

# Bird-Friendly Specification Checklist for Major Heritage Permit Approval

The City of Markham Council approved the Bird-Friendly Guidelines on February 11, 2014, with an update in 2026. The Guidelines provide guidance on treatments and techniques for new development implemented primarily through the development approval process. Bird-Friendly Specification Checklists were also approved as an implementation tool to secure bird-friendly commitments in new construction. Separate checklists are provided for the following application types, including:

- Draft Plan of Subdivision
- Site Plan Control
- Major Heritage Permit

For further details and design guidance, refer to Chapters 2.0 and 3.0 of the Bird-Friendly Guidelines.

## Instructions and General Notes:

1. Applicant to complete and include the Checklist as part of the first submission for Major Heritage Permit Applications.
2. Completed Checklist to be provided as part of Elevation Drawings. Drawings to be stamped and signed by a member of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA).



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Checklist to be included as part of the Elevation Drawings

<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant proposal applies treatments within 16m from finished grade and/or roof level		
<b>1.0 Treatment Zone</b>			
		At Grade	Roof Landscaping
A.	100% of contiguous glass panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.	Minimum 90% of contiguous glass panel on building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C.	There is no glass panel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.0 Treatment Type</b>			
<b>2.1 Visual Markers on Glass Panel</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> On Building		<input type="checkbox"/> On Railing	
Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Integral / Applied Coverings <input type="checkbox"/> Frit and Etched Glass <input type="checkbox"/> High Colour Contrast		
Pattern:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripes	<input type="checkbox"/> Dots	<input type="checkbox"/> Pattern
<b>2.2 External Coverings</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> On Building			
Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Shades	<input type="checkbox"/> Screens	<input type="checkbox"/> Grilles
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shutters	<input type="checkbox"/> Louvers	
<b>2.3 Non-Vision Glazing</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> On Building		<input type="checkbox"/> On Railing	
<input type="checkbox"/> 100% of contiguous low reflectance and opaque materials <input type="checkbox"/> First-surface reflectance no more than 15%			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant proposal omits City recommended bird-friendly measures		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant proposal is exempt from bird-friendly treatment as agreed with City		

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