

Bowen Island Municipality

A guide to ...

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMITS

What Is A Development Variance Permit?

A Development Variance Permit (DVP) may be used to vary certain provisions of certain Municipal Bylaws as specified in the Local Government Act. A DVP is usually considered when the site characteristics or other unique circumstances do not permit strict compliance with existing zoning or subdivision servicing regulations. A DVP can not vary the use or density of the land as outlined in the Land Use Bylaw.

Before You Apply ...

It is recommended that the property owner gather as much information regarding their property and proposal as possible (e.g. legal description, drawings and surveys) and meet with Municipal staff to discuss their proposal. Municipal staff will offer advice on which application/s will be required, necessary information that will be required and give the property owner the most current application package.

Submitting Your Application.

The completed application forms and necessary additional information along with the appropriate fees must be submitted to the Municipal Planning Department.

What Is The Cost?

The applicant must submit the application fee of \$650 for the Development Variance Permit. The application fee is to be made payable to the Bowen Island Municipality.

Who Approves A Development Variance Permit?

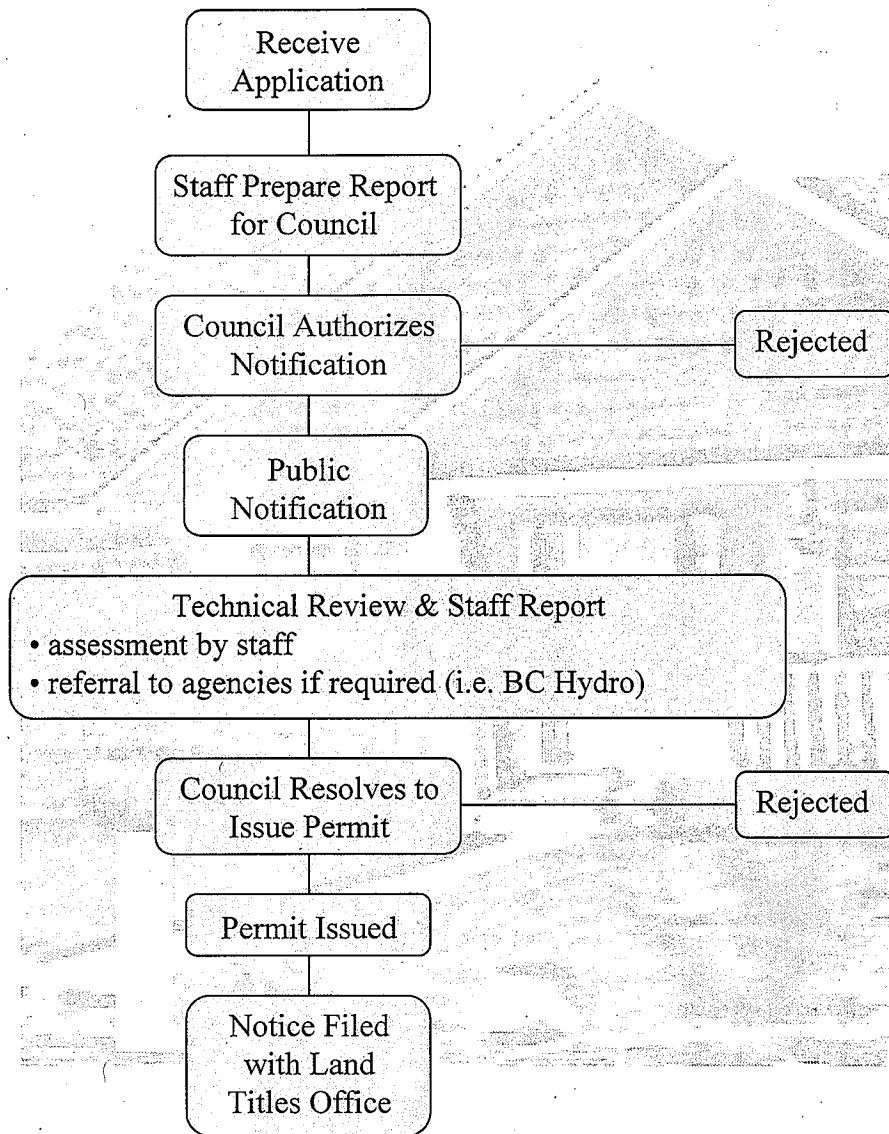
The Bowen Island Municipal Council authorizes final approval of a Development Variance Permit by resolution.

How Long Is The Process?

The permit process can take up to two months to complete. Approval time may be affected by application accuracy/completion, the need to obtain other land use approvals and/or compliance with other applicable agency.

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The process described briefly will involve more detailed procedures, correspondence and / or requirements. Please contact the Municipal Planner to ensure all obligations are understood to expedite the approval process. This brochure is meant for guidance only and should not be construed by anyone as a right to approval if the steps indicated are followed. Please consult appropriate provincial statutes, regulations and local government bylaws regulating subdivision and zoning.