

**VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER  
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 611, 2007**



## **VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN BYLAW NO. 611, 2007**

A bylaw to adopt the Village of New Denver Official Community Plan pursuant to Part 29, Division 1 of the *Local Government Act*.

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Village of New Denver, in open meeting assembled hereby enacts as follows:

### **I. TITLE**

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the **Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007**.

### **II. APPLICATION**

The Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007 applies to all lands within the Village of New Denver as outlined on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map.

The provisions of this Bylaw include:

Schedule 'A' – Vision, Objectives & Policies

Schedule 'B' - Land Use Designations Map:

Schedule 'C' – Transportation & Trails Map

Schedule 'D' – Hazard Map

Schedule 'E' – Development Permit Area Building Design Guidelines

The attached schedules form part of this Bylaw and constitute, **The Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007** pursuant to Part 26 of the *Local Government Act* of British Columbia. In accordance with Section 882 of the *Local Government Act*, this Bylaw has been examined in conjunction with financial plan and the waste management plan of the Village of New Denver.

### **III. PURPOSE OF THE PLAN**

The New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007 is intended to ensure that decisions on the use and development of property within the Village of New Denver shown on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map are made with regard to the provisions identified in Part 26 of the *Local Government Act*.

The Plan is intended to form the basis for regulatory land use bylaws, capital expenditure programming and to provide guidance and information for private and public agencies and individuals.

### **IV. AUTHORITY AND REQUIREMENT OF THE LEGISLATION**

Section 876 of the *Local Government Act* gives the Village of New Denver the authority to adopt an official community plan.

Section 877 of the *Local Government Act* identifies the content that must be addressed in an official community plan.

Section 878 of the *Local Government Act* identifies policies, which a local government may include within an official community plan.

An Official Community Plan prohibits local government from stating anything but broad objectives on matters beyond its jurisdiction unless the Minister of Community Services, under Section 877(1) (g) specifically permits it. Nevertheless, the Plan may indicate directions which the Village intends to take in order to encourage senior levels of government and agencies with authority to undertake certain actions consistent with the Plan.

## **V. DEFINITION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Official Community Plan is a document that defines a set of general objectives and policies for the Plan Area. It provides a conceptual framework for decision-making concerning land use in the Plan Area and the form and character of land use patterns. It is intended as a reference for public and private agencies, groups and individuals.

The Community Plan becomes official when it is adopted through bylaw. Implementation of an Official Community Plan helps assure that future decisions of the Council of the Village of New Denver and government agencies will be compatible with the defined objectives and policies.

Preparation of the Community Plan involved public input and reflects community views on what are most important considerations in land use matters. Private investors may use the Plan as a source of guidelines, which may impact on project decisions. The Plan also suggests ways in which senior levels of government can co-ordinate their responsibilities with the preferences of the Community.

## **VI. CONSULTATION**

Pursuant to Section 879 of the *Local Government Act*, the Village of New Denver has provided numerous opportunities through open houses, workshops, questionnaires, invitations, presentations and referrals to numerous persons, organizations and authorities that may be affected by the official community plan. The content of the official community plan has been based on input from the public and referral agency comments. The official community plan was referred to the Regional District of Central Kootenay, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, the Lower Kootenay Band, School District No. 10, the Interior Health Authority, the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Forests and Range, the Ministry of Community Services, the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Advisory Planning Commission for RDCK Electoral Area H North Advisory Planning Commission.

**VII. ADMINISTRATION**

The Council of the Village of New Denver has four categories available for implementation of the Plan: a zoning bylaw, development permits, temporary commercial and industrial use permits, and covenants.

The Plan may be amended by the Village of New Denver on its own initiative or in response to an application for amendment.

**VIII. REPEAL**

The Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw 414, 1993, is hereby repealed.

**IX. SEVERANCE**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or Phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

**X. READINGS, APPROVAL AND ADOPTION**

READ A FIRST TIME this 10<sup>th</sup>. day of July 2007.

READ A SECOND TIME this 10<sup>th</sup>. day of July 2007.

SECOND READING RESCINED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 254 DATED AUGUST 14, 2007 WITH AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW NO. 611 AS PER RESOLUTION 254 AND THEREAFTER BYLAW NO. 611 READ A SECOND TIME BY CONTENT AS REVISED THIS 14<sup>th</sup>. day of August 2007.

WHEREAS A PUBLIC HEARING was held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

READ A THIRD TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Mayor

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Clerk

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **Vision, Objectives & Policies**

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## **1. VISION**

- 1.1.** New Denver is a beautiful, safe, healthy, friendly, and ecologically sound lake-front community. The future vision of New Denver continues this tradition by encouraging development that is sustainable and meets community desires through efficient and effective policies, services and programmes designed for all residents and property owners.

New Denver's future built and natural environment must respect the diverse natural setting and must optimize recreational and economic opportunities for all;

The vision shall promote a variety of personal and public opportunities within an overall context of sustainable ecological balance.

The vision for the Village of New Denver includes:

- 1.1.1. Safe and affordable housing;
- 1.1.2. Public ownership and public management of the Slocan Lake foreshore and Carpenter Creek riparian area;
- 1.1.3. A commercial core focused on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and which provides a unique shopping experience for residents and tourists alike;
- 1.1.4. Connections and links to resources, activities and assets outside the Village boundaries;
- 1.1.5. A full range of health, educational, institutional and other social services within the municipal boundary.

## **2. LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION**

- 2.1.** The future use and development of land within the Village of New Denver shall be consistent with the overall pattern of land use depicted on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map, based on the following land use designations.

- 2.1.1. Single Family Residential
- 2.1.2. Multiple Family Residential
- 2.1.3. Commercial
- 2.1.4. Public and Institutional
- 2.1.5. Parks and Open Space
- 2.1.6. Environmental Reserve

- 2.2** The general types of uses encouraged in each land use designation are explained in subsequent sections of this bylaw.

- 2.3** Council recognizes that some existing land uses do not conform to the designations shown on the Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map. The intent of Council is not to change the use of this land in the immediate future, but to illustrate the preferred pattern of land use as redevelopment occurs while this Official Community Plan is in force.

### **3. GENERAL FORM AND CHARACTER OF EXISTING AND FUTURE LAND USE**

#### **3.1. Objectives**

- 3.1.1. To encourage a land use pattern that provides for the health, safety, convenience and enjoyment of residents and visitors, while striving to recognize existing land use patterns and minimize future land use conflicts.
- 3.1.2. To encourage growth principles as follows:
  - 3.1.2.1. To preserve open spaces, natural beauty and environmentally sensitive areas;
  - 3.1.2.2. To support new development within areas where existing infrastructure has capacity to service the development before developing new infrastructure.
  - 3.1.2.3. To provide opportunities for walking, cycling, kayaking, canoeing and sailing as alternatives to carbon-fuel based transportation;
  - 3.1.2.4. To promote new development or redevelopment that shall strive to be sustainable and sympathetic to the community character.
  - 3.1.2.5. To see that new and redevelopment utilizes green technology wherever possible.
  - 3.1.2.6. To encourage citizens to be active in community life and decision-making.
  - 3.1.2.7. To encourage land use that promotes local food security.
- 3.1.3. To encourage bear awareness activities for all citizens.
- 3.1.4. To encourage all public agencies and the public to minimize interface fire hazard.
- 3.1.5. To encourage the development of a comprehensive management plan for Slocan Lake.

### **3.2. Policies**

- 3.2.1. Council's policy is to generally direct single family residential development to existing residential areas, including the main part of the village surrounding the commercial core and the 'orchard' area south of Carpenter Creek.
- 3.2.2. Council's policy is to generally direct multiple family residential use to areas in the core commercial area, near the school, near the Slocan Community Health Centre and in areas where conflicts with other uses will be minimized.
- 3.2.3. Council's policy is to direct commercial uses to the compact commercial core centered on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Slocan Avenue and parts of Union Street and Highway 31A.
- 3.2.4. Council's policy is to recognize the location of existing public and institutional uses.
- 3.2.5. Council's policy is to maintain parks and open space along the Slocan Lake waterfront, along Carpenter Creek, and in Centennial Park.
- 3.2.6. Council's policy is to ensure that the general form of new development is compatible with the quiet, small town, natural pristine character of New Denver.
- 3.2.7. Council's policy is to continually review and respond to community need with respect to domestic and farm animal regulations within New Denver.
- 3.2.8. Council's policy is to provide information and educational opportunities for bear awareness to New Denver and surroundings.
- 3.2.9. Council's policy is to provide information and educational opportunities for interface fire hazards to property owners and tourists.
- 3.2.10. Council's policy is to work together with other government agencies to establish a comprehensive management plan for Slocan Lake.

## **4. RESIDENTIAL**

### **4.1. Objectives**



- 4.1.1. To retain the existing residential density and character, with some exceptions to allow housing types and densities that can accommodate a wide range of socioeconomic and age groups.
- 4.1.2. To encourage full-time resident ownership of property wherever possible.

#### **4.2. Policies**

- 4.2.1. Council's policy is that single family residential land uses including single family homes, duplexes, homes with one suite, home based businesses, and bed and breakfast establishments shall locate in the Single Family Residential designation on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map.
- 4.2.2. Council's policy is to ensure that a single family residential land use remains the dominant form of land use in New Denver.
- 4.2.3. Council's policy is to allow limited use of existing single family residences for tourist accommodation use for community events to be regulated through zoning and business licensing.
- 4.2.4. Council's policy is to encourage residential infill development on existing vacant single family residential lots, provided soil conditions can accommodate on-site sewage disposal.
- 4.2.5. Council recognizes that New Denver only has a limited number of developable vacant residential lots within its boundaries. Furthermore, recent efforts to expand boundaries (for provisions of water services) were turned down; therefore, Council's policy is to accommodate demand for residential land by directing single family dwellings to existing vacant lots, or by accommodating a limited range of multi-family development on specific sites as shown on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map.
- 4.2.6. Council's policy is to direct multi-family developments to areas designated as Multiple Family Residential on Schedule 'B' - Land Use Designations Map. Multi-family residential development includes townhouses, row houses and cluster housing.
- 4.2.7. Council will actively encourage multi-family housing catering to seniors, low income residents, and renters in areas where conflicts with other uses will be minimized.
- 4.2.8. Within the commercial core area, Council's policy is to encourage combined commercial and residential uses.

- 4.2.9. Council's policy for combined commercial and residential uses is that residential uses in the form of apartments or townhouses shall locate either above or behind the commercial use.
- 4.2.10. Council's policy is to encourage residential development designated for seniors to locate either in the commercial core area or adjacent to the Slocan Community Health Centre.
- 4.2.11. Council's policy is to improve the appearance of dwellings by appropriately enforcing the Village's unsightly premises bylaw.
- 4.2.12. Council's policy is to limit the height of single family residential and multiple family residential buildings to two stories in order to preserve views of surrounding mountains.

## **5. COMMERCIAL**

### **5.1. Objectives**

- 5.1.1. To encourage a compact, visually appealing commercial core that operates year round to provide a wide range of goods and services.
- 5.1.2. To encourage home based commercial activities that provide for protection from land use conflict with existing residential uses.

### **5.2. Policies**

- 5.2.1. Council's policy is that commercial uses including local commercial, highway commercial, tourist commercial, and service commercial shall locate in the appropriate commercially designated lands identified on Schedule 'B' - Land Use Designations Map.
- 5.2.2. Council's policy is to pursue various means to improve the appearance of the commercial area, including the following:
  - 5.2.2.1. enforce the Commercial Development Permit Area guidelines set out in Section 14 and Schedule 'E' - Development Permit Area Objectives & Guidelines.
  - 5.2.2.2. provide façade design guidelines and help merchants obtain façade improvement grants wherever available.
  - 5.2.2.3. support Heritage Area Revitalization programs.

- 5.2.3. Council's policy is to encourage infilling of the commercial core by directing commercial and professional services development to existing vacant lots in the core.
- 5.2.4. Council's policy is to limit strip commercial development along Union Street and Highway 31A.
- 5.2.5. Council's policy is to promote New Denver as a focal point for tourism uses in the Slocan Valley, while still encouraging uses that serve the local community.
- 5.2.6. Council's policy is to permit Bed and Breakfast establishments throughout the community, ensuring that Bed and Breakfast uses do not interfere with surrounding residential uses.
- 5.2.7. Council's policy is to allow short-term tourist accommodation in Single and Two Family dwellings to be rented out subject to strict time limited regulations defined through zoning and business licensing.
- 5.2.8. Council's policy is to actively encourage the development of and the preservation of health care establishments that can serve the increasing senior population as well as the general public.
- 5.2.9. Council's policy is to permit and encourage mixed use development consisting of residential uses on the second storey or at the back of commercial buildings and ensuring street level frontage shall be reserved for commercial uses.
- 5.2.10. Council's policy is to limit building height in the commercial area to two and a half stories.
- 5.2.11. Council's policy is to seek foreshore rights to waters within the Village boundaries. The purpose is to manage commercial and recreational uses along the foreshore by preserving heritage values, quiet and the natural setting of the foreshore.
- 5.2.12. Council's policy is to encourage limited, quiet and clean commercial use along the Slocan Lake, including:
- Wharves, docks and walkways for public use;
  - Docks and establishments for lake tours and shuttle boats to other parts of Slocan Lake;
  - Rental of non-motorized vehicles such as canoes, kayaks, paddle wheels, row boats, and sail boards;
  - Rental of fishing boats with small electric or four-stroke outboard motors;

- No rental or sales of houseboats, jet skis, ski boats or other noisy water uses shall be permitted.

5.2.13. Council's policy is to permit a range of home based businesses that do not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of neighbouring homes in residential areas.

## **6. INDUSTRIAL**

### **6.1. Objective**

6.1.1. To encourage a very limited range of industrial uses to locate inside Village boundaries.

### **6.2. Policies**

6.2.1. Council's policy is to encourage industrial land uses and home based businesses that are environmentally friendly.

6.2.2. Council's policy is to consider future proposals to designate land for environmentally friendly industrial land uses, even though no specific industrial areas are defined on Schedule 'B' - Land Use Designations Map.

## **7. PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL**

### **7.1. Objective**

7.1.1. To recognize, retain and improve existing public and institutional uses, and direct future public and institutional use to location where they best serve the needs of New Denver and the surrounding area.

### **7.2. Policies**

7.2.1. It is Council's policy that health care, education, recreation, public administration, historical, religious, public service and government facilities shall locate in the Institutional designation on the Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map.

