C-2C District Schedule

1 Intent

The intent of this Schedule is to provide for a wide range of goods and services, to maintain commercial activities and personal services that require central locations to serve larger neighbourhoods, districts or communities and to encourage creation of a pedestrian oriented district shopping area by increasing the residential component and limiting the amount of office use.

2 Outright Approval Uses

2.1 Subject to all other provisions of this By-law and to compliance with section 2.3 and the regulations of this Schedule, the uses listed in section 2.2 shall be permitted in this District and shall be issued a permit.

2.2 Uses

2.2.A • Accessory Buildings customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this Schedule, provided that:

(a) no accessory building exceeds 3.7 m in height measured to the highest point of the roof if a flat roof, to the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the mean height level between the eaves and the ridge of a gable, hip or gambrel roof, provided that no portion of an accessory building may exceed 4.6 m in height;

(b) all accessory buildings are located in the rear yard;

(c) the total floor area, measured to the extreme outer limits of the building, of all accessory buildings is not greater than 15 percent of the total area of the site;

(d) not applicable; [Maximum width]

(e) not applicable; [Proximity to residential dwelling]

(f) no accessory building obstructs the horizontal daylight access prescribed in this Schedule for residential use.

• Accessory Uses customarily ancillary to any of the uses listed in this section, provided that unless permitted as an outright approval use pursuant to section 2 of this Schedule, the total floor area of all accessory uses is not greater than 25 percent of the gross floor area of the principal use.

• The Director of Planning may vary the maximum height, floor area and location regulations for accessory buildings and accessory uses except that the maximum height shall not, in any event, exceed the maximum prescribed in section 4.3.1 nor the floor space exceed 33⅓ percent of the gross floor area of the principal use.

2.2.C [Cultural and Recreational]

• Arts and Culture Indoor Event.

2.2.R [Retail]

• Grocery or Drug Store except for Small-scale Pharmacy.

• Retail Store.

2.2.S [Service]

• Barber Shop or Beauty Salon.

• Beauty and Wellness Centre.
• Laundromat or Dry Cleaning Establishment.
• Photofinishing or Photography Studio.
• Repair Shop - Class B.

2.3 Conditions of use

2.3.1 All commercial uses listed in this section shall be carried on wholly within a completely enclosed building except for the following:
(a) parking and loading facilities;
(b) display of flowers, plants, fruits and vegetables.

2.3.2 The Director of Planning may vary the use conditions of section 2.3.1 to permit the outdoor display of retail goods, and may include such other conditions as the Director of Planning deems necessary, having regard to the type of merchandise, the area and location of the display with respect to adjoining sites, the hours of operation and the intent of this Schedule.

3 Conditional Approval Uses

3.1 Subject to all other provisions of this By-law, compliance with section 3.3 and the provisions and regulations of this Schedule, the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board may approve any of the uses listed in section 3.2 of this Schedule, with or without conditions, provided that the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board first considers:
(a) the intent of this Schedule and all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council;
(b) the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant; and
(c) the amount of open space, plazas and landscaping being provided and the impact of the development on the character of the community.

3.2 Uses

3.2.A • Accessory Uses to any of the uses listed in this Schedule, subject to the same provisions as section 2.2.A of this Schedule.

3.2.AG [Agricultural]
• Urban Farm - Class B.

3.2.C [Cultural and Recreational]
• Artist Studio.
• Billiard Hall.
• Bowling Alley.
• Club.
• Community Centre or Neighbourhood House.
• Fitness Centre.
• Hall.
• Library.
• Museum or Archives.
• Park or Playground.
• Rink.
• Swimming Pool.
• Theatre.
• Zoo or Botanical Garden.

