

POLICY MANUAL

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Policy Statement:

Access to municipal roads is regulated through "Maple Ridge Subdivision and Development Serving Bylaw No. 4800-1993" (Bylaw). Access through redevelopment will be limited to:

- No access to major arterial classified roads is permitted. Access is to be addressed through
 the consolidation of lots or the construction of a rear lane or roadway. A temporary right
 in/right out access may be considered. Access for developments on major arterials is
 strongly preferred to be obtained through consolidation of properties to a side street.
 Alternate access through dedication of a new roadway requires approval of the Director of
 Engineering.
 - a. If alternate access is approved:
 - i. For properties on major arterials with a depth <=45.0m after dedication, a rear lane will be sufficient for primary access. An emergency access will be required from the major street.
 - ii. For properties on a major arterials with a depth >45.0m after dedication, a fire access lane standard will be required to provide for both primary access and emergency access.
- 2. Access will be permitted to minor arterial classified roads under the following conditions:
 - a. The minimum distance between driveways is 50m to reduce conflicts with pedestrian and cycling facilities, limit impact to transit operations and promote safe vehicle operation.
 - b. Access will be restricted to right in/right out.
 - c. If the City determines a lane is required the development must accommodate that lane and a temporary access will be permitted to the arterial road until the lane can be fully constructed.
- 3. Access to collector and local roads will be as outlined in the City's Design Criteria Manual.
- 4. Where an access is permitted it shall be limited to a single access per lot except:
 - a. Where a corner lot is being redeveloped to a commercial use a second access will be permitted. The access to an arterial or collector road will be limited to a right in/right out. Full movement will be permitted on the second access if it is from a local road.
 - b. Industrial use properties and properties within the Agricultural Land Reserve will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if a second access is deemed necessary.

c. Multi-family developments may be permitted a second access to a collector or local road depending on the findings of a trip generation analysis.

5. Exceptions

a. If there are topographical constraints or the adjacent properties limit future access to a lesser road access may be permitted to major arterial road if approved by the Director of Engineering.

Purpose:

To outline how access to major and minor and arterial roads will be addressed through redevelopment.

Definitions:

- Major Arterial Road means a road whose primary function is traffic movement and in which property access through rezoning or subdivision is not permitted.
- Minor Arterial Road means a road whose primary function is traffic movement and in which limited property access through redevelopment is permitted.
- Redevelopment is a development permit as defined in the "Maple Ridge Subdivision and Development Serving Bylaw No. 4800-1993" (Bylaw).

Key Areas of Responsibility	
Action to Take	Responsibility
City staff to designate major and minor arterial roads.	Engineering Department
City staff to identify what road classification a redevelopment application fronts and advise Planning on the access restrictions.	Engineering Department
City staff to review and evaluate future development potential of adjacent properties.	Planning Department