7.2.2. Council's policy is to allow new public and institutional offices in the commercial core area.

7.2.3. Council's policy is to support continued use of the development of the Slocan Community Health Centre campus for public wellness and health care purposes, and to designate land adjacent to the centre for future expansion as shown on Schedule 'B' - Land Use Designations Map.

- 7.2.4. Council's policy is to support the long-term presence of the Nikkei Interment Centre and the Silvery Slocan Museum.

## **8. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

### **8.1. Objectives**

- 8.1.1. To retain and improve existing parkland, open space and trails to serve local residents and tourists.
- 8.1.2. To promote a regional strategy with the Regional District and Village of Silverton to develop and maintain regional parks and trails that encourage active living for residents and tourists alike. Such examples include a trail connection along Slocan Lake to Silverton, connection to the Rosebery – Three Forks Rails to Trail Park.

### **8.2. Policies**

- 8.2.1. Council's policy is that playing fields, beaches, playground, public parks, trails, dikes, waterfront area, creekfront areas, as well as the existing public campground in Centennial Park, shall be designated as parks and open space as shown on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map.
- 8.2.2. Council's policy is to continue improving facilities in Centennial Park, including the campground.
- 8.2.3. Council's policy is to preserve the waterfront and creekfront area for park and public use.
- 8.2.4. Council's policy is to establish, improve and maintain a system of trails as set out on Schedule 'C' – Transportation & Trails Map, including trails in the following areas:
- Along Centennial Park waterfront, from the Slocan Community Health Centre to Carpenter Creek;
  - From Carpenter Creek along the waterfront to Greer park and on to Bigelow Bay;
  - Steps from trail to Bellevue Street;
  - Along the dike on the south side of Carpenter Creek, from Slocan Lake across the Highway to the trail up Carpenter Creek;
  - Along the dike on the north side of Carpenter Creek, from the lake, across the Highway and connecting with 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

- 8.2.5. Council's policy is to build a footbridge across Carpenter Creek provided a significant co-funding programme becomes available.
- 8.2.6. Council's policy is to support the establishment of a trail from New Denver to Silverton along Slocan Lake.
- 8.2.7. Council's policy is to continue to provide informative signs along the trail system.
- 8.2.8. Council's policy is to develop a plan for providing interpretive facilities, improved park facilities, and public amenities along the waterfront and creekfront areas.
- 8.2.9. Council's policy is to identify improvements that can be made to the flood protection dikes without compromising the dike's function.
- 8.2.10. Council's policy is to encourage trail linkage between the trails within the municipality and the Rosebery to Three Forks Rails to Trails conversion.

## **9. PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES**

### **9.1. Objectives**

- 9.1.1. To maintain a level of municipal services that will support good health and will comply with recognized need, servicing standards and the ability of residents to pay for services.
- 9.1.2. To protect and enhance all sources of potable water for the Village water system.

### **9.2. Policies**

- 9.2.1. Council's policy is to retain the existing water system.
- 9.2.2. Council's policy is to ensure that all future development requiring potable water is connected to the municipal water system.
- 9.2.3. Council's policy is to designate lands surrounding Village water sources as an Environmental designation where no development or disturbance other than protection of the source would be permitted.
- 9.2.4. Council's policy is to place the highest priority on water source protection in order to provide pure drinking water with no chemical additives.

- 9.2.5. Council's policy is to leave open the option of providing a community sewer system for either the higher density areas of the Village, or for the entire Village, over the long term.
- 9.2.6. Council's policy is to continue to monitor the effects of ground sewage disposal.
- 9.2.7. Council's policy is to continue relying on ground disposal for sewage.
- 9.2.8. It is Council's policy that low impact, unattended public utility buildings and structures necessary for the operation of existing and possibly new public utility services shall be allowed in all areas of the Village. However, public utility work yards, operations and service centres involving garages, shops, dispatch sites, offices and other similar activities shall be directed to locations away from residential areas and into appropriate areas as determined by the Zoning Bylaw.
- 9.2.9. It is Council's policy that no building or structure including towers and antenna, shall be erected or existing buildings and structures modified to accommodate the installation of equipment or facilities for wireless telecommunication services unless otherwise approved by Council based on a site specific, development specific amendment to the Zoning Bylaw.

## **10. ROADWAYS**

### **10.1. Objective**

- 10.1.1. To establish and maintain a road network that will guide development and provide for safe and efficient traffic circulation.

### **10.2. Policies**

- 10.2.1. Council hereby designates the major road network shown as existing major roadway and future major roadway on Schedule 'C' – Transportation & Trails Map.
- 10.2.2. Council's policy is to continue to follow a systematic plan for improving and repairing Village roads over the long-term.
- 10.2.3. Council's policy is to maintain sidewalks in critical areas such as downtown, near schools and near senior's facilities.

## **11. ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AND HAZARDOUS AREAS**

### **11.1. Objective**

- 11.1.1. To prevent development in environmentally sensitive areas, or in hazardous areas, unless measures have been taken to address the hazard.

## **11.2. Policies**

- 11.2.1. Council's policy is to consider steep embankments, with grades in excess of 30% as hazardous areas.
- 11.2.2. Council's policy is to prevent development on steep embankments and encourage the maintenance of natural vegetation to stabilize the slope.
- 11.2.3. Council will consider permitting development on steep embankments if the developer provides a suitable report from an Engineer experienced in geotechnical engineering, setting out how the area can be developed safely.
- 11.2.4. Council's policy is to recognize that the alluvial fan of Carpenter Creek is subject to flooding as shown on Schedule 'D' – Hazard Map.
- 11.2.5. Council's policy is to protect against the loss of life and to minimize property damage associated with flooding events. Where the plan allows for the construction and siting of buildings and mobile homes used for habitation, business or the storage of goods damageable by floodwaters, new construction may be subject to a geotechnical report pursuant to Section 56 of the *Community Charter* as required by the Village.
- 11.2.6. Council's policy is to control development of crown-owned environmentally sensitive areas along the waterfront and creek-front, and therefore has designated these areas as Parks and Open Space on the Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map.
- 11.2.7. Council is interested in maintaining the integrity of Carpenter Creek with respect to impacts within the Village Boundaries.

## **12. TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE**

- 12.1. The Official Community Plan does not designate any areas where Council may issue a Temporary Commercial or Industrial Use Permit. Council may consider designating areas for Temporary Commercial or Industrial Use Permits in the future.



### **13. REDESIGNATION CRITERIA**

**13.1.** When reviewing an application for a land use redesignation in this Official Community Plan, Council may consider any of the following criteria where they are relevant. In addition, Council may also consider factors beyond the following criteria:

- the proposed designation should be compatible with current surrounding land uses;
- the proposed designation should be compatible with possible future land uses shown on Schedule 'B' - Land Use Designations Map;
- the proponent shall show how the proposed use will have positive environmental impacts;
- the proponent should identify and address any potentially hazardous conditions, such as flood hazards or steep slopes;
- the proponent must demonstrate that the site will have access to adjacent roadways and will be provided with adequate potable water and sewer services;
- the proposed designation should be consistent with the Vision, goals, objectives and policies of this Official Community Plan.

### **14. COMMERCIAL CORE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREA**

#### **14.1. Development Permit Area #1**

14.1.1. All lands within areas identified as Development Permit Area # 1 as shown on Schedule 'B' – Land Use Designations Map are designated as a Development Permit Area pursuant to Sections 919.1(d) and 919.1(f) of the *Local Government Act*, for the purpose of revitalizing the commercial core and to establish objectives for the form and character of commercial and multi-family development in the commercial core of the Village of New Denver.

#### **14.2. Justification and Guidelines**

14.2.1. The special conditions and objectives that justify the designation, as well as the guidelines for Building Design and Colour Design are set out in Schedule 'E' – Development Permit Area Building Design Guidelines.

**14.3. Exemptions**

- 14.3.1. Development permits are not required within Development Permit Area #1 for internal alterations which do not affect the outer appearance of the building;
- 14.3.2. Single Family Dwellings.

**SCHEDULE 'E'**  
**Development Permit Area Building Design Guidelines**

This is Schedule 'E' referred to in Part II of the Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007.

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# **Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007**

## **Schedule 'E' Development Permit Area #1 - Building Design Guidelines**

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## **Schedule 'E' Development Permit Area #1 - Building Design Guidelines**

# THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER BUILDING DESIGN GUIDELINES

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## I BUILDING DESIGN GUIDELINES

The Village of New Denver Building Design Guidelines have been tailored to meet the needs of the Development Permit Area. By describing and illustrating the village's approved design expectations, Building Design Guidelines assist in the difficult task of explaining and regulating quality revitalization design. Typical Guidelines users include property owners, developers, designers, merchants and the Corporation of the Village of New Denver.

## II THEMATIC GUIDELINES

Proposals for storefront renovation and new construction in the Development Permit Area should respect the Village of New Denver's design objective, which is:

(A) To protect and enhance the heritage buildings present in the Village; and, (B) to promote new buildings which strive for a unified visual appearance with the historic downtown by means of streetscape and facade elements, signage and appropriate stylings.

As well as giving information on New Denver's established historic architecture, the Guidelines provide design suggestions for new construction which blend well with the historic core and the environment. Many of the design standards covered in the Guidelines feature suggestions appropriate to New Denver's two-part design theme. If recommendations for heritage buildings differ from those for new buildings, the distinction is made in the appropriate design element section.

The built environment is a valuable cultural resource which should be protected and enhanced for the benefit of the community and its economy. Many buildings in New Denver's commercial core date as far back as one hundred years ago. Renovation plans for heritage buildings should be based on a respect for the original design rather than adoption of treatments that do not relate to the building. Historic photographs as well as the Village of New Denver Building Design Guidelines can be excellent sources of appropriate design treatments.

Designs for new construction should blend well with the historic core. The use of natural, rather than synthetic materials will do much to enhance the appearance of New Denver's downtown core. Designs for new buildings should be consistent with the recommendations put forward in the Building Design Guideline document. By reinforcing established streetscape elements in new designs the character of the village will be preserved.

## I ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Consider design and construction requirements posed by the area's weather conditions.

### i. WIND

Hanging signs, awnings and canopies should be constructed with sufficient bracing to withstand strong winds.

### ii. RAIN

Architectural elements exposed to precipitation, such as roofs, cornices, edges, canopies and decorative detailing, should be properly designed and flashed to protect the building structure and carry water away from pedestrian pathways or human-use areas.

### iii. SNOW

Any building structure upon which snow accumulates (canopies, awnings, balcony roof forms) should be constructed in a manner conducive to spontaneous snow dump of accumulated loads into non-pedestrian or non-human-use areas. In cases where this is not feasible, the design should consider the factors involved in physical removal of snow build-up when it approaches carrying limits.

### iv. ICE

Repeated heating and cooling of snow loads can give rise to ice accumulations. Building design should therefore consider heat loss factors as a method of controlling ice build-up. Proper flashing should be accorded to areas subject to ice accumulation. Walkways, entries, and other human-use areas should be designed with the aim of minimum potential ice build-up and efficient removal of accumulations that do occur.

## II STYLE {Plate: 1}

Style in the Development Permit Area results from design principles used in the buildings of the streetscape. Building massing, setback, scale, proportion, and pattern are treatments that deserve consideration when planning revitalization or new construction activities.

Vintage photographs indicate that the early buildings of New Denver were executed in wood and were between one and three-and-a-half storeys in height. Most were of modest design with lively patterns created by surface materials, articulated cornices, elaborate canopies and contrasting paint schemes.

Fortunately many of New Denver's heritage buildings have survived the passage of time and may be enhanced with little effort. Buildings erected in the last twenty-five years which lack the picturesque qualities of New Denver's heritage structures may be improved by tasteful selection of exterior wall materials, trims and colour schemes.

## III SETBACK {Plate: 2}

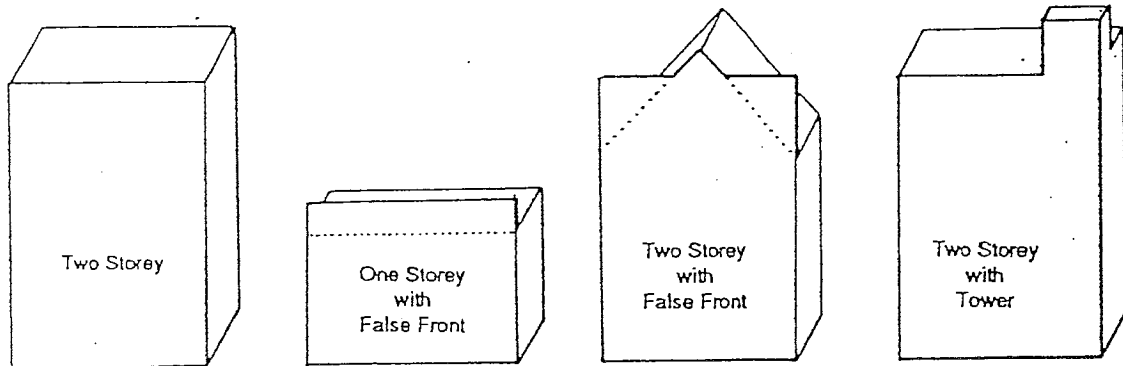
A setback is the distance relationship between the building's front facade and the sidewalk. New Denver's commercial buildings meet the sidewalk with very little setback. When all buildings maintain this setback a streetscape harmony results. Setbacks for new structures should be governed by the location of adjacent buildings. In general, plans proposing a substantial setback from the established streetscape are discouraged.



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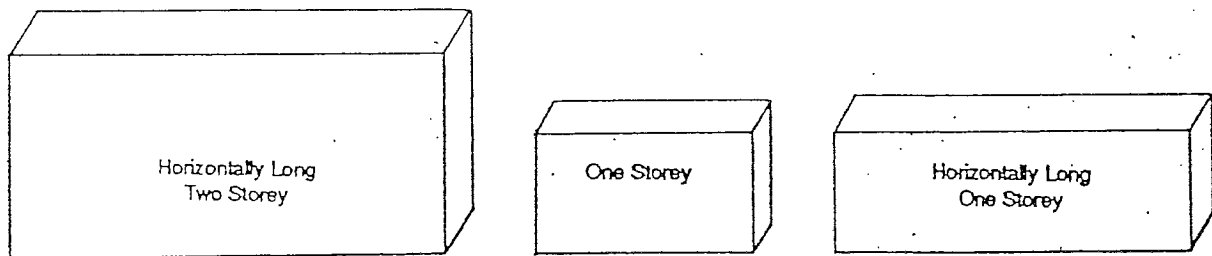
## BUILDING MASSING

### Historic



Most commercial structures were massed to emphasize a vertical orientation, usually by means of vertically rectangular buildings. When a building facade was longer than it was tall, surface ornamentation and facade divisions (ie. pilasters, windows, storefront configuration), created a vertical emphasis.