3.2.D • Deposition or extraction of material so as to alter the configuration of the land.
3.2.DW [ Dwelling]
- Dwelling Units in conjunction with any of the uses listed in this Schedule, in accordance with section 3.3.5 of this Schedule, except that no portion of the first storey of a building to a depth of 10.7 m from the front wall of the building and extending across its full width shall be used for residential purposes except for entrances to the residential portion.
- Multiple Conversion Dwelling, resulting from the conversion of a building which was in existence prior to June 18, 1956 and in accordance with section 3.3.5 of this Schedule, provided that:
  (a) before making a decision the Director of Planning shall consider the quality and livability of the resulting units, the suitability of the building for conversion in terms of age and size, and the effect of the conversion on adjacent properties and the character of the area;
  (b) building additions shall not be permitted; and
  (c) no housekeeping or sleeping units shall be created.
- Principal Dwelling Unit combined with a Lock-off Unit in conjunction with any of the uses listed in this schedule, except that no portion of the first storey of a building to a depth of 10.7 m from the front wall of the building and extending across its full width may be used for residential purposes unless the purpose is for entrances to the residential portion.
- Residential Unit associated with and forming an integral part of an artist studio.
- Seniors Supportive or Assisted Housing.

3.2.I [ Institutional]
- Ambulance Station.
- Child Day Care Facility.
- Church.
- Public Authority Use.
- School - Elementary or Secondary.
- School - University or College.
- Social Service Centre.
- Community Care Facility – Class B.
- Group Residence.

3.2.O [ Office]
- Office Uses.

3.2.R [ Retail]
- Cannabis Store.
- Farmers’ Market. Compatibility with nearby sites, parking, traffic, noise, hours of operation, size of facility, pedestrian amenity.
- Furniture or Appliance Store.
- Gasoline Station - Full Serve.
- Gasoline Station - Split Island.
- Grocery Store with Liquor Store.
- Liquor Store.
- Pawnshop.
- Public Bike Share.
- Secondhand Store.
- Small-scale Pharmacy.

3.2.S [ Service]
- Animal Clinic.
- Auction Hall.
- Bed and Breakfast Accommodation.
• Catering Establishment.
• Neighbourhood Public House.
• Print Shop.
• Restaurant - Class 1.
• School - Arts or Self-Improvement.
• School - Business.
• School - Vocational or Trade.
• Short Term Rental Accommodation.

3.2.U [Utility and Communication]
• Public Utility.
• Radiocommunication Station.
• Recycling Depot.

3.2.Z
• Any other use which is not specifically listed and defined as a use in section 2 of this By-law but which the Director of Planning considers comparable in nature to the uses listed in this Schedule, having regard to the intent of this District Schedule.

3.3 Conditions of Use

3.3.1 All commercial uses listed in this section shall be carried on wholly within a completely enclosed building, except for the following:
(a) parking and loading facilities;
(b) full serve and split island gasoline station, except that section 11.13.2 of this By-law continues to apply;
(c) restaurant;
(d) neighbourhood public house;
(e) farmers’ market;
(f) public bike share; and
(g) Urban Farm - Class B.

3.3.2 Residential uses only shall be permitted on the third floor of any building, except that this condition may be varied by the Director of Planning where the Director of Planning is satisfied that residential use is inappropriate or impractical.

3.3.3 No general office except for entrances thereto shall be located within a depth of 10.7 m of the front wall of the building and extending across its full width on that portion of a storey having an elevation within 2.0 m of street grade on the fronting street except for an insurance, travel agency or real estate office. In the case of a site abutting more than one street, the fronting street is to be determined by the Director of Planning.

3.3.4 The Director of Planning may vary the use conditions of section 3.3.1 to permit the outdoor display of retail goods, and may include such other conditions as the Director of Planning deems necessary, having regard to the type of merchandise, the area and location of the display with respect to adjoining sites, the hours of operation and the intent of this Schedule.

3.3.5 Unless its development does not require the demolition or change of use or occupancy of one or more rental housing units, registered owners of buildings containing three or more dwelling units in conjunction with any of the uses listed in this Schedule, or Multiple Conversion Dwellings consisting of three or more dwelling units, must:
(a) if it is new development that requires demolition of one or more buildings on that site, or if it is an existing development that requires major alterations resulting in a change to the
unit mix of the building(s) and the reconfiguration of a majority of the existing dwelling units, housekeeping units, or sleeping units:

(i) enter into a housing agreement, satisfactory to Council, that secures:

A. one for one replacement of existing rental housing units with dwelling units on the site or in the same zoning district or on another site that was subject to the Rental Housing Stock ODP before it was rezoned to allow for replacement housing and is adjacent to the contiguous area of the zoning district of the site that requires the replacement housing, or one for one replacement with another type of affordable housing if permitted under an applicable community plan, except that in cases where the existing rental housing units are sleeping or housekeeping units, the Director of Planning may permit less than one for one replacement, having regard for the Council’s intention to maximize the replacement of such rental units; and

