

Public Input Options for Housing Approvals

Housing projects in Oak Bay follow different approval and public input processes depending on the type of project and the applicable rules. Oak Bay is currently seeing more housing-related projects in part because the Province has introduced new housing requirements that municipalities must follow to achieve provincial housing goals. In 2025, the District updated the Official Community Plan (OCP) to plan for a 20-year supply of new housing.

For many housing development projects, public input is limited or not part of the process, such as when changes are consistent with the OCP, or where guidelines have been set for staff-delegated approval. Different projects follow different approval paths.

The most extensive public input options do not apply to most development applications but are reserved for community-wide plans, policies, and larger initiatives that may affect the community or raise public interest. You can learn more about how Oak Bay approaches public engagement by reviewing the [engagement framework](#).

For a snapshot of housing approvals, here is what to expect, and where public input may fit:



Not sure where a project fits?

- Check the [Development Tracker](#) to find the type of application for a project and property you are interested in. <https://onlineservice.oakbay.ca/WebApps/OurCity/Prospero/Search.aspx>
- Reach out to planning@oakbay.ca to ask: "What stage is this project at, and what input can I have?"

Footnote | *HRA: Heritage Revitalization Agreement