### Modern

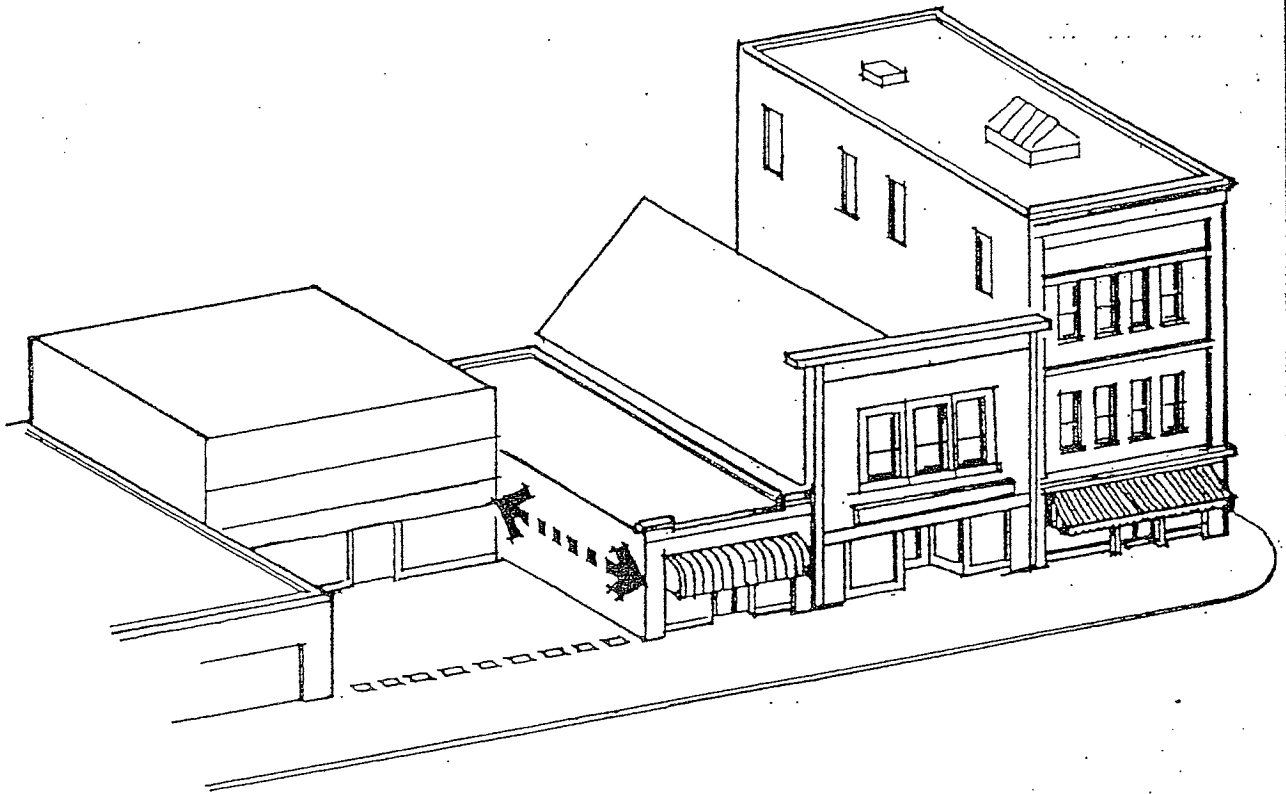


In the early 1900s a trend toward horizontal massing and horizontal emphasis in detailing began to develop. Recently built commercial structures tend to reflect this modern design attitude.

*New infill within the Downtown Revitalization Development Permit Area should strive to mimic the massing and proportions of historic structures. One and two storey structures should not be excessively long and should emphasize the vertical in detailing. Refer to Sections A and B for more information.*

# PLATE: 2

## SETBACK



Consider proposed setback with respect to prevailing street pattern.

#### IV SCALE {Plate: 3}

Many of New Denver's early commercial structures were between one or three stories in height. The popular false front treatment or steeply pitched roof often added additional height to the building. When new structures are planned for the area, efforts should be made to encourage building heights that compliment existing, adjacent buildings. Imposition of a new structure that varies radically in height from the scale of existing buildings may prove detrimental to the look of the streetscape. For this reason, building height for new construction in the development permit area is limited to two-and-a-half stories or twelve meters.

#### V PROPORTION {Plate: 4}

By examining the height-to-width proportions (relationships) of various buildings in New Denver's downtown core, characteristics of historic and modern design aesthetics emerge. Historic buildings tend to have a vertical emphasis which can be observed in window openings, facade shapes and detailing that guides the eye upwards. Conversely, many modern buildings appear to emphasize the horizontal by means of flat roofs without cornice treatments, horizontally long windows, and building shapes that extend in a direction parallel to the ground.

To be consistent with New Denver's design theme, new buildings and revitalized structures within the designated development area should emphasize the vertical in window openings, facade shapes and ornamental detailing.

#### VI PATTERN

##### i. WALLS, WINDOWS & SKYLINES {Plate: 5}

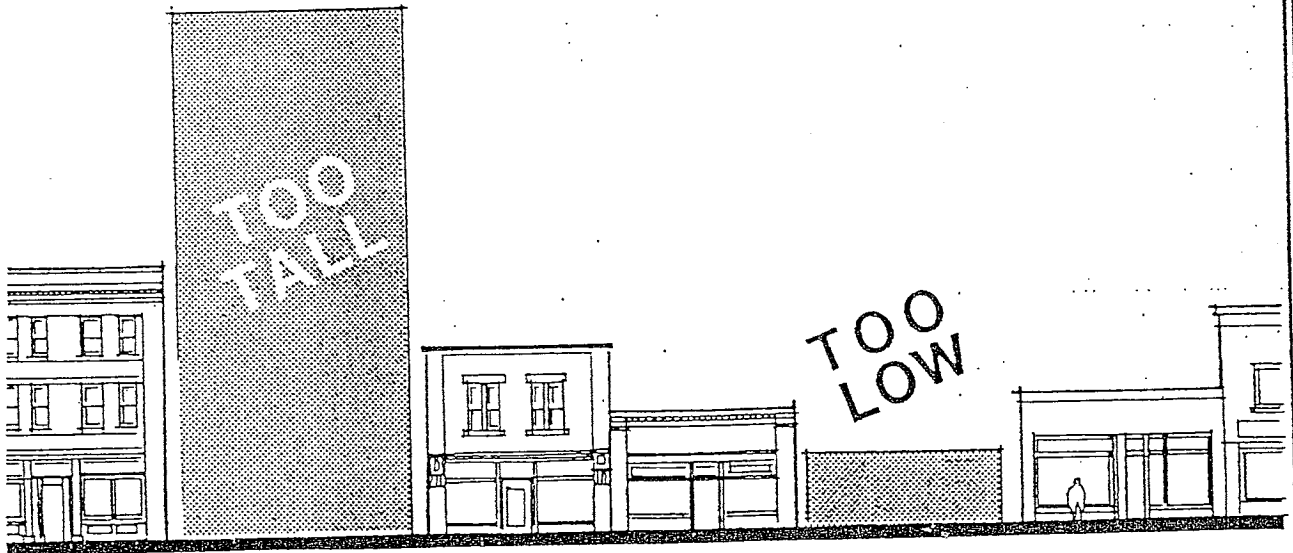
Balanced, symmetrical spacing of windows and doors was a common feature in buildings of the historic streetscape. The rhythmic effect of alternating walls and openings creates interesting pattern in the streetscape. New buildings should strive to feature symmetrical facades.

A building's skyline silhouette also adds pattern to the streetscape. Framing on many of the original wooden buildings was carried above the roofline to conceal a steeply pitched, gable-end roof behind a shaped false front. Skyline silhouettes used in New Denver ranged from the flat false front with built up cornice, to more elaborate stepped false fronts which incorporated semi-circular shapes. False fronts were used to create interest at the skyline and to provide an imposing commercial facade and large rectangular area for signage.

Building profiles for both existing structures *and* proposed construction should strive to create an animated, imaginative skyline by means of massing and articulation. Acceptable profiles range from the common flat-topped frontal elevation, to those with additional shapes as illustrated.

# PLATE: 3

## SCALE

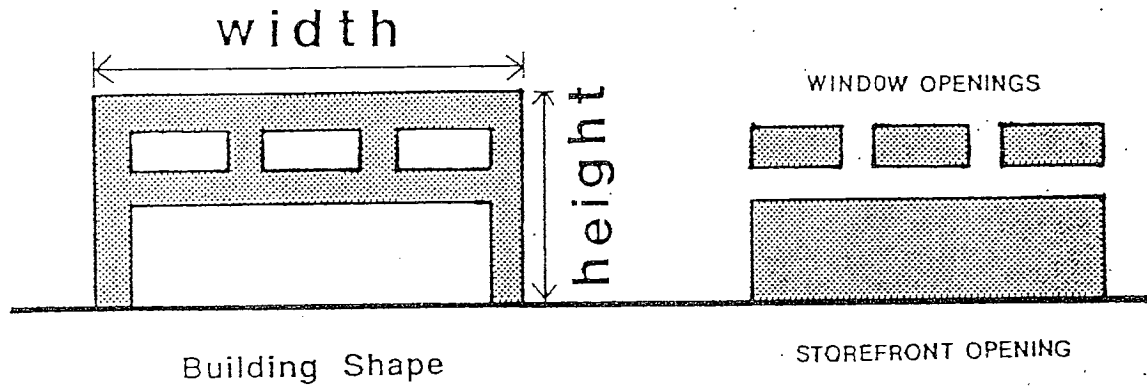


Heights that vary radically from adjacent buildings can detract from the look of the streetscape.

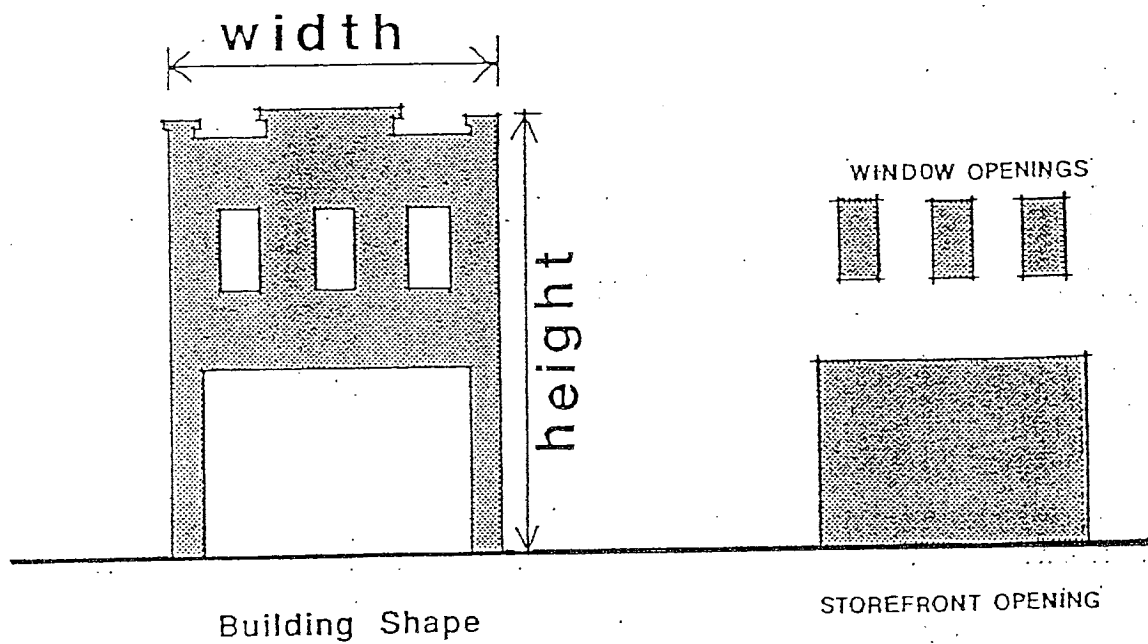
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## PROPORTION

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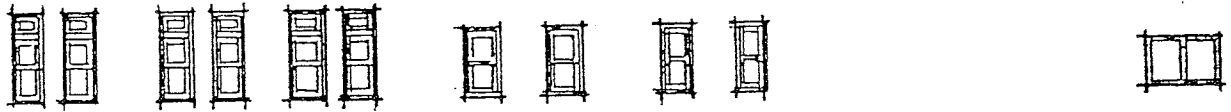
Vertical Emphasis:



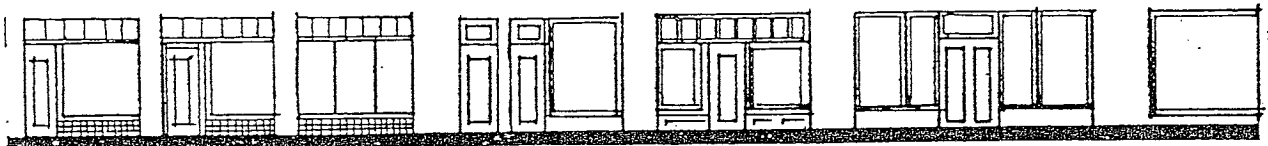
# PLATE: 5

## WALLS, WINDOWS & SKYLINE

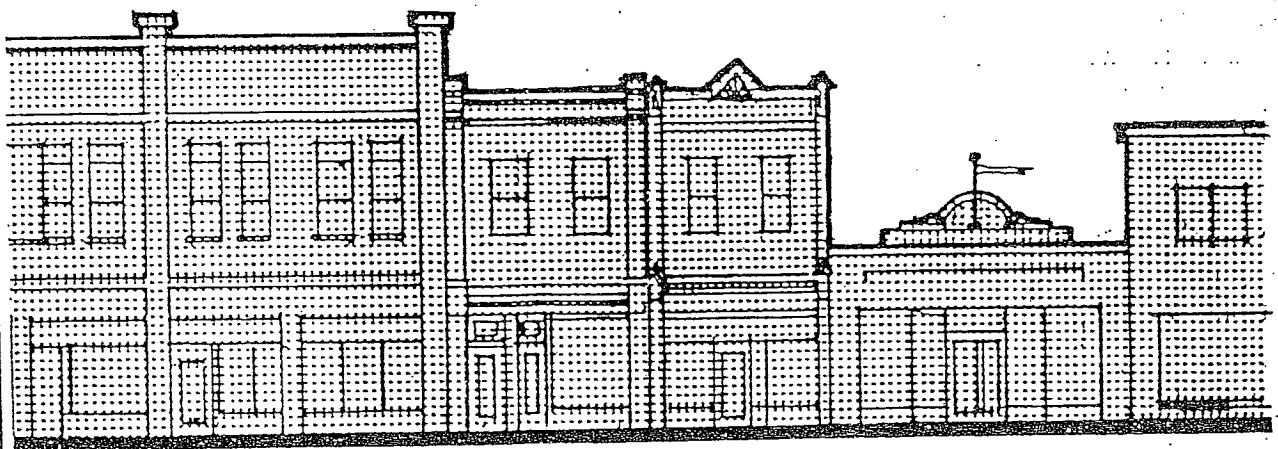
### Window Pattern



### Storefront Rhythm



### Articulated Skyline



## ii. SURFACE ARTICULATION {Plate: 6}

Pattern in the streetscape is created by surface articulation, or the 'ins and outs' of the building facade. Exterior wall surfaces that are articulated should be encouraged over flat, unbroken surfaces. Typical features that create pattern include wood siding, window and door trims, corner boards, indented bays, bulkheads, and cornices and brackets. Relief detailing of this nature creates a lively and interesting pattern when worked into the design of the building face.

