

# Primer on Land Development Process in BC

Industry Standards of Practice in Implementing Rainwater Management

## Table 1 – Synopsis of the Primer Storyline

**ABSTRACT:** The purpose of this Primer is to add depth to *Stormwater Planning: A Guidebook for British Columbia*. The Primer describes the Land Development Process, with a specific focus on the roles and responsibilities of those who are involved in implementing industry standards of practice. The Primer explains how local government can implement rainwater management systems that mimic the natural Water Balance. The Primer then identifies administrative options to achieve this desired outcome.

	Section Title	Content Highlights
1	<b>Regulatory Context for Rainwater Management</b>	Introduces provincial expectations for rainwater management, and highlights the need to align roles and responsibilities in the land development setting in order to achieve desired outcomes at a watershed scale.
2	<b>Scope of Primer</b>	Explains that Land Development involves a series of distinct and separate process steps, with the rainwater management challenge being the need to bridge the gap between Land Subdivision and Building Construction.
3	<b>Land Subdivision Process Explained</b>	Describes the regulatory and approval processes that affect the standards for design and construction, and elaborates on these four topics: land use zoning, subdivision, bare land strata, and results of subdivision.
4	<b>Standard Consulting Roles Explained</b>	Elaborates on the three distinct steps in the Land Development Process (i.e. rezoning, subdivision, and design and construction); and explains why and how the roles of professionals are different during each step.
5	<b>Subdivision Design Standards &amp; Drainage</b>	Provides detailed information on the regulatory requirements governing technical matters and business practices that form expectations and scope of work for all those involved in the Land Development Process.
6	<b>Implementing Rainwater Management</b>	Provides comprehensive guidance on how to achieve a balance of enforceable regulation that, through Bylaws and an Administrative Process, results in a bridge from Land Subdivision to Building Construction.
7	<b>Conclusions</b>	Extracts the highlights from each of Sections 2 through 6 in order to provide the reader with a concise and consolidated summary of what is important to remember.
8	<b>References</b>	Provides a starting point for interested readers to learn more about the Beyond the Guidebook Primer Series.