

ThinKING Green

Sustainable Development Program
Applicant Information Guide



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Purpose of ThinKING Green



- Expand upon the sustainability policies in the **Our King Official Plan**.
- Build upon and replace the Sustainable King: **Green Development Standards Program** as released in 2020.

Applicable Development Applications



- Site Plan Development Applications
- Draft Plan of Subdivision Applications

Information on the development application review process can be found on the [Development Application webpage](#).

What is ThinKING Green?

ThinKING Green was adopted by Township of King Council in May 2024, and is effective for all applicable applications submitted on or after **September 1, 2024**.

The program encourages **new developments** to protect and enhance the natural environment while utilizing efficient, innovative, and sustainable measures.

ThinKING Green establishes a set of metrics with the purpose of **evaluating the sustainable performance** of **new development** in the Township of King.

Principle Areas

- 1 Green Infrastructure
- 2 Energy & Conservation
- 3 Built Environment
- 4 Natural Environment
- 5 Healthy Communities



Each Principle Area is comprised of sustainability metrics. These Principles are interconnected and must be addressed collectively.

The sustainability metrics encourage different aspects of sustainability based on the Principle Area.

Applicants can choose which sustainability metrics they wish to pursue based on their development concept.

The full list of metrics can be found in the [Program Guide](#).

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What is the Submission Process?



- The applicability of **ThinkKING Green** is determined through the Collaborative Application Preparation (CAP) Process.
- A complete application will include the submission of a completed **ThinkKING Green Program Table** and a covering **Green Development Standards Report** that summarizes how the application meets the intent of the program.



How is the Program Scored?



- Each metric has up to three **Target Levels**: Minimum, **Level 1** and **Level 2**. Applications are required to meet all minimum targets.
- The application must meet a minimum of one **Level 1** or **Level 2** target from each principle.
- Developments are required to achieve a minimum overall ThinkKING Green **Sustainability Score of Bronze**.



Score Level	ThinkKING Green Sustainability Scores	
	Site Plan	Draft Plan
Bronze	35 - 50	30 - 40
Silver	51 - 75	41 - 60
Gold	76+	61+



To learn more about ThinkKING Green

- Visit the [ThinkKING Green webpage](#)
- View the [SpeaKING Project](#)
- Book an [Ask King Planning Inquiry](#)

