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OUR OFFICIAL PLAN

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

Phase 1: Public Open House

October 18, 2021

Land Acknowledgement

Indigenous Peoples have unique and enduring relationships with the land.

Indigenous Peoples have lived on and cared for this land throughout the ages. We acknowledge this and we recognize the significance of the land on which we gather and call home.

We acknowledge the territory of the Anishinabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Ojibway/Chippewa peoples, and the land of the Métis.

This land is part of the Treaty and Territorial lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We honour and respect Indigenous heritage and the long-lasting history of the land and strive to protect the land, water, plants and animals that have inhabited this land for generations yet to come.

Introductions

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TOWN OF CALEDON

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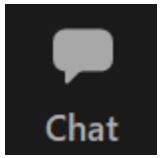
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- We will do our best to answer all of your questions
- Follow up questions can be sent to opreview@Caledon.ca

Agenda & Meeting Purpose



1. Introductions & Opening Remarks
2. Project Overview & Work Completed to Date
3. Engagement Completed to Date
4. Discussion: Vision and Guiding Principles
5. Wrap Up & Next Steps

Project Background

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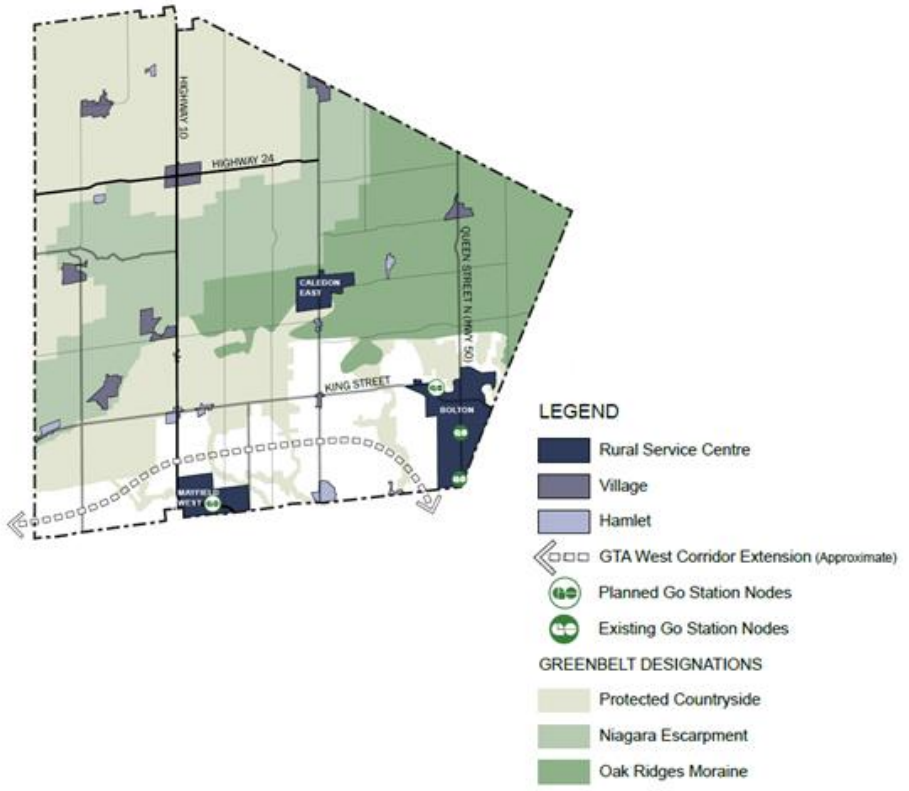
Project Purpose

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The Town of Caledon is undertaking its Official Plan Review (OPR) known as **Future Caledon: Our Official Plan.**

- The Official Plan will establish a **vision for our future** Caledon and will serve as a road map for the Town to **responsibly manage growth and change** over the next 30 years.

- Through Future Caledon, the Town will prepare a new Official Plan with policies informed by various background studies, reports and ongoing consultation and engagement with the community and stakeholders (E.g., the Province, the Region, Conservation Authorities and more).



Project Background

Why is an update needed?

- **Caledon's Official Plan is required to be consistent with updated Provincial policies** (e.g., 2020 Provincial Policy Statement, Greenbelt Plan 2017 etc.)
- Peel Region has advanced its Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR). **The Town's Official Plan is required to conform with the Region's Official Plan.**
- Provincial Legislation requires the Town to update its Official Plan every 5-10 years.
- Caledon's current Official Plan was prepared in 1979 and has since gone through two major updates.

Provincial Drivers

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The Official Plan review is guided by and must consider several new and updated pieces of Provincial legislation and policy, including:

- **The Planning Act**
  - Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015 (Bill 73)
  - Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 (Bill 139)
  - More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 (Bill 108)
  - COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 (Bill 197)
- **Provincial Policy Statement, 2020**
- **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019**
- **Greenbelt Plan, 2017**
- **Oak Ridges Moraine conservation Plan, 2017**
- **Niagara Escarpment Plan, 2017**
- **Other Provincial Initiatives** (e.g., Caledon GO)

Regional Drivers

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The Town of Caledon Official Plan must conform to and implement the Region of Peel Official Plan.