## VII SECONDARY FACADES

A building is more than just the front facade. Traditionally, the highly visible front facade is reserved for more ornate detailing, whereas the secondary facades - the sides and rear of a building - receive less expensive treatments. The street face in the commercial district is the most important, however secondary facades should be finished in a manner that is pleasing to the eye and consistent with New Denver's design theme. Acceptable exterior wall treatments for secondary facades include horizontal sidings, vertical board-and-battens, brick, and stucco parging.

All proposals for new construction in the Permit Area should consider the finished appearance of secondary facades.

## VIII MAINTENANCE

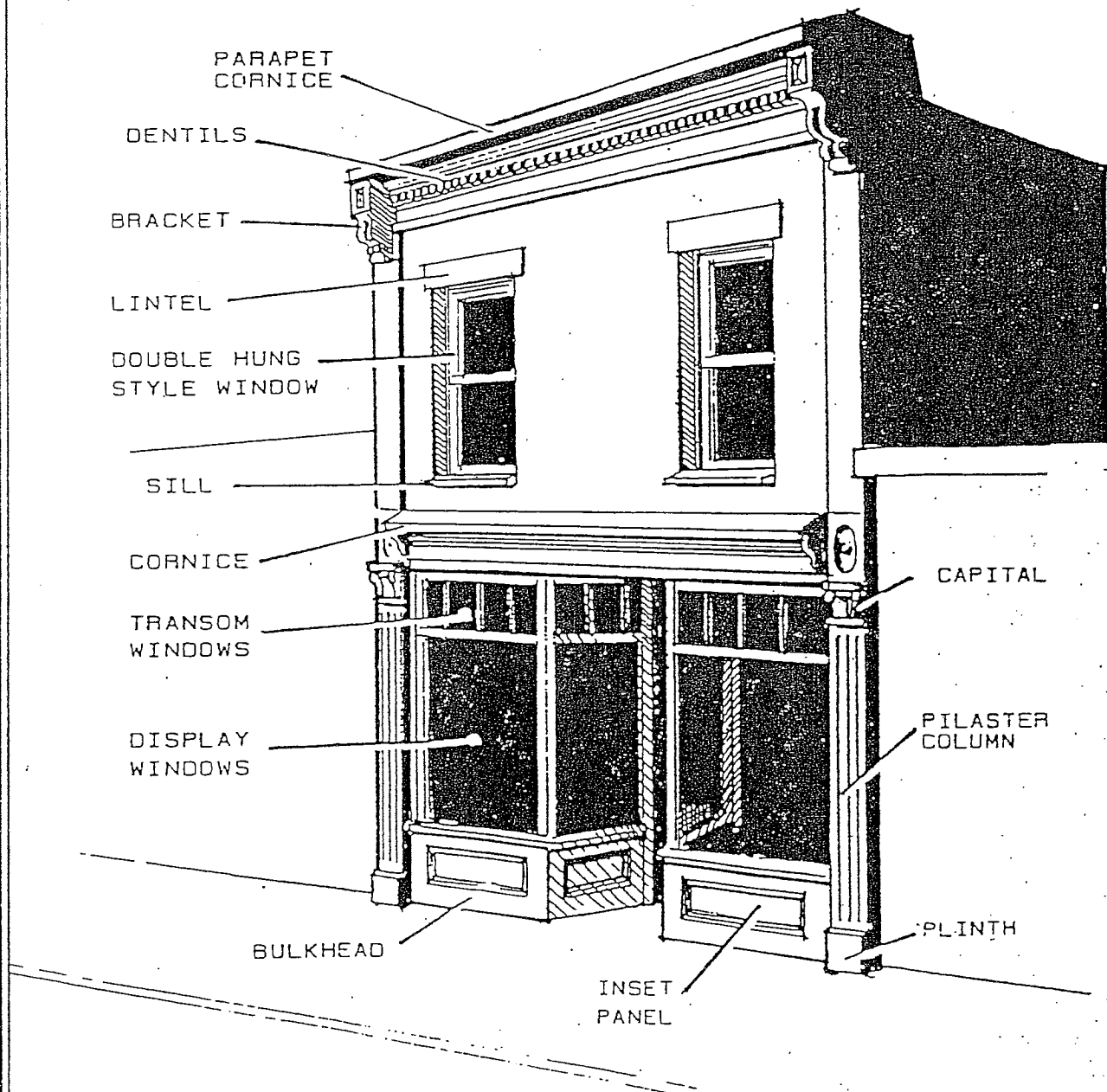
The effectiveness of the building facade is greatly influenced by the tidiness of its appearance. Buildings require ongoing maintenance - for instance, awnings require cleaning on a regular basis and exterior paint should be re-applied every ten or so years. Business owners should hold to a maintenance regimen that ensures the attractiveness of their building's facade.

If in the opinion of the Design Review Committee, the maintenance of a building is so poor as to become a detriment to the look of the Development Permit Area, the Committee may recommend to Council the enforcement of the Unsightly Premises Bylaw, or any other action which Council may deem appropriate. This would encourage the upgrading of the building facade to an acceptable community standard.

# PLATE: 6

## THE 'INS AND OUTS'

Pattern in the streetscape is created by the articulation, or 'ins and outs', of the building facade. Surface detailing should be worked into storefront design.





## I EXTERIOR WALL MATERIALS {Plate: 7}

Exterior wall material recommendations for new buildings and renovation efforts are informed by the precedent set by the early structures of New Denver. Historic photos show that New Denver's original buildings were largely made of wood frame construction and that front facades were sheathed with horizontal wood sidings. At least one historic New Denver building (Angrignon's barber shop on Bellevue Avenue) was built of brick.

Wood siding was carried down to the window level on most commercial buildings in New Denver. A common treatment was to highlight the bulkhead (the support wall under a display window) through the use of decorative wood paneling. The bulkheads were embellished with simple wood mouldings or with decorative wood siding applications, such as inset diagonal boards. In all wood buildings, vertical boards (1 x 4's or 1 x 6's) were used to cover-trim the corners and to outline door and window openings.

Several of New Denver's historic buildings have had their original wood siding patterns retained over the years. These provide design ideas for new buildings such as that at the corner of Eldorado and Sixth Avenue.

Whenever possible new buildings should be sheathed in traditional materials or materials made to appear in traditional forms. Horizontal wood sidings or traditional red bricks are preferred exterior materials.

Selection of facade materials should respect the variety of the village's climactic conditions, particularly sunlight, wind, rain or snow. Materials should be of a substantial nature to limit the effects of weathering and/or vandalism. Details should be sensibly designed to make certain that all portions of the building facade exposed to weathering are watertight. Building code requirements for snow and wind loading, and fire prevention must also be strictly adhered to.

### i. WOOD

Paint finishes are preferred over stain, clear finish or unfinished woods.

#### Encouraged:

- Horizontal wood board siding applications (front and secondary facades)
- Wooden corner boards: 1" x 4" or 1" x 6" (25 x 103 mm or 25 x 154 mm)
- Wooden trims for windows and doors: 1" x 4" or 1" x 6" (25 x 103 mm or 25 x 154 mm)
- Sawn wood shingles or thin hand-split shakes

#### Discouraged:

- Plywood and chipboard as finished siding
- Unfinished shakes and shingles.

### ii. MASONRY

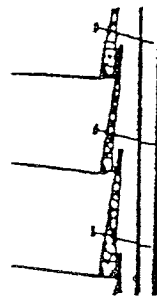
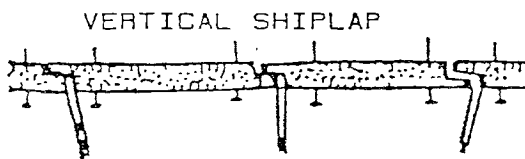
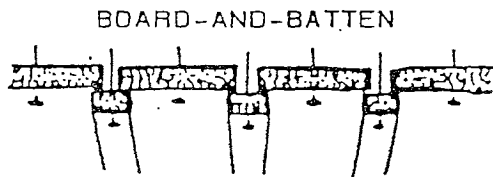
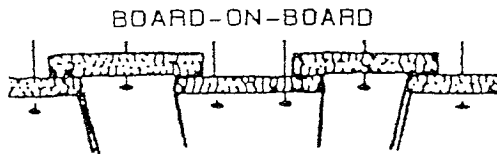
Historic photographs of New Denver indicate that brick was occasionally used as an exterior building material. Masonry, including stucco, provides an excellent low maintenance surface and may be used for new construction.

Masonry will blend more successfully with the heritage core if designs follow historic styling precedents.

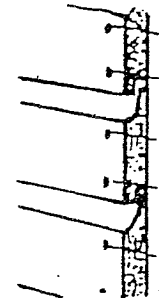
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## EXTERIOR WALL MATERIALS

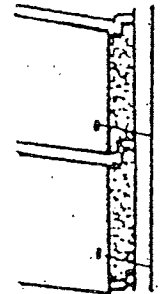
### Wood Siding Patterns:



CLAPBOARD

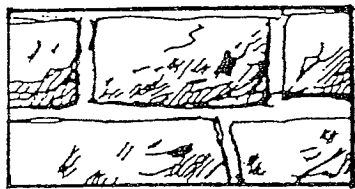


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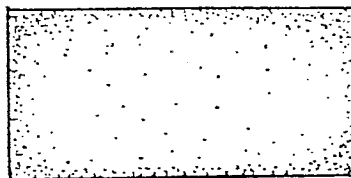


HORIZONTAL SHIPLAP

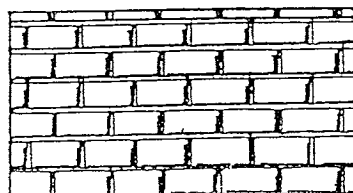
### Masonry Textures:



FACING STONE

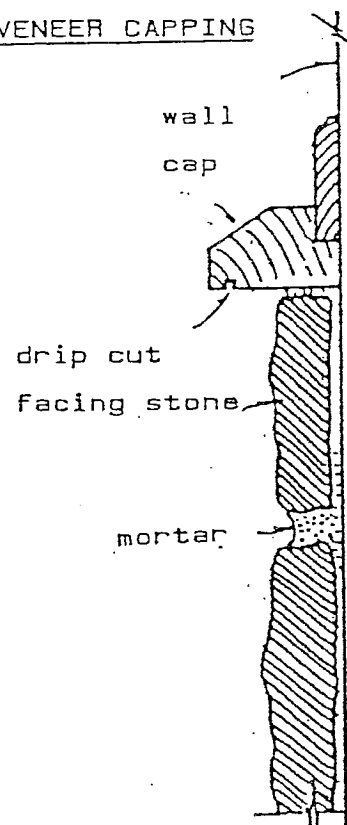


SAND FINISH STUCCO



BRICK OR CONCRETE BLOCK

### STONE VENEER CAPPING



## ii. MASONRY - cont.

### Encouraged - heritage buildings:

- Stucco that is flat and patternless. Colour should be mixed in with the mortar rather than applied later.

### Discouraged - heritage buildings:

- Masonry over historic wooden fabric
- Stone veneers (particularly random coursed veneers)
- Unfinished cast concrete
- Unfinished regular concrete block

### Encouraged - new buildings:

- Architectural Concrete
- Brick, in traditional earth tones (i.e. brick red)
- Concrete block: Only if textured, or split faced and scored.
- Coursed facing stone
- Stucco: The smooth, 'sand' finish is preferred. Colour should be mixed in with the mortar rather than applied later.

### Discouraged - new buildings:

- Unfinished cast concrete
- Unfinished regular concrete block

## iii. METALS AND SYNTHETICS

Synthetic materials are discouraged in favour of natural, historic materials.

### Encouraged - heritage buildings:

- Corrugated metal (secondary facades only)

### Discouraged - heritage buildings:

- Artificial brick or artificial stone
- Asbestos shingles or panels
- Fiberglass panels
- Vinyl, metal or plastic siding

### Encouraged - new buildings:

- Vinyl siding on modern buildings is allowed, with reservations: window, door, & corner trims should imitate wood trim details - 1 x 4", 1 x 6", 1 x 8"

### Discouraged - new buildings:

- Artificial stone.
- Fiberglass panels.
- Artificial brick.

## II WALL OPENINGS {Plate: 8}

### i. WINDOWS

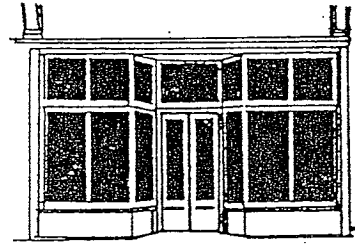
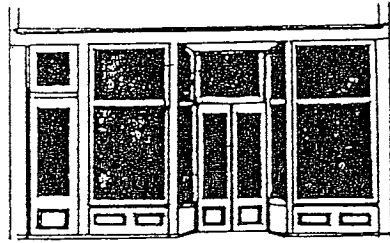
Windows are a key element in expressing the historic character of a building. The dominant type of heritage window in New Denver is the store display window, with multiple panes and fixed glazing. Commercial display windows are generally divided into smaller units to facilitate glass replacement in the event of breakage. Window muntin bars provide surface opportunities for multi-colour paint schemes.

