Principles for a Scoped Secondary Plan for Designated Growth Areas

Preliminary Policy Directions

The Village of Wellesley is the identified Urban Area in the Township of Wellesley Official Plan and is intended to accommodate a mix of uses and serve as the primary focus for growth. A Scoped Secondary Plan for Designated Growth Areas is being prepared to support and plan for focused growth.

Secondary Plan Draft Guiding Principles

Guiding principles for the Scoped Secondary Plan for Designated Growth Areas will help guide the development of the Secondary Plan policies and articulate a vision for complete neighbourhoods that meet the needs of the community and addresses public health, climate change, mobility options, servicing, and the quality of the built environment. They include:

- Create a healthy, pedestrian-oriented environment that supports opportunities for daily physical activity and social interaction in a safe, inclusive, and accessible community.

- Promote an adaptive and resilient community through the responsible use of resources, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and demands on energy, water, and waste systems.

- Protect, maintain, and enhance the rural character and function of lands outside of the settlement area to foster a vibrant agricultural community.

- Protect and conserve the cultural heritage and archeological resources of the Township.

- Provide for an appropriate mix and range of housing options, including more affordable housing types, to meet the projected needs of present and future residents throughout all stages of their lives.

- Ensure the provision of a multimodal transportation network that facilitates walking and cycling, and the efficient movement of vehicles.

- Promote efficient and phased development through the coordinated planning for transportation and municipal services.

- Provide for an accessible, connected, and integrated system of parks, open spaces, and trails that are linked to existing natural features, parks, and trails.