B. a Tenant Relocation Plan in keeping with the city’s Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy, if applicable, and

(ii) ensure that at least 35% of the total number of dwelling units include two or more bedrooms, except where the Director of Planning considers that such requirement would deter or prevent:

A. the conservation of a protected heritage property or a building on, or eligible for addition to, the Vancouver Heritage Register;

B. the renovation of a building where there are physical constraints due to light, access, and the form and structural elements of the existing building;

C. development of low-rise and midrise buildings on mid-block or unique sites with significant design challenges in meeting the requirement; or

D. development of projects on sites or in areas identified in Council-approved plans or policies as targeted to single and couple households,

or

(b) if it is an existing development requiring renovations resulting in a change of use or occupancy of a rental housing unit on that site, but it does not require major alterations or additions resulting in a change to the unit mix of the building(s) and the reconfiguration of a majority of the existing dwelling units, housekeeping units, or sleeping units:

(i) secure, to the satisfaction of the Director Planning, one for one replacement of existing rental housing units with dwelling units on the site or in the same zoning district, except that in cases where the existing rental housing units are sleeping or housekeeping units, the Director of Planning may permit less than one for one replacement, having regard for the Council’s intention to maximize the replacement of such rental units; and

(ii) provide a Tenant Relocation Plan in keeping with the city’s Tenant Relocation and Protection Policy, if applicable;
and, in this section, all references to the demolition or change of use or occupancy of one or more rental housing units are to include then existing rental housing units and rental housing units that, during the three years preceding the date of application for a development permit, a person has demolished or in respect of which has changed the use or occupancy.

4  Regulations

All uses approved under sections 2 and 3 of this District Schedule shall be subject to the following regulations.

4.1  Site Area -- Not Applicable.

4.2  Frontage

The maximum frontage for any commercial use shall be 15.3 m.

4.3  Height

4.3.1  The maximum height of a building shall be 10.7 m except that in the case of a site fronting a street running east and west, no portion of a building shall extend above an envelope formed by a vertical line measuring 7.3 m in height at the north property line and a plane formed by an angle of 30 degrees measured from the horizontal and having its vertex at the maximum building height permitted at the north property line.

4.3.2  The Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board, as the case may be, may permit an increase in the maximum height of a building to a height not exceeding 13.8 m with respect to any development and may permit a building which exceeds the envelope provided the Director of Planning or the Development Permit Board, as the case may be, first considers:

(a)  the height, bulk, scale and location of the building and its effect on the site, surrounding buildings and streets, and existing views;
(b)  the amount of open space, including plazas, and the effects of overall design on the general amenity of the area;
(c)  the intent of this Schedule, all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and the relationship of the development with nearby residential areas; and
(d)  the submission of any advisory group, property owner or tenant.

4.4  Front Yard and Setback

4.4.1  The depth of the front yard must be 0.6 m.

4.4.2  For any use listed in Section 2.2, a front setback shall only be permitted where a pedestrian or shopping courtyard or other features benefitting pedestrian character are provided, or where otherwise required by this By-law.

4.4.3  A setback of 1.2 m from the front property line shall be required for any parking area.

4.5  Side Yards and Setback

4.5.1  No side yard shall be required, except that where the site adjoins, without the intervention of a lane, a site located in an R district, the following side yard requirements apply:

(a)  where the adjoining site is in an RM district, a side yard with a minimum width of 1.5 m shall be provided adjaing the RM district;
(b)  in all other cases, a side yard with a minimum width of .9 m shall be provided, except in the case of a corner site in which case an exterior side yard need not be provided.

4.5.2  Where a side yard is provided, although not required, the minimum provisions of section 4.5.1 shall apply.
4.5.3 In the case of a corner site, a setback of 1.2 m from the side property line abutting the flanking street shall be required for any parking area.

4.6 Rear Yard and Setback

4.6.1 A rear yard with a minimum depth of 3.1 m shall be provided, except that where the rear of the site abuts a lane, this required minimum depth shall be decreased by the lane width between the rear property line and the ultimate centre line of the lane.

