housing Design Partnerships:

The conceptual housing designs were created by architectural firms selected through a competitive City process.

- They are privately-owned designs.
- Users can license a design directly from the designer.
- The City does not sell, modify, or approve these designs through the catalogue.



## 4. CMHC Housing Design Catalogue:

Links to federal housing design resources provided by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), included for general reference and learning.



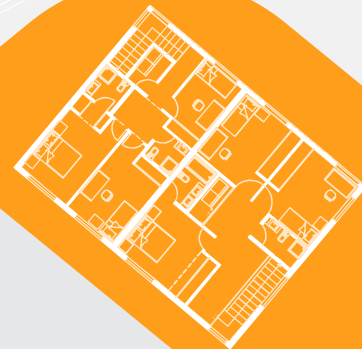
## Why Was the Catalogue Created?

- ✓ To clarify what types of housing may be possible under current zoning.
- ✓ To provide clear visual examples early in the process.
- ✓ To support more informed conversations with designers, builders, and City staff.



## Important Things to Know

- All designs and site plans are illustrative, not approvals or permits.
- A formal development and/or building permit application must still be submitted to the City.
- The catalogue does not change or replace zoning, Building Code, servicing, environmental, or other regulatory requirements.
- Always check the latest zoning, servicing, and Building Code requirements before submitting.



## How to Use the Catalogue

- 1. Understand your property:** Confirm what may be possible on your lot by using the City's [Urban Infill Residential Locator App](#) or contacting Planning staff. Review zoning requirements such as setbacks, height limits, parking, and servicing.
- 2. Browse design examples:** Explore the catalogue's site plan and building layout examples that generally align with current zoning and permitting requirements. Identify options that may suit your lot size, layout, and housing goals.
- 3. Work with a designer (if applicable):** If you choose a licensed design, work directly with the designer to purchase and adapt it while still meeting applicable zoning and Building Code requirements.
- 4. Apply for permits:** When ready, submit a [Building Permit](#) or Development Permit application to the City. All applications are reviewed through the City's standard permit review process.

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