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Form Based Codes  
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FBC 201: Preparing a Form-Based Code – Design Considerations

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1. Background
2. What are they?
3. Difference in Planning Approach
4. Layers & Components
5. What they can achieve
6. How we intend to use FBCs
Form Based Codes
- AN OVERVIEW -

Presentation to Planning and Development Committee
June 23, 2008

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT
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FORM BASED CODES
What are they?

• Better form regulation
• Emulate the places we cherish and like to experience
• Environments are:
  • human scale
  • sustainable
  • diverse
  • rich in character
  • memorable
  • pedestrian oriented
  • transit supportive
• Strong momentum in USA, interest gaining in Canada.
• Consider use of codes for District Policy Reviews underway
• Regulation of infill sites and redevelopment
FORM BASED CODES
How are they formulated?

Approach:

• Establish vision at the outset
• Set regulations to achieve the vision
FORM BASED CODES

How are they formulated?

Approach:

• Regulations are carefully integrated with design and urban objectives using detailed graphics

• Use follows form
FORM BASED CODES
How are they formulated?

Approach:

• Different kind of ‘zoning’
• Codes keyed to logic of the street
• Shapes the public realm and produces character
FORM BASED CODES
How are they formulated?

Components:

1. Vision
2. Overall Plan (Illustrative)
3. Specifications to Achieve Vision

Specifications:

a) Regulating Plan
b) Building Form Standards
c) Public Space Standards
d) Landscaping Standards
e) Signage Standards
f) Environmental Standards
g) Architectural Standards
FORM BASED CODES
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Layers:

a) Regulating Plan
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g) Architectural Standards
**CONVENTIONAL PLANNING APPROACH**
* Over-emphasis on land use and regulation, design limited to ‘afterthought’

**FORM BASED CODES**
* Priority for ‘Design and Form’, ‘Use’ deployed to ensure better balance for development outcome
Conventional Planning  

FBCs (Better Form Regulation)
Conventional Planning

FBCs (Better Form Regulation)
FORM BASED CODES
Where can we use them?

REGULATING INFILL & REDEVELOPMENT IN SPECIAL CHARACTER AREAS
Form Based Codes (FBCs)

- Vision and detailed regulations have the ability to produce remarkable built-environments
- Manage infill and redevelopment sites compatible with established contexts and architectural character
- Staff investigating viability of FBCs in application to District Policy Studies Underway
- Updates to be provided on next steps and considerations for implementation