

**Green Buildings Priority Stream**  
Entry Pathway #4  
Passive House Canada

This pathway is available to development permit applicants proposing buildings that demonstrate the intent to achieve [Passive House Building Certification](#).

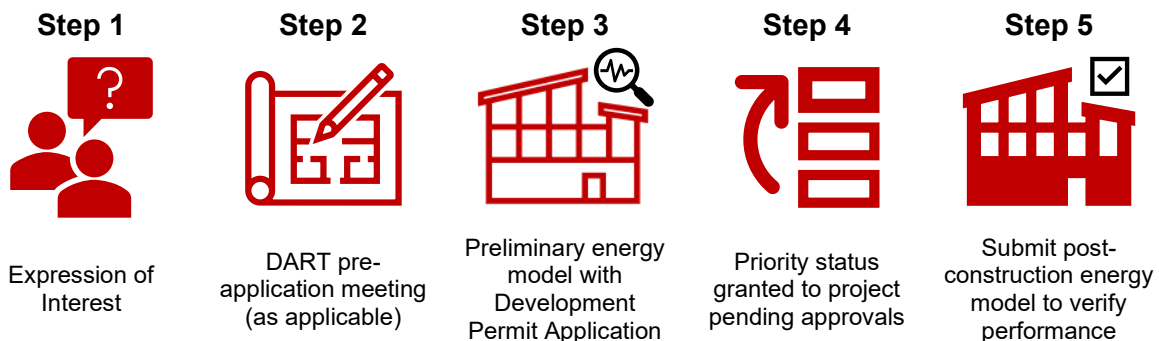
**Energy and Emissions Performance Requirements**

Projects must demonstrate compliance with the **Passive House Institute (PHI) Criteria for Buildings**. Compliance is verified through a Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) model and must meet the applicable limits for space conditioning energy, airtightness, and Renewable Primary Energy (PER), with certification class determined by the project’s PER demand and renewable energy generation.

- **Passive House Certified (Classic, Plus, Premium)**  
Applies to new buildings and must meet PHI Passive House performance limits.
- **EnerPHit Certified Retrofit (Classic, Plus, Premium)**  
Applies to retrofits and must meet PHI EnerPHit requirements using either the component method (meeting envelope, window, and ventilation component thresholds by climate zone) or the energy demand method (meeting heating-demand thresholds by climate zone).
- **PHI Low Energy Building**  
Provides an alternative PHI performance standard for projects that do not meet Passive House or EnerPHit requirements.

For more information, see the [PHI Building Certification Guide](#) and [Criteria for Passive House, EnerPHit, and Low Energy Building](#).

**How to participate**



The next page outlines the participation steps.

## Green Buildings Priority Stream participation steps

**Step 1** Contact the Program Coordinator to indicate interest in having a project prioritized through the Green Buildings Priority Stream.

- **Email:** [greenbuildings@calgary.ca](mailto:greenbuildings@calgary.ca)
- **Phone:** 403.826.0454

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**Step 2** Consider requesting a [Development Applications Review Team \(DART\) pre-application meeting](#) by calling the Planning Customer Service Line at 403-268-5311.

DART Pre-applications are strongly recommended on all major, complex, or controversial outline plan, subdivision, land use amendment and development permit applications. Having a DART pre-application can help identify major issues with the proposal, as well as identify supplemental technical information that will be required to accompany the formal application.

A Development Applications Review Team (DART) pre-application is submitted online through [vista.calgary.ca](http://vista.calgary.ca). Click on the following for the [Complete application requirement list](#) and [how-to guide](#).

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**Step 3** Include the following documentation with your [development permit application](#):

1. **An attestation letter from a Certified Passive House Consultant** confirming the project is intended to be certified as one of:
  - a. Passive House Certified (Classic, Plus, and Premium);
  - b. EnerPHit Certified Retrofit (Classic, Plus, and Premium); or
  - c. Passive House Institute Low Energy Building; and,
2. A preliminary **Passive House Planning Package**.

**Note:** Energy modelling submitted at the Development Permit stage is only used to determine eligibility for this GBPS pathway.

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**Step 4** The Program Coordinator will respond to your development permit application submission documentation to either:

1. Issue a formal invitation to the Green Buildings Priority Stream;
2. Request additional information; or
3. Advise that the project does not meet the eligibility requirements.

From this point forward, the application proceeds through the City's standard development and building permit review processes. The benefit of priority status is that the City coordinates reviews internally to resolve issues earlier and more efficiently, reducing overall review timelines. Where needed, the Program



Coordinator may work directly with the applicant to clarify or resolve outstanding items.

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**Step 5** Following construction, submit the following for post-construction verification of performance and Passive House certification outcomes:

1. Proof of **applicable Passive House Certification as** submitted by Certified Passive House Consultant.
2. A post-construction (as-built) **Passive House Planning Package.**