Zero Emissions New Buildings Plan

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GREEN BUILDINGS

Lead the world in green building design and construction



Greenest City 2020:

Require all buildings constructed from 2020 to be carbon neutral in operations **Renewable City Strategy:**

100% of energy used is renewable by 2050

New buildings required to use 100% renewable energy by 2030 **or earlier**

New Building GHG Emission Trend



Weighted Average GHG Intensity of New Buildings (all types)

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Area of New Buildings per Year

2020 Built Area by Building Type (m²)





NZE Building Plan Outline

- 1. Maximum allowed GHG Emissions and Thermal Energy Demand (TEDI) Targets
- 2. City Leadership
- 3. Catalyst Tools
- 4. Capacity Building



Two Pathways to NZE for New Buildings

1. Very efficient building envelopes and ventilation systems

OR

2. Neighbourhood Renewable Energy System connection



Passive House Standard

- Best global standard for efficient building envelopes
- Ensures high levels of effective insulation (inc. windows), air tightness, ventilation heat recovery, and thermal comfort
- Applicable to all building types but limited data for high-rise
- Supported by extensive building science research, design tools, training, and third party validation
- 80% reduction in space heating energy use



1. Reflect GHGI and TEDI in Rezoning Policy and Code

• Time stepped reduction in limits (2016 - 2025)*

Mandatory requirements for all rezonings (Q4 2016):

- Air barrier testing
- Direct ventilation
- Embodied emissions reporting
- Post occupancy performance reporting
 - Thermal comfort



2. CITY LEADERSHIP

- Pursue Passive House (or other zero emission approach) for all viable new "City-led" building projects
- Updated policy for City-led developments requiring zero emissions within 2 years
- Engage other public sector entities re: leadership (other local governments, BC Housing, etc)



3. Catalyst Tools

- Meaningful and clear incentives required to encourage leaders to begin developing zero emissions/Passive House buildings <u>now</u>
- Aim to launch suite of catalyst tools for detached, low-rise MURB and high-rise MURB by Q1 2017
- Brussel's "Batex" Program is starting point. Included regular call for entries, winners judged on GHG reduction, cost effectiveness, neighbourhood fit/appeal, prize = \$13/ft2

Luminaires: Choosing the Right Fixture for the Function

One size does not fit all



building energy exchange

4. CAPACITY BUILDING

- Remove policy barriers
- Fund case study development/sharing
- Public education

Establish an Independent Centre of Zero Emission Building Excellence

- Facilitate workshops, dialogues, peer-to-peer knowledge sharing
 - Curated research library and publication of best practices (design, finance, policy)
- Identify trends

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TEDI Limits and Implications for

Building Type	Baseline Requirement	Typical Outcome of Current Requirements		2016 Limits		2020 Limits		2025 Limits	
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Low-Rise MURB	Code	12.5	50	5.5	35	5	25	0	10
Low-Rise MURB	Rezoning	10.5	42	5	25	4.5	10	0	10
High-Rise MURB	Rezoning	16.5	46	6	32	5	18	0	TBD
High-Rise MURB	RZ & NEU	5.5	46	6	40	5	40	0	TBD



Solutions Based Approach

City of Vancouver – Draft Framework



Why TEDI?

"Thermal Energy Demand Intensity"



- Reduce Envelope Loss
 - Walls
 - Windows
 - Roofs
 - Air Leakage
- Reduce Ventilation Load
 - Quantity Fixed
 - Temperature?
 - Heat Recovery



Ventilation and TEDI





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2016 Rezoning Limits





The Assembly R-value

TYPICAL BRICK WALL WITH STUD BACKUP - 90mm FACE BRICK - 25mm AIR SPACE (VENT TOP AND BOTTOM) - MASONRY ANCHORS EVERY 400mm O.C. VERTICALLY & 600 mm O.C. HORIZONTALLY - 40mm SEMI-RIGID INSULATION - 13mm EXTERIOR GRADE SHEATHING SEAL PERIMETER AND PENETRATIONS AGAINST MIGRATION OF MOISTURE - 92mm STRUCTURAL STEEL STUDS AT 400mm O.C. - 89 BATT INSULATION (R.S.1. 2.1) - 6mil. POLY VAPOUR BARRIER - 13mm G.W.B. SEALED TOP AND BOTTOM -COULOR YELLOW



The Real World





The Whole Picture









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BUILDING ENVELOPE THERMAL BRIDGING GUIDE





EM GUIDELINES

- Clear, consistent approach to energy modeling
- Standardizing of some inputs that are outside of the design team control but potentially large impact
- Explicit and detailed guidance on how to calculate heat loss, inclusion of thermal bridging, etc.







EFFECTIVE R-9 IS ACHIEVABLE, BUT...



Effective R-9 Scenarios



Effective R-9 Examples for High Rise MURB

Steel Stud Enhanced case developed for exercise without thermally broken balconies



MORRISON HERSHFIELD

Improved glazing transition

+ Insulation outboard of slab

2016 Scenario 1 – R9 Improved Details, Highly Insulated Walls, Typical Balconies

Heat Loss Components	% Heat Loss
Steel Stud Wall (R25)	34%
Balcony Slab at Sliding Door	26%
Parapet: At Steel Stud Wall	0%
Parapet: At Glazing	0%
Floor: At Steel Stud Wall	0%
Floor: At Steel Stud Wall w/Balcony	20%
Floor: At Glazing	3%
Floor: At Sliding door	0%
Glazing Transition: Window/Door	
Frame	10%
Corner: Inside	0%
Corner: Outside	3%
Interior Wall Intersection: Fire	
Seperation	0%
At grade: Doors	0%
At grade: Steel Stud Wall	2%



2016 Scenario 2 – Improved Details, Modest Walls, Reduced or Thermal Broken Baconies

Heat Loss Components	% Heat Loss
Steel Stud Wall (R15)	57%
Balcony Slab at Sliding Door	14%
Parapet: At Steel Stud Wall	0%
Parapet: At Glazing	0%
Floor: At Steel Stud Wall	0%
Floor: At Steel Stud Wall w/Balcony	7%
Floor: At Glazing	3%
Floor: At Sliding door	0%
Glazing Transition: Window/Door	
Frame	11%
Corner: Inside	1%
Corner: Outside	3%
Interior Wall Intersection: Fire	
Seperation	1%
At grade: Doors	1%
At grade: Steel Stud Wall	3%



Effective R-9 Scenarios



Effective R-9 Examples for High Rise MURB

Precast Concrete Enhanced details without thermally broken balconies



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Effective R-9 Scenarios



Effective R-9 Examples for High Rise MURB

Window Wall Enhanced case developed for exercise without thermally broken balconies





Improved Deflection Header

2020 and Beyond

- Push to Triple Glazing
- Pressure on some of the following
 - Increased air tightness
 - Higher effective R-values
 - Non conductive frames/higher performance windows
 - Lower glazing ratios
 - Heat recovery efficiency and applicability







RENEWABLE CITY STRATEGY

2015-2050