Up to the 1930s, frames, sashes, and glazing bars made of wood were far more common than the modern metal-framed window. When metal framed windows are present in the building facade, attempts to play down this non-historic treatment might include: (i) putting wood trim around windows; (ii) using false muntin insets to create a multi-paned effect; (iii) giving windows (in particular, large display windows) period lettering treatments; and, (iv) applying paint to the aluminum sash to conceal the metallic surface.

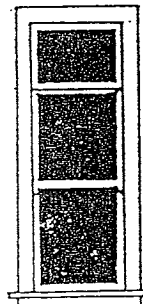
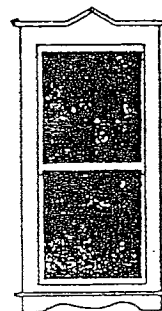
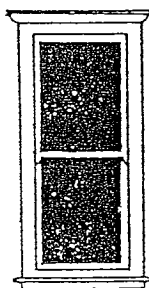
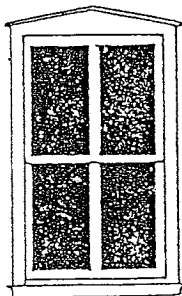
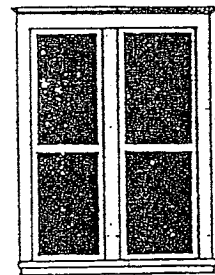
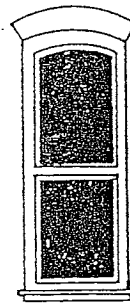
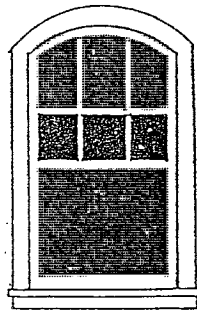
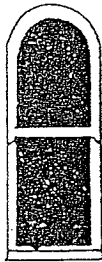
# PLATE: 8

## WALL OPENINGS

### Storefront Windows



### Upper Storey Windows



#### i. WINDOWS - cont.

Original display and transom windows should be retained whenever possible. It is generally agreed that unobscured transom windows add greatly to the appeal of an older structure.

Upper storey window openings should respect the precedent of the original building style. Whenever possible, window sashes on older buildings should be retained. If thermal upgrading is necessary, snap-in muntin insets that copy the original muntin pattern should be used.

##### Encouraged - heritage buildings:

- Wood frames, glazing bars, sash, sill, & lintel
- Double hung, multi-paned windows
- Vertically long and rectangular window panes
- False, or snap-in muntin insets
- Coloured metal or painted frames
- Transom windows
- Period lettering: etched, painted or decals

##### Discouraged - heritage buildings:

- Flat, featureless, window surrounds
- Unpainted metal frames
- Small horizontal format windows
- Enlarged upper storey windows resulting in modern proportioned, 'picture windows'

##### Encouraged - new buildings:

- Detailing of the building face in the proximity of windows (i.e. sills, lintels, and trims.)

##### Discouraged - new buildings:

- Flat, featureless, window surrounds.

#### ii. DOORS

Doors are also capable of conveying an interesting, inviting look in the downtown core. Older commercial buildings often had wooden, paneled doors that were partially glazed with fixed glass panes. Additional glazing was sometimes used above the door itself (transom lights). Trimming and capping of doors should follow the pattern established by windows treatments. A modern entrance treatment is to use a thick, single sheet of glass as a door. If present, glass doors should be etched, lettered or decaled.

##### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Wooden doors with panels or mouldings to give surface interest
  - Glass panels set in the door
  - Transom windows above the door
  - Painted or anodized metal doors
- ##### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:
- Flush, rather than paneled, wooden doors
  - Doors without glazing
  - Unpainted metal or aluminum doors

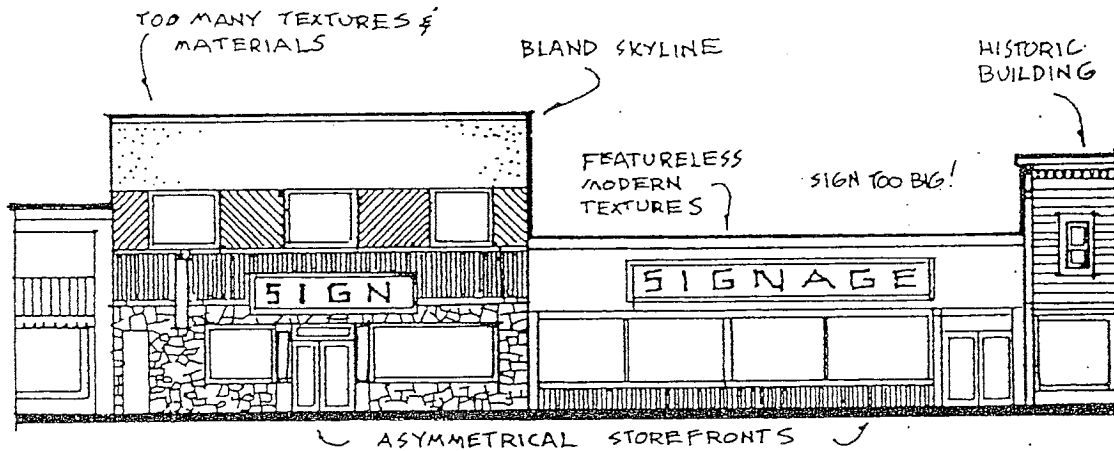
#### III ORNAMENTATION {Plate: 9}

In the spirit of New Denver's stated theme, ornamental details (based on precedent when possible) should be used generously.

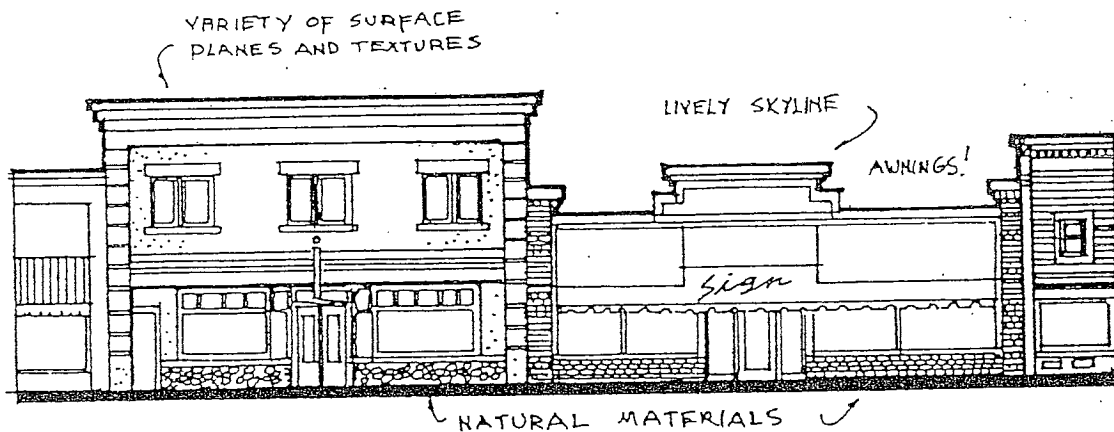
When considering ornamental details for new or historic buildings in the Development Permit Area, think in terms of: i) exterior wall materials, ii) surface planes and textures, and, iii) skyline articulation.

# PLATE: 9

## ORNAMENTATION



Styles of Contemporary Infill (NOT Recommended)



Styles of Contemporary Infill (Recommended)

### III ORNAMENTATION - cont.

Exterior wall materials should be consistent throughout the building facade. If more than one type of exterior material is advocated, careful consideration of the finished look of the facade should be taken. Although featureless modern treatments are not recommended, the opposite extreme can be just as detrimental to the final look of the building. Wood siding is a preferred material for historic buildings, and *natural* materials are advocated for contemporary infill. Surface planes and textures can be used ornamentally to add interest to the building face. Treatments that enhance the features of the building, such as corner detailing, bulkheads, or window trims, are encouraged. Indented bays are another way to provide planar variety. Historic textures include wooden sidings or smooth stucco; both treatments should feature varied planes in the form of ornamental trims or copings.

Front wall and roof junctions should be articulated to provide interest at the skyline. This can be done with a false front treatment or by building up the roof-wall junction with a series of boards and/or with brackets.

Awnings & signage provide more opportunities for ornamentation. (See the following chapters.)

#### Encouraged - heritage buildings:

- Articulated cornices and skylines
- Historic textures
- Trims at windows, doors and corners.
- Knee-braces and brackets
- Shaped sawn shingles

#### Discouraged - heritage buildings:

- Modern painted murals, except trompe l'oeil
- Stone mosaic murals

#### Encouraged - new buildings:

- Variety of surface planes and textures
- Lively skyline
- Awnings or canopies
- Natural materials

#### Discouraged - new buildings:

- Flat, unbroken surfaces
- Featureless modern textures
- Too many varied textures and materials
- Bland skylines

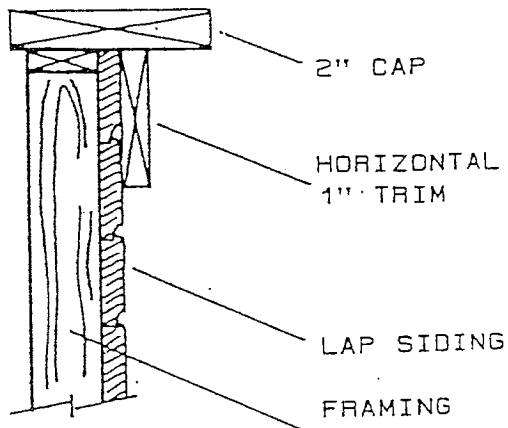
### IV CORNICE TREATMENTS {Plate: 10}

Turn-of-the-century style dictated that the wall-roof junction be 'capped off' by a series of decorative boards, collectively called the cornice. This tradition was followed well into the 1920s in New Denver. Cornices could be as simple as a single horizontal board of 1" (25mm) thick stock fastened to the top of the fronting wall, with a 2" (51mm) thick cap covering it at right angles. More intricate cornices were constructed by building up a series of boards of varying thicknesses and widths under the cap.

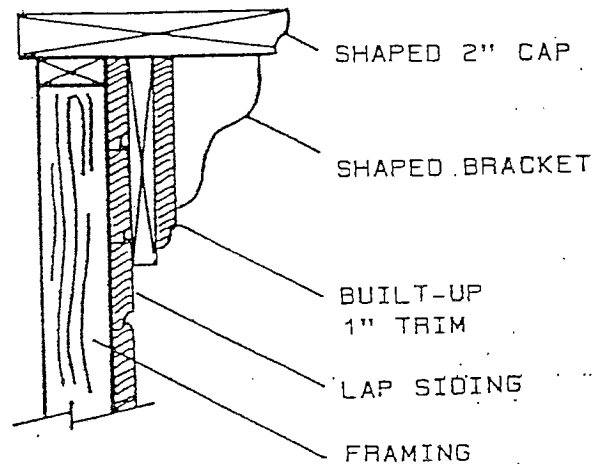
Built up boards add interest to the cornice profile and are consistent with New Denver's design theme. A formed bracket in sawn wood can be integrated at right angles for decorative support. Cornices should be designed in a manner that prevents water seepage into materials below the cap. Cornice design on historic buildings should reflect original style. Refer to historic photographs for design ideas.

## CORNICES & ROOF PROFILES

### Simple Cornice

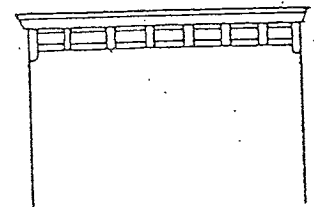
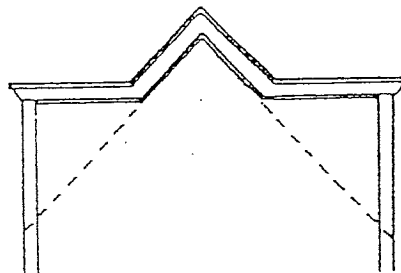
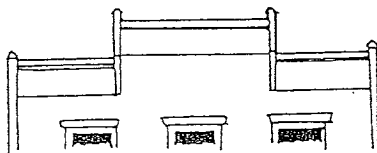
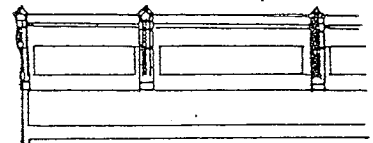
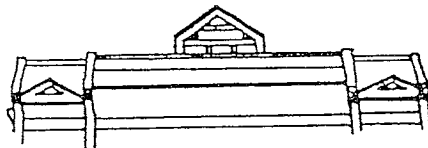


### More Elaborate Cornice



### Building Profiles

Roofline or building profiles similar to those illustrated below were once common in the historic downtown. In cases of renovation to existing buildings where the roofline does not follow traditional patterns, false fronts may be constructed and attached to create period style.





#### IV CORNICE TREATMENTS - cont.

##### Encouraged - heritage buildings:

- Cornice profiles that project out from the building face using historic mouldings
- Cornices that enliven skyline by height variations appropriate to building style & massing
- Cornice design and detailing that can withstand prevailing weather patterns

##### Discouraged - heritage buildings:

- Flat, unarticulated cornices

##### Encouraged - new buildings:

- Cornice design for commercial buildings in New Denver should attempt to enliven the skyline with variations in heights sympathetic to the building style and massing.
- Cornice design and detailing should acknowledge prevailing weather patterns.

##### Discouraged - new buildings:

- Flat, unarticulated cornices.

#### V ROOFS

Roofs characteristic of downtown New Denver include front-end gables with pitches of 12 in 12 and 8 in 12, flat or stepped roofs with a slight downward grade toward the rear, and hipped roofs as in the old Bank of Montreal building. False fronts and parapet wall roofs were frequently employed on the wooden buildings.

##### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Front-end gables with 12/12 or 8/12 pitches
- Flat or stepped false fronts hiding gable or flat\* roof (\*with gradual downward slant to rear)
- Parapet walls
- Hipped roofs

##### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Flat, level roofs

#### VI ROOFING MATERIALS

Roof structures should be designed to withstand a minimum snow loading of 67 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>, or 3.2 KN/M<sup>2</sup>.

##### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Sawn wood shingles
- Shingle textured synthetics
- Thin hand-split shakes

##### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Rough shakes
- Tile
- Reflective tin roofing
- Non-coloured metal
- Tar and gravel

#### VII LIGHTING ON BUILDINGS

Light fixtures attached to the building face should reflect the nature of the original building style, both historic and modern. Avoid fixtures which are uncharacteristic of the Village's actual heritage.

##### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Indirect, concealed fluorescent or incandescent
- Turned, enameled, metal shades
- Metal-cast fixtures

##### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Fixtures uncharacteristic of the Village's actual heritage

## I. SIGNAGE

Signage should respect the decorative features of the building, the precedent of historic signage locations, and the overall street image. Wooden signs of fascia (flush-mounted), and projecting (hanging) types should be encouraged. Lettering painted on the sides of buildings is desirable as a method of signage, and is consistent with New Denver's design theme. Fascia and projecting signage of the non-interior lit style is preferred over the modern, interior lit plastic type. An adequate means of indirect lighting should be provided. Maximum allowable sign size is determined by a ratio formula of linear frontage to surface area of sign. Consult New Denver's Sign Bylaw for complete information on specifications. (See Section D for awning & canopy signage recommendations.)

### II TYPES OF SIGNAGE {Plate: 11}

#### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Fascia and Projecting
- Window
- Painted wall signage
- Awning and backlit awning
- Canopy face and canopy underside
- Sandwich board signs on sidewalk

#### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Rooftop signs
- Flashing or moving signs

### III LIGHTING SIGNS {Plate: 12}

#### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Indirect lighting styles

#### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Interior lit signs

## IV LETTER & COLOUR DETAILS

Building style and colours, as well as the nature of the establishment, should be considered in the selection of appropriate sign typeface.

#### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Clear, legible stylized lettering
- Creative graphics

#### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Large expanses of white backgrounds
- Home-made, amateurish signs
- Ultra modern graphics and/or lettering styles

## V MATERIALS AND SURFACES

If plywood is used for sign making, use appropriate exterior grades of coated board (i.e. Krezon™) and seal all edges.

#### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Painted, carved or shaped wood
- Painted metal
- Building facades with period lettering
- Awnings or canopies
- Glass with period lettering or decals
- Glass that is etched or sandblasted
- Backlit fascia-mounted plastic with period lettering
- Iron or wood mounting brackets and bracing
- Neon tube

#### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Unfinished plywood
- Flashing or moving illuminated signs
- Hanging or projecting illuminated plastic signs
- Interior lit signs

# PLATE: 11

## TYPES OF SIGNAGE

### Signs For Commercial Buildings:



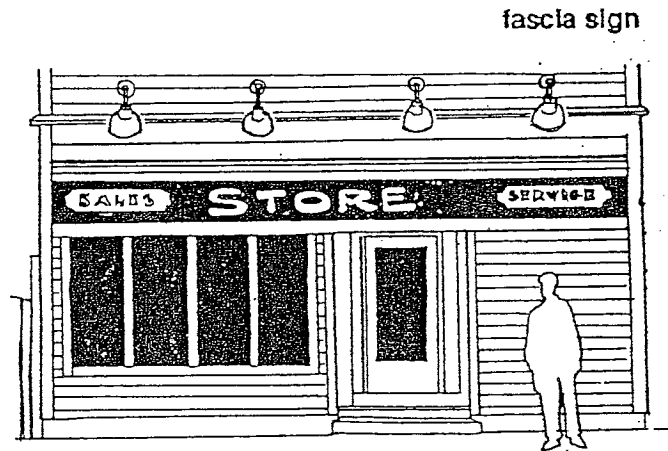
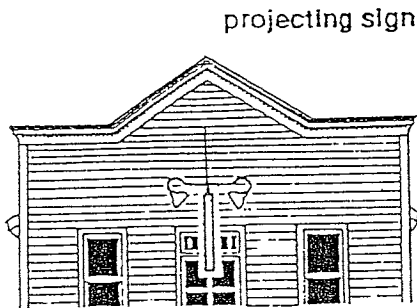
- Fascia
- Projecting
- Awning
- Window
- Free Standing

### Sign Materials:

- Glass • Plastic • Metal • Wood • Paint

## LIGHTING & LETTERING SIGNS

### Indirect Lit Signs



### Interior Lit Signs

**dark background**

**light background**

A message is easier to read and more effective when surrounded by a darker background, making it the better choice.

### Lettering Styles

#### HISTORIC STYLES

**STRAND SHADED**

**Broadway**

**Talisman**

**Times** New Roman

**SILVER SCREEN**

**Goudy** Extra Bold

**Victorian** Inline Shaded

**BROADWAY** Engraved

**GOLD RUSH**

#### MODERN STYLES

**HAND DRAWN**

**STENCIL** Bold

**Shatter**

**LED**

**SINALOA**

**Data 70**

**cunobine**

**Dom Casual**

**traffic**

## VI BUILDING FASCIA SIGNAGE [Plate: 13]

When interior lit signs are used, the light box should be mounted in a manner that minimizes its intrusive quality. Boxes and mounting brackets should compliment the building face in design and colour.

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Maximum ratio of 1: 1 (linear frontage : surface area of sign)
- Backlit plastic - dark backgrounds with light lettering preferred
- Painted plywood - coated Krezon™ plywood preferred
- Metal
- Carved wood

## VII PROJECTING SIGNAGE

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Maximum ratio of 4: 1 (linear frontage : surface area of sign)
- Carved wood
- Painted wood
- High quality, exterior grade plywood finished on all sides
- Metal

Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Interior lit plastic

# PLATE: 13

## SIGN SIZE RATIO FORMULA

The maximum allowable size of sign within the Downtown Revitalization Permit Area is determined by a ratio formula of linear frontage of building to surface area of sign.

### Fascia Sign Example

RATIO FORMULA for fascia signs is 1 : 1

If linear frontage of building is 36'-0",

Applying ratio of 1 : 1 gives 36 : 36,

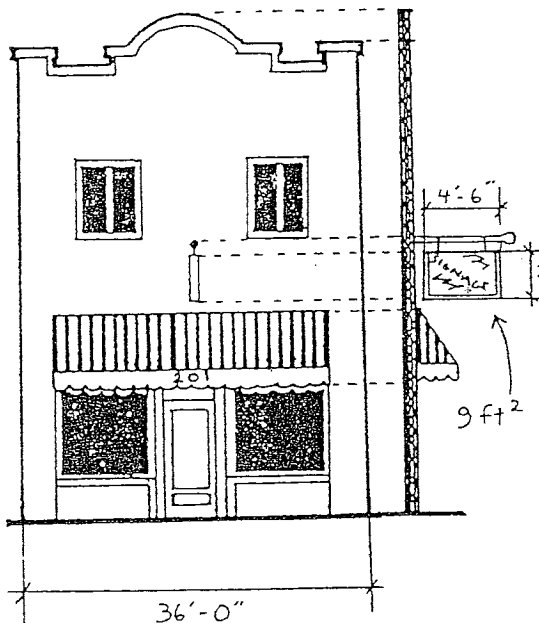
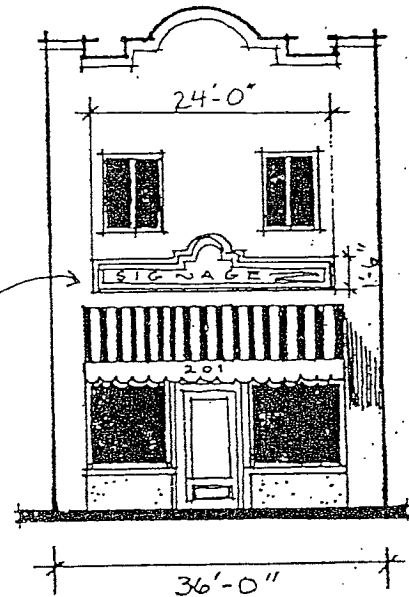
Therefore the allowable sign area is 36 square feet.

Possible options include:

2'-0" high by 18'-0" wide

or 3'-0" high by 12'-0" wide

36 Ft.<sup>2</sup>



### Projecting Sign Example

RATIO FORMULA for projecting signs is 4 : 1

Same building equipped with a projecting sign,

Applying ratio of 4 : 1 gives 36 : 9,

Therefore the allowable sign area is 9 square feet.

Possible options include:

3'-0" high by 3'-0" wide

or 2'-0" high by 4'-6" wide

9 ft.<sup>2</sup>

## I AWNINGS

An awning is a fabric-covered structure that is attached to the building facade and affords protective cover to the sidewalk area. Historic photographs of New Denver show that various forms of overhead sidewalk coverings were used on downtown buildings. Awnings, canopies and balconies protected pedestrians, boardwalks and the lower building facade from weather exposure. Today these coverings provide the opportunity for attractive decorative highlights to the commercial district.

Traditional awning frames were of the retractable style, whereas modern awnings are usually constructed of fixed tube steel frames. Available awning materials include woven cotton, acrylic fabric, and sheet vinyl. Quality awning manufacturers will provide the information necessary to ensure the fabric is appropriate for local climactic conditions.

### i. DESIGN

Awning design should be sympathetic to the style, scale, form, and period of the building. Avoid awnings that are so small as to give inadequate weather protection to the sidewalk, or so large as to obscure the building facade or historic detailing. Awning projection should be designed to minimize the tendency to dump snow or rain on the centre of the sidewalk.

### ii. ENCROACHMENT

Encroachment agreements between the building owner and the Village are required for all structures placed over public space.

### iii. DRAWINGS

Engineered drawings are required for all awning installations. Specifications should illustrate the awning structure and the nature of the building material to which the awning will be attached. Awnings should be installed by qualified experts.

### iv. CRITICAL DIMENSIONS {Plate: 14}

Minimum height above sidewalk: 8'-5" (2.5m)

Minimum projection: 3'-0" (.92m)

Minimum setback of face from curb edge: 2'-0" (.62 m)

### v. AWNING STYLES {Plate: 15}

Early photographs show that the 'three-point' awning style was used in New Denver.

Modern awning construction techniques allow for a much greater variety of shapes to be created, but discretion should be used in determining the suitability of the awning form to the subject building and ease in cleaning.

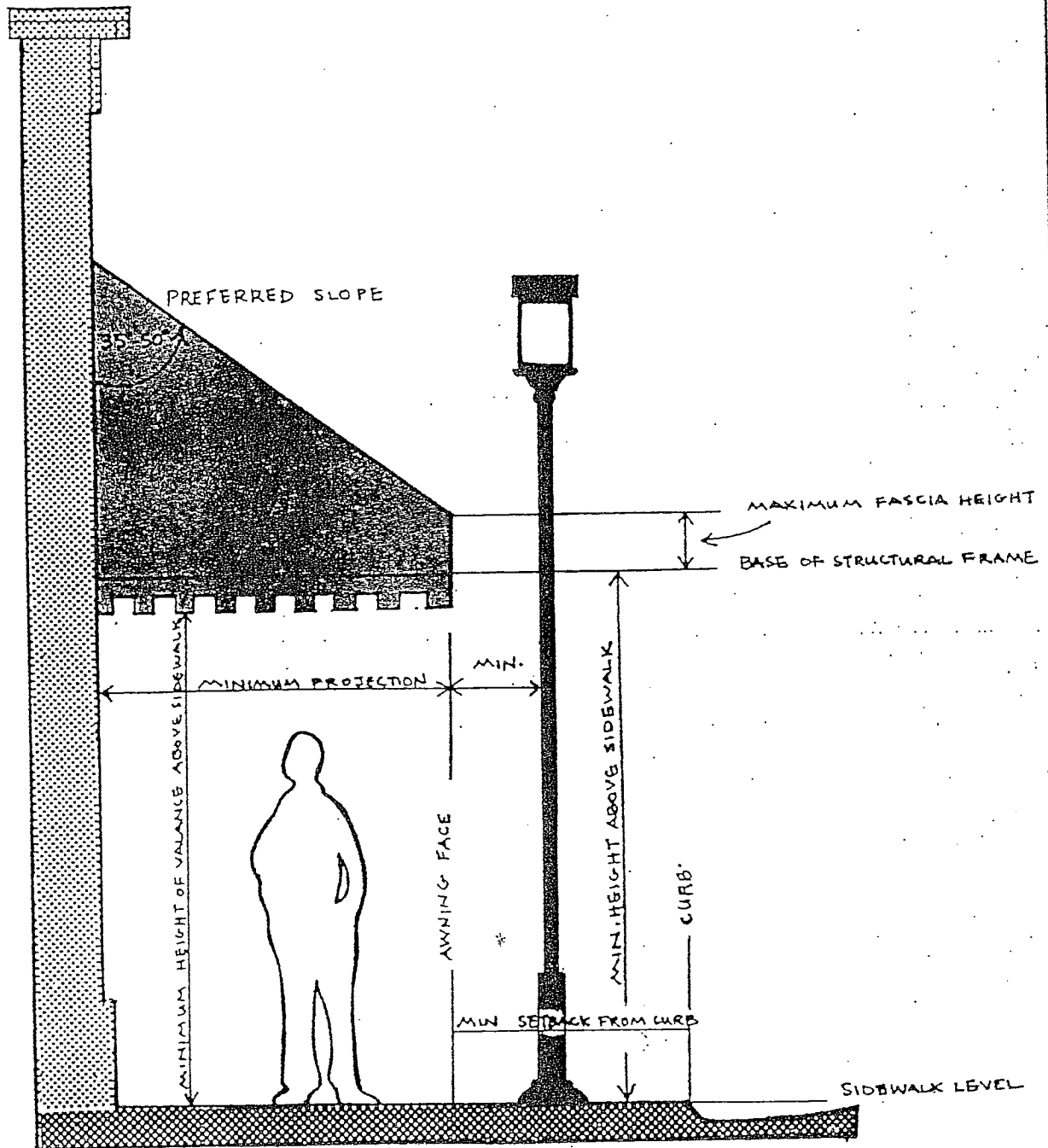
#### Encouraged - heritage buildings:

- Three-point traditional triangular style
- Four-point variation (triangular style with expanded fascia area for signage)
- Shapes with relatively steep roof pitches (35-50 degree angles preferred) promote snow removal and self-cleaning