4.6.2 Where any portion of a building contains residential uses, that portion shall be set back a minimum of 7.6 m from the rear property line across the full width of the building, except that where the rear of the site abuts a lane, this required minimum setback shall be decreased by the lane width between the rear property line and the ultimate centre line of the lane.

4.7 Floor Space Ratio

4.7.1 The floor space ratio shall not exceed 1.20 in the case of office uses, 1.50 in the case of a site used for purely residential uses, and 3.00 in all other cases and, for this purpose an artist studio shall be deemed to be a dwelling use.

4.7.2 The following shall be included in the computation of floor space ratio:
(a) all floors of all buildings including accessory buildings, both above and below ground level, to be measured to the extreme outer limits of the building.

4.7.3 The following shall be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:
(a) balconies and decks and any other appurtenances which, in the opinion of the Director of Planning, are similar to the foregoing, provided that the total area of these exclusions does not exceed 8% of the floor area being provided;
(b) patios and roof decks, provided that the Director of Planning first considers the effect on privacy and overlook;
(c) where floors are used for off-street parking and loading, the taking on or discharging of passengers, bicycle storage, heating and mechanical equipment, or uses which in the opinion of the Director of Planning are similar to the foregoing, those floors or portions thereof so used, which:
   (i) are at or below the base surface, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length; or
   (ii) are above the base surface and where developed as off-street parking are located in an accessory building situated in the rear yard, provided that the maximum exclusion for a parking space shall not exceed 7.3 m in length.
(d) amenity areas, including child day care facilities, recreation facilities and meeting rooms accessory to a residential use, to a maximum total area of 10 percent of the total permitted floor area; and
(e) all residential storage space above or below base surface, except that if the residential storage space above base surface exceeds 3.7 m² per dwelling unit, there will be no exclusion for any of the residential storage space above base surface for that unit.

4.7.4 The Director of Planning may permit the following to be excluded in the computation of floor space ratio:
(a) enclosed residential balconies, provided that the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council and approves the design of any balcony enclosure, subject to the following:
   (i) the total area of all open and enclosed balcony or deck exclusions does not exceed eight percent of the residential floor area being provided; and
   (ii) no more than fifty percent of the excluded balcony floor area may be enclosed.
4.8 Site Coverage -- Not Applicable.

4.9 [Deleted -- see Parking By-law.]

4.10 Horizontal Angle of Daylight

4.10.1 Each habitable room must have at least one window on an exterior wall of a building.

4.10.2 Each exterior window must be located so that a plane or planes extending from the window and formed by an angle of 50 degrees, or two angles with a sum of 70 degrees, will encounter no obstruction over a distance of 24.0 m.

4.10.3 The plane or planes referred to in section 4.10.2 must be measured horizontally from the centre of the bottom of each window.

4.10.4 The Director of Planning may vary the horizontal angle of daylight requirement, if:
   (a) the Director of Planning first considers all the applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council; and
   (b) the minimum distance of unobstructed view is not less than 3.7 m.

4.10.5 An obstruction referred to in section 4.10.2 means:
   (a) any part of the same building including permitted projections; or
   (b) the largest building permitted under the zoning on any adjoining site.

4.10.6 A habitable room referred to in section 4.10.1 does not mean:
   (a) a bathroom; or
   (b) a kitchen whose floor area is the lesser of:
       (i) 10% or less of the total floor area of the dwelling unit, or
       (ii) 9.3 m².

4.11 Dedication of Land for Lane Purposes

4.11.1 Where a site does not abut a lane, or abuts a lane which is less than 6.1 m in width, a portion of the site, as determined by the City Engineer, to a maximum of 3.1 m, shall be dedicated for lane purposes.

4.11.2 Where land is dedicated pursuant to section 4.11.1, it shall be deemed not to reduce the site area for the purpose of calculating floor space ratio.

5 Relaxation of regulations

5.1 The Director of Planning may relax the maximum frontage regulation in section 4.2, provided that a pedestrian amenity area such as a courtyard or resting area is provided, or where pedestrian interest is otherwise maintained and provided the Director of Planning first considers all applicable policies and guidelines adopted by Council.