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Caledon's Strategic Plan 2023-2035 HYSC Online Tools Results Summary

What We Heard

In March 2023, the Town engaged the community to better understand what is most important to residents over the next 12 years. We asked them about their hopes and dreams for the future of Caledon to inform Caledon's 2023-2035 Strategic Plan. Residents had an opportunity to share their ideas online through the Have Your Say Caledon Strategic Plan project page. The Town received 17 contributions (ideas, comments, feedback) from 7 contributors about what they hope to see more or less of in 2035. In addition, children and youth ages 4-18 had an opportunity to submit to the Town a drawing/creative representation of their vision for Caledon. The Town received over 32 submissions. A summary of the findings is included in this document.

Results from this engagement should be treated as a snapshot into resident and youth viewpoints on the project and considered alongside other data sources for a full picture of community feedback.

Here's what residents told us:

- Protect and support natural environment, specifically land and water quality, eg. from trucks, quarries, increase conservation, environmental tourism destination, Credit River Watershed as a National Park
- Maintain low traffic/management in villages, eg. village arch entrance, reroute provincial highways
- Improve utilization of existing indoor and outdoor recreation facilities. Eg. Add trees/shade in parks and playgrounds, repurpose underutilized spaces for gymnasium providing recreation and sports
- Improve/update villages, including parking and activities for children and youth
- More ambitious net zero targets, eg. net zero buildings by 2025, building retrofits, etc.

Creative submissions primarily featured visions of:

- Beautiful and natural environments with rivers, ponds, trees, flowers, gardens and animals
- Outdoor activities including pool, splash pad, scavenger hunts, parks including skate/bike park and environmentally friendly sports centre
- More and diversity of buildings and housing
- Climate change disaster, eg. houses under water
- Infrastructure such as roads, highways, library, school and mall
- Modern technology options such as robots and renewable energy
- Words and images of happiness, fun and love

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Next Steps

Data collected throughout the entire consultation process will be analyzed and used to inform the 2023-2035 Caledon Strategic Plan Staff Report. The report will be discussed at a meeting in Summer 2023. Use the Q&A tool or staff contact information on the Have Your Say Caledon page to ask us questions.

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Thank you to residents who contributed to the online tools. Throughout March 2023 the Submit an Idea and Share Your Vision tools were open. The Share Your Vision activity was also available in printed format at Town and Caledon Public Library facilities.