#### Discouraged - heritage buildings:

- Quarter barrel or modern style awnings
- Any shape which has a horizontal top surface of substantial size
- Shapes which present top face angles of less than 30 degrees
- Fascia panels in excess of 2'-0" (.62m) high

# CRITICAL AWNING DIMENSIONS

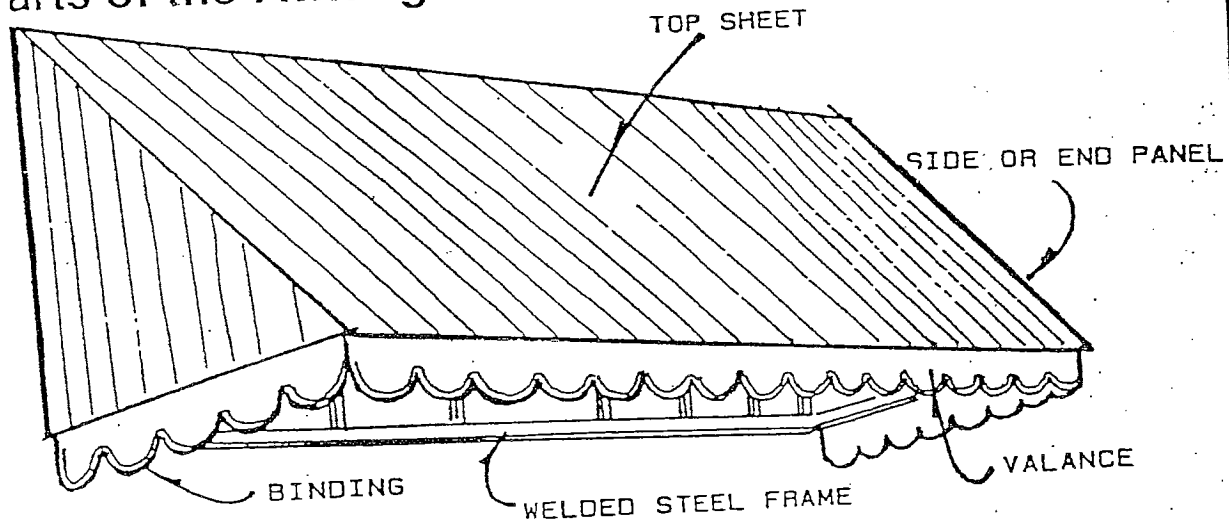




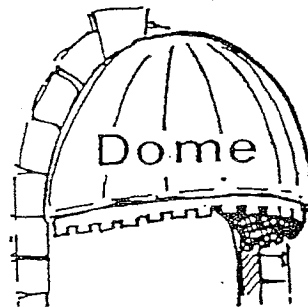
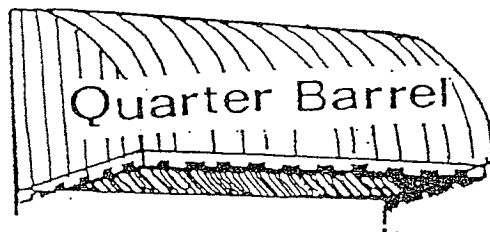
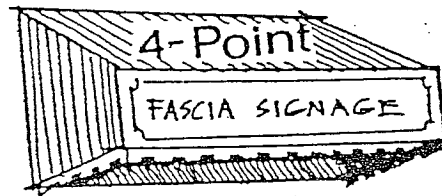
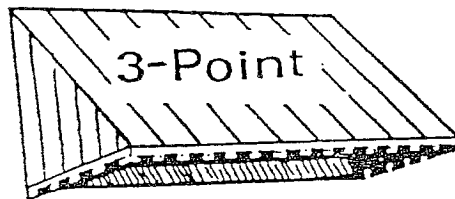
# PLATE: 15

## AWNINGS

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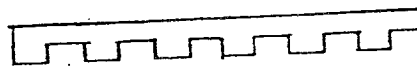


### Awning Styles:

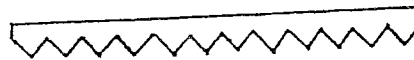


### Valance Trims:

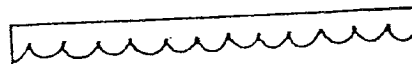
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Sawtoothed



Scalloped



#### v. AWNING STYLES - cont.

##### Encouraged - new buildings:

- Four-point variation (triangular style with expanded fascia area for signage)
- Quarter barrel awnings
- Geometrically sculptured shapes which relate to the building's form

##### Discouraged - new buildings:

- Any shape which has a horizontal top surface of substantial size
- Shapes which present top face angles of less than 30 degrees
- Fascia panels in excess of 3'-0" (.92 m) high

#### vi. FABRIC, PATTERN & COLOUR

Historic awning fabrics were made of cottons, which were dyed solid colours or painted in bold, two colour stripe patterns. Colours used were similar to the deeper paint tones of the day - deep yellow ochres, rusty reds and dark greens. To enhance the historic flavour of the community, care should be taken to select awning fabrics, colours and patterns which are of a period nature. Plain vinyl fabric should be limited to areas where back-lighting effects are required, for example, valances and signage fascia panels. Avoid use of excessively brilliant colours now available in modern fabrics.

##### Encouraged\*:

- Cottons and acrylics
- Colour stripe patterns, particularly on the top sheet panel
- Solid colours taken from the historic palette
- \* heritage buildings: Vinyls are acceptable in stripe patterns and fascia panels only
- \* new buildings: Solid vinyls are acceptable

##### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Excessively bright, modern colours
- Large areas of white or black vinyl fabric

#### vii. AWNING TRIM

A finishing detail on period style awnings was valance skirting. Typical edging patterns included the keyed, scalloped and saw-toothed treatments. The valance provides an area for signage and the variety of different edge treatments gives the potential for lively textures. As a precaution against vandalism, the lowest portion of the valance should be at least 8'-0" (2.46m) above sidewalk level.

##### Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Generously sized valance skirting
- Keyed, scalloped or saw-toothed bottom edge
- Cloth fabric rather than vinyl
- Detachable valance for signage alterations

##### Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Awnings without valance skirting
- Valances without edge patterns

#### viii. LIGHTING

Translucent vinyl fabrics have allowed for the option of blending awning elements with a backlit sign. The fluorescent tubes used for illumination help to brighten up the storefront at night and result in an overall positive effect to the street. Discretion must however be exercised in the selection of appropriate styles and fabrics for backlit awnings, to prevent a too garish or too modern look for New Denver's design theme.

#### viii. LIGHTING - cont.

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Back-lit awnings that serve as signage
- Opaque top sheet fabrics are preferred with specific isolated backlit panels

Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Brightly coloured vinyl in plain sheets

#### ix. LETTERING ON AWNINGS

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- UPPER' and/or 'lower' case letters to a maximum height of 18" (.46m)
- Graphic borders on fascia sign panels
- Clear, legible stylized lettering

### II CANOPIES

Canopies are defined as permanent projecting sidewalk coverings made of materials other than fabric. Buildings of historic New Denver had a wide variety of canopy designs, many of which featured supporting wood columns with brackets. Posted canopies are encouraged.

#### i. CRITICAL DIMENSIONS {Plate: 16}

Minimum height above sidewalk of any structural member: 8'-5" (2.5m)

Minimum setback from curb edge: 18" (.46m)

Maximum height of fascia: 3'-0" (.92m)

#### ii. CANOPY SIGNAGE

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Multiple signage on a single canopy should be of uniform size

Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Sign boards that extend beyond the perimeter of the canopy fascia

#### iii. CANOPY FASCIA MATERIALS

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Wood (Krezon™ plywood)
- Smooth, painted metal
- Plastic (back-lit fascia panels only)

Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Corrugated metals
- Fiberglass
- Stucco

#### iv. CANOPY ROOFING MATERIALS

Encouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Sawn shingles
- Metal
- Tar & gravel
- Cold process tar

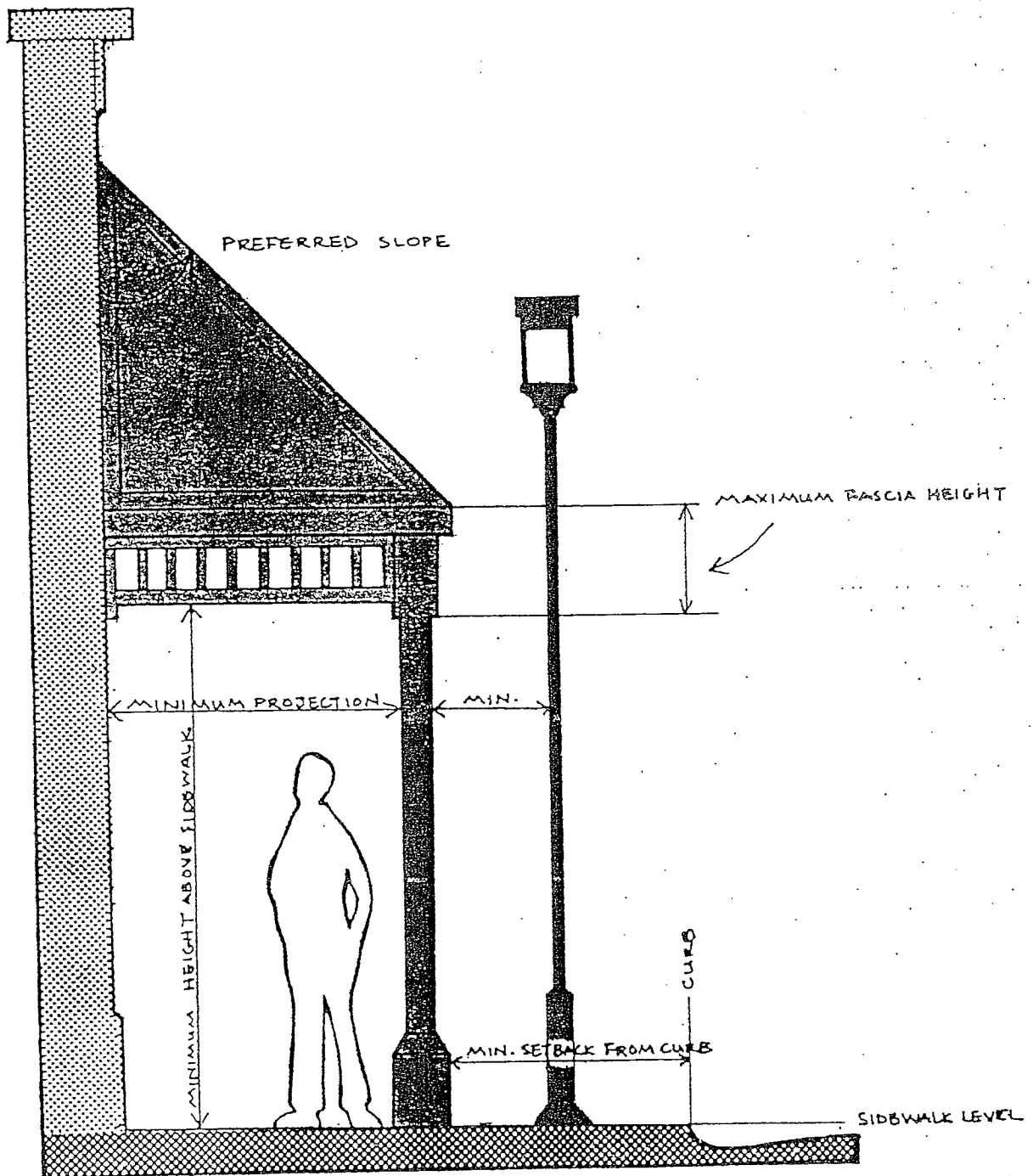
Discouraged - heritage & new buildings:

- Rough shakes
- Aluminum and fiberglass shingle
- Fiberglass
- Plywood
- Clay tile

### III BALCONIES

Where canopy structures include balcony features, the detailing should be in character with New Denver's design theme and the subject building. Examples can be seen in vintage photographs of New Denver. Railings should be provided to conform to the standards of the National Building Code, with a minimum height of 3'-6" (1.08m).

# CRITICAL CANOPY DIMENSIONS



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SEPTEMBER '92

COLOUR DESIGN GUIDELINES

MAINSTREET CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, 1992

## I COLOUR IN THE STREETSCAPE

Colour is one of the most effective design elements used to establish an image of vitality and warmth within the downtown business area. Perhaps because of this, choosing appropriate paint colours can be among the most difficult tasks in the revitalization program. Buildings with historically appropriate paint schemes can enhance the heritage ambience of New Denver. Colour schemes which view the entire street as a whole, rather than individual buildings in isolation, result in an attractive, unified appearance for the retail area. Colour can be used to play up a building's best features, minimize its flaws, and accent its architectural elements. Colour Design Guidelines have been prepared to eliminate some of the guesswork from successful colour selection and yet still allow for a great deal of flexibility. By requiring colour schemes to be reviewed by the Design Review Committee, an opportunity to have control over a subjective area of design is offered to the Municipality.

## II HISTORIC COLOURS

Colours popular during New Denver's historic period tended to be muted rather than pure tones. Colours ranged from buffs, greys, and ochres, to shades and tints of brick red, olive green, earth tones and blues. In certain instances, the use of wood stains or coloured preservatives may be more appropriate than paint. When coloured roofing is used, it should be co-ordinated to the building's paint scheme. Examples of recommended historic colours are in the attached collection of colour chips.

### Encouraged:

- Muted, rather than pure tones.
- Good quality flat-finish or semi-gloss alkyd paints, exterior latex, or wood stains.
- Buffs, greys, & ochres; and shades and tints of brick red, olive green, dark brown & blue.
- Light siding with dark trim, or dark siding with light trim.
- Multi-hued and multi-coloured schemes.
- Shades and tints of colours shown in attached palette sheets.

### Discouraged:

- Single colour paint schemes.
- Large areas of excessively bright, pure colour
- Extremely dark or light colours, such as pure white, black, chocolate brown, or charcoal grey.

## III PAINTS AND STAINS

The wooden buildings of New Denver were painted rather than stained to provide protection from the weather. A common scheme was to paint the body of the building one colour, and details - such as corner boards, cornices, doors and window trims - a second, contrasting colour. Smaller decorative trims provided the opportunity for a third accent colour. Window trims, door panels, and cornice details on masonry buildings can be painted in multi-coloured schemes for decorative effect. If used, stains and preservatives should be limited to non-trim areas.

