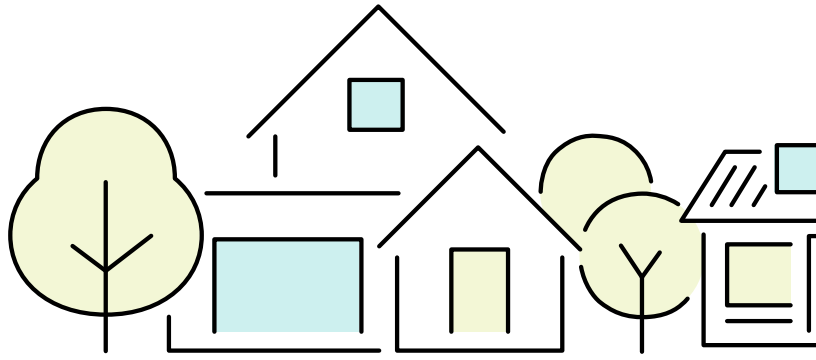


What is a Development Variance Permit?

A Development Variance Permit (DVP) is a land use permit used by local governments to 'vary' or relax a regulation. Examples of regulations that may be varied include building setbacks, height or site coverage.

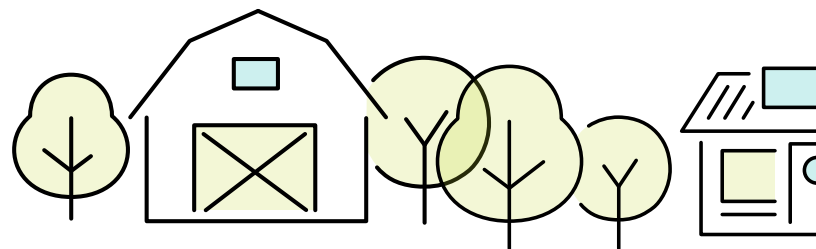
Things to consider before you apply:

- Exhaust all options by trying to meet bylaw requirements before resorting to a DVP application
- Speak to your neighbors regarding your plans
- If you are in a strata, talk to your strata
- Be prepared to pay additional advertising costs (e.g. signage)

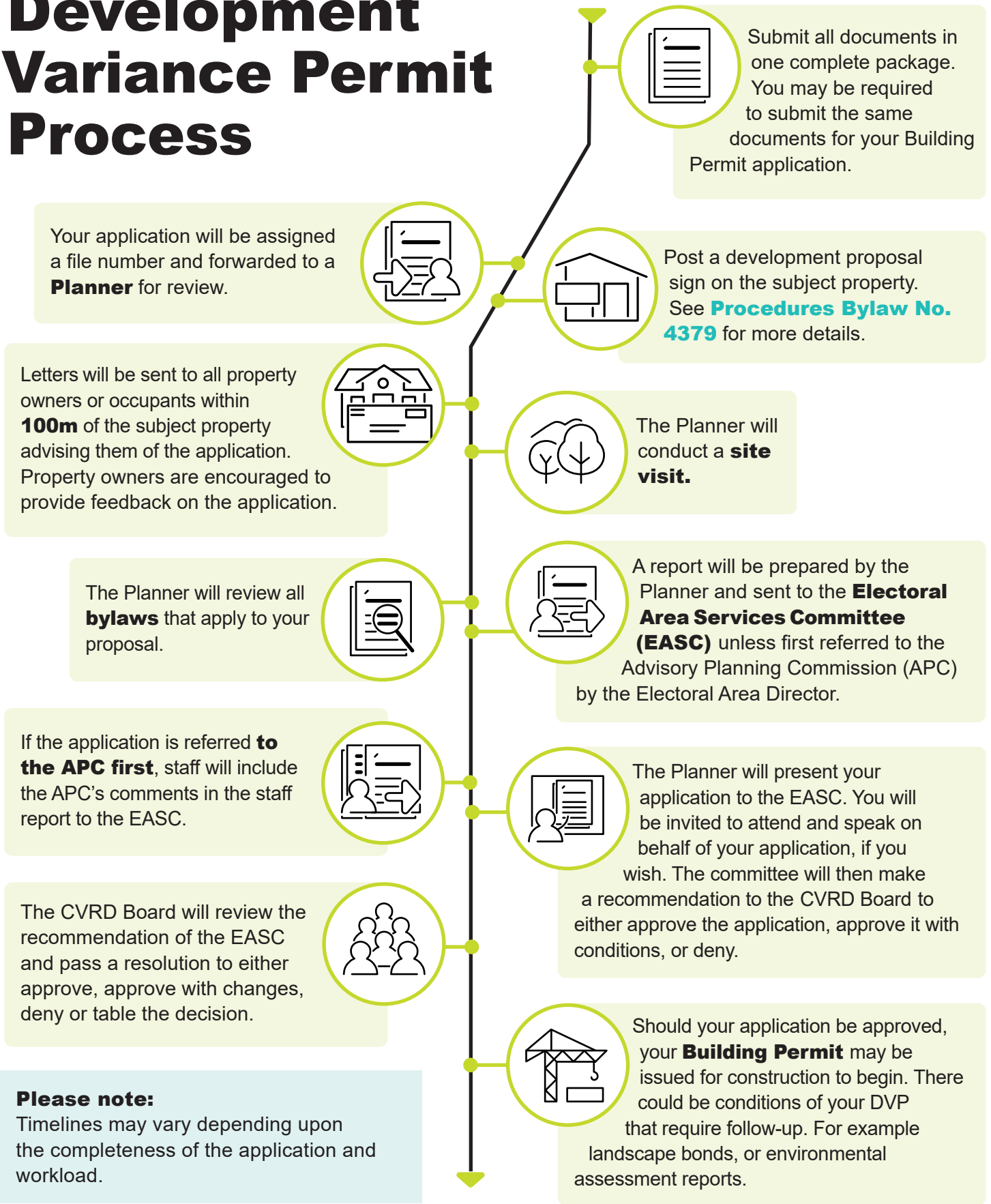


When is a Development Variance Permit required?

If your proposed development does not conform to certain zoning regulations - other than permitted uses or density limits - a DVP may be a potential path forward. DVPs cannot vary land use or density (e.g. minimum parcel size), but can vary the siting and height of a building. Keep in mind that the approval of DVP applications is discretionary, and so having a strong rationale in favor of the variance(s) is mandatory for any application to receive serious consideration at the CVRD Board.



Development Variance Permit Process



Please note:

Timelines may vary depending upon the completeness of the application and workload.