## VI PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

### i. Light versus Dark

Surface irregularities can be optically reduced by using darker coloured paint since these tend to show fewer shadows than light colours. This rule of thumb can be used to camouflage problem areas rather than draw attention to them.

Another optical trick is to use light colours on projecting ornamentation and dark colours on recessed elements to producing a truly three-dimensional effect. In the example of a door, paint raised panels and mouldings a lighter colour and recessed panels in a darker colour.

### ii. Bright versus Dull

Bright colours are best when used in accent situations rather than as a major trim colour. Large scale use of bright colours can easily result in a garish colour scheme which would be too intense and out of character for the historic downtown.

### iii. Sheens

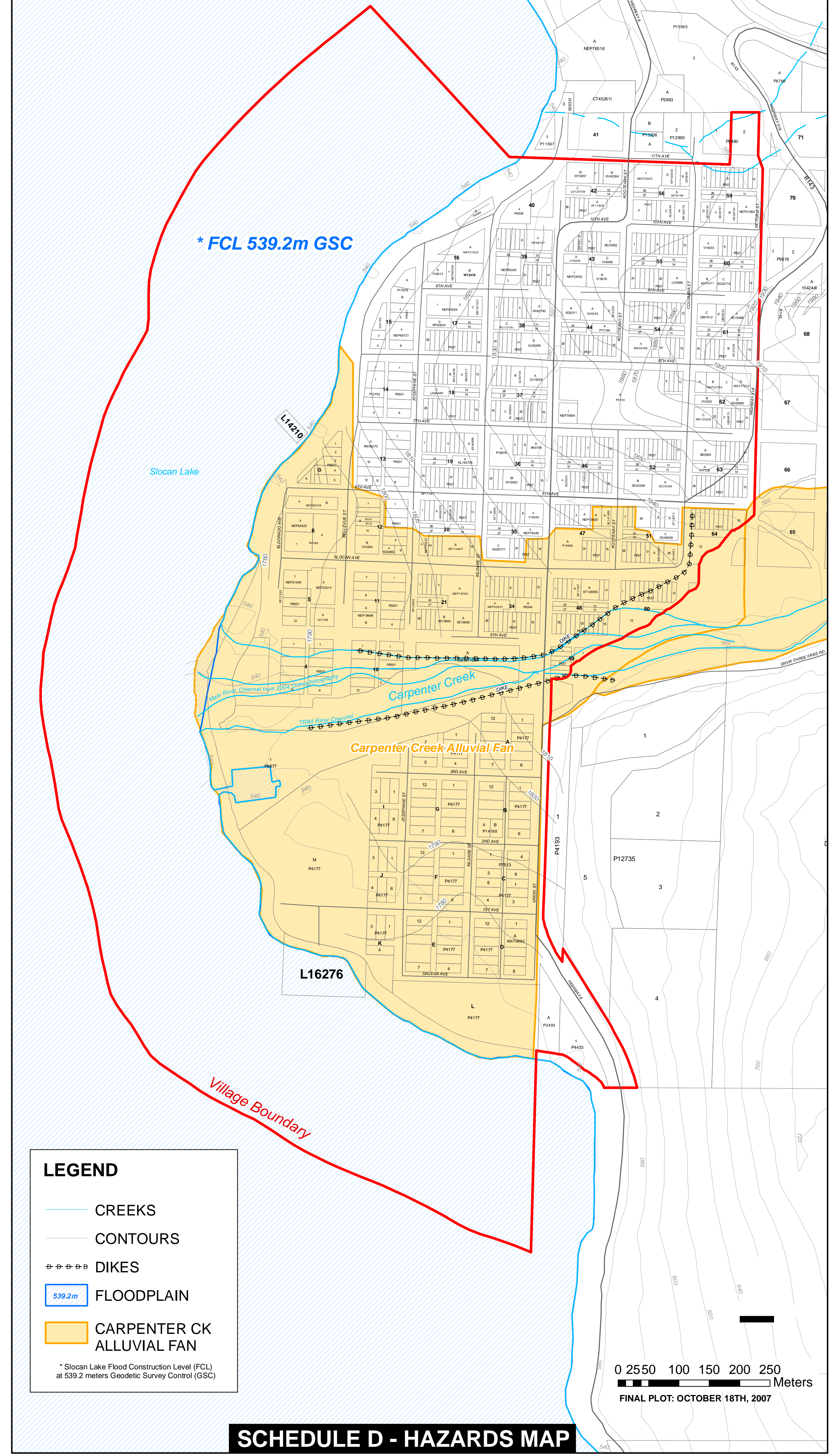
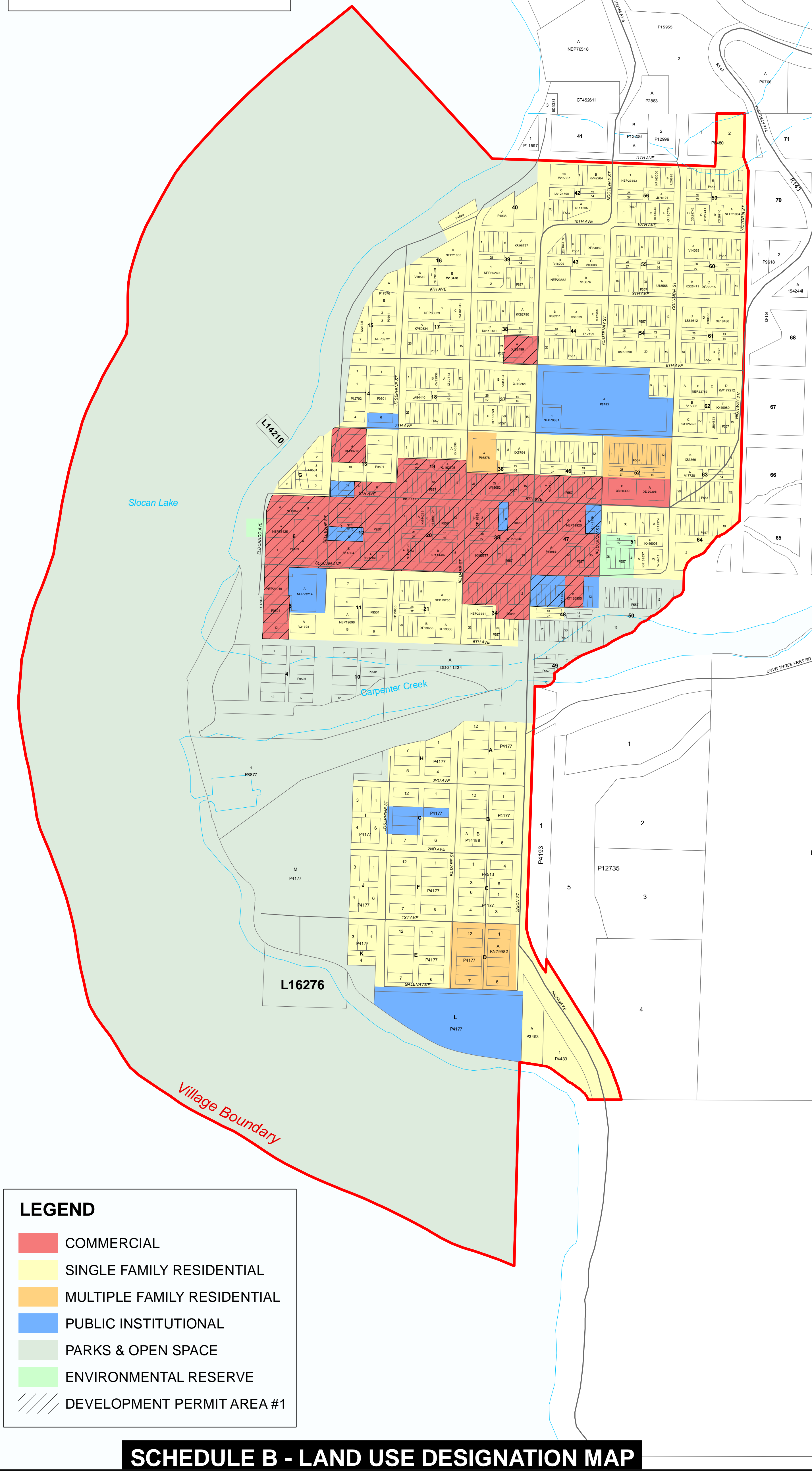
The relative reflective quality or sheen of a paint can be used to create optical effects on the building facade. Whereas a flat finish makes a colour recede, a glossy finish results in advancing colour. In other words, the same colour will appear deep in a glossy finish and dull in a flat finish. This phenomena is explained by light absorption: flat finishes absorb light and glossy finishes bounce it. Like dark coloured paints, a flat finish will diminish surface irregularities.



These are Schedules 'B', 'C' and 'D' referred to in Bylaw No. 611, 2007, which establishes an Official Community Plan for the Village of New Denver.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

# Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007





VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

BYLAW NO. 650, 2010

Being a bylaw to amend "Village of New Denver  
Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007"

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The Council of the Village of New Denver, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

A bylaw to amend the "Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007".

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 650, 2010".

2. Schedule "B" Village of New Denver Land Use Map

Schedule "B" (the Land Use Map) is amended by changing the land use designation for Lot 3, Block G, Plan 4177, DL 549, KLD from "Public and Institutional" to "Single Family Residential", indicated by those areas of land marked as such on the amended Schedule "B" attached to this bylaw.

3. This bylaw shall take effect upon adoption by Council.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10 day of August, 2010.

READ A SECOND TIME this 10 day of August, 2010.

WHEREAS A PUBLIC HEARING was held on the 31 day of August, 2010.

READ A THIRD TIME this 31 day of August, 2010.

FINALLY ADOPTED this 31 day of August, 2010.

MAYOR

*Cal Schultz*

ADMINISTRATOR

*Carol Hucker*

Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw No. 650, "Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 650, 2010".

ADMINISTRATOR

*Carol Hucker*

## VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

### BYLAW NO. 654, 2010

Being a bylaw to amend Village of New Denver  
Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007

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The Council of the Village of New Denver, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

A bylaw to amend “Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007”.

1. This bylaw may be cited as Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 654, 2010”.

2. **Preamble**

is hereby amended to read;

A bylaw to adopt the Village of New Denver Official community Plan pursuant to Part 26, Division 1 of the Local Government Act;

3. **Section 1 – Vision**

is hereby amended by adding”

- 1.1.6 Protection of the water quality of Slocan Lake and Carpenter Creek to ensure the health and resilience of the village’s water supply and ecosystem.

4. **Section 3 – General Form and Character of Existing and Future Land Use**

is hereby amended to read:

- 3.1.4 To encourage and work with other government agencies and the general public to minimize interface fire hazard.
  - 3.2.10 Council’s policy is to work together with other government agencies to establish a comprehensive management plan for Slocan Lake, that would ensure the protection of the water quality of the lake for fisheries.

5. **Section 4 – Residential**

is hereby amended by inserting:

- 4.2.3 Council policy is to allow secondary suites in single family residences, provided that the suite conforms to minimum health and safety requirements. Dwellings with secondary suites should retain the characteristics of a single family dwelling;

is hereby amended by inserting:

- 4.2.4 Council policy is to allow buildings that are accessory to a principal dwelling unit to be used as an accessory residence for family use or long term rentals of not less than a six (6) month period, provided that the accessory residence conforms to health and safety requirements and is not an existing legal non-conforming building.

is hereby amended to read:

- 4.2.7 Council will actively encourage multi-family housing for seniors, handicapped

residents, low income residents, and renters in areas where conflicts with other uses will be minimized.

is hereby amended by re-numbering:

Sub-sections 4.2.3 – 4.2.12 to read 4.2.4 – 4.2.14

**6. Section 8 – Park Spaces**

is hereby amended by adding to sub-section 8.2.4:

Work with volunteer groups to reduce the presence of invasive plant species in parks and green spaces.

**7. Section 9 – Public Utilities and Services**

is hereby amended by inserting:

9.2.2 Council policy is to explore options for the drilling of a third drinking water well in order to preserve present and future water quality and quantities in the village.

is hereby amended by re-numbering:

Sub-sections 9.2.2 – 9.2.9 to 9.2.3 – 9.2.10.

**8. Section 12 – Temporary Commercial and Industrial Use**

is hereby amended by inserting:

a new **Section 12 – Climate Change**

**12.1 Objectives**

12.1.1 The Village of New Denver is a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter and has had a Corporate Energy Inventory completed by the Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2008. The village will strive to reach our community energy target for both corporate carbon neutrality and community emissions reductions of 20% by 2012.

**12.2 Policies**

12.2.1 Council policy is to continue to retain and improve the pedestrian trail network within the municipality in order to work towards carbon neutrality.

12.2.2 Council policy is to work with other levels of government to expand transit services throughout the area.

12.2.3 Council policy is to engage the community by raising awareness of climate change, promoting community wide emissions reductions and offering carbon neutral incentives.

12.2.4 Council policy is to consider the use of biodiesel fuel in village equipment during the summer months.

12.2.5 Council policy is to encourage the use of electric or alternate fuel source vehicles.

12.2.6 Council policy is to encourage the use of renewable energy technologies

and safe alternate energy systems to reduce carbon emissions.

12.2.7 Council policy is to encourage the use of local materials and natural/green building techniques.

12.2.8 Council policy is to encourage composting and recycling.

12.2.9 Council policy is to use regulatory bylaws like an anti-idling bylaw in order to reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality.

**9.     Section 12 – Section 14**

are hereby amended by re-numbering:

The current Sections 12 – 14 inclusive of all sub-sections within, to read Section 13 – 15, inclusive of all sub-sections within.

**10.**     This bylaw shall take effect upon adoption by Council.

READ A FIRST TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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WHEREAS A PUBLIC HEARING was held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

READ A THIRD TIME this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

FINALLY ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR

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No. 654, 2010

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VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

BYLAW NO. 661, 2011

Being a bylaw to amend “Village of New Denver  
Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007”

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The Council of the Village of New Denver, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

A bylaw to amend the “Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007”.

- 1. This bylaw may be cited as “Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 661, 2011”.
- 2. Schedule “B” **Village of New Denver Land Use Map**

Schedule “B” (the Land Use Map) is amended by changing the land use designation for Lot 1, Block G, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District, and Lot 2, Block G, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District, and Lot A, Plan NEP88190, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District, and Lot 6, Block G, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District from “Single Family Residential” to “Commercial”, indicated by those areas of land marked as such on the amended Schedule “B” attached to this bylaw.

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