Peel2051
Regional Official Plan Review

- The Region released draft policies and schedules on October 1, 2021.
- Public consultation on the draft materials will occur in October 2021.
  - Tuesday October 26th: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
  - Wednesday October 27th: 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- The Region of Peel Official Plan will address key matters related to population and employment forecasting, settlement area expansion, natural environment, among others.
- Regional Council adoption of the Official Plan is expected in Early 2022.

Regional Drivers

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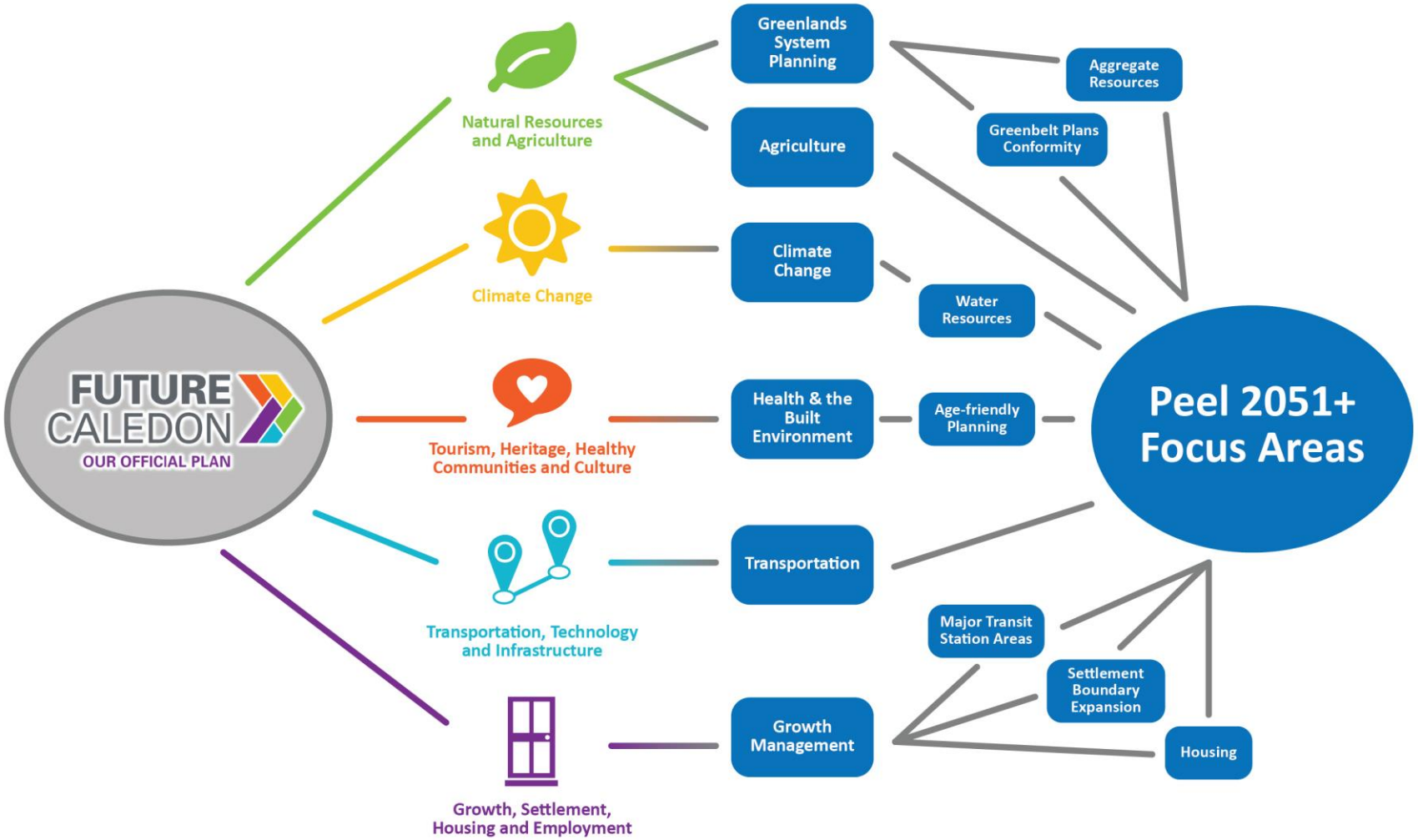
The Region of Peel Official Plan provides direction for future growth across the Region.

Peel2051
Regional Official Plan Review

- **Establishes growth forecasts.** The Town of Caledon is forecasted to be home to 300,000 residents and 125,000 jobs by the year 2051.
- **Identifies the need for additional lands to accommodate growth.** A settlement area boundary expansion is planned for Caledon for new community & job growth.
- **Protects what is important.** Revised policies provide additional protections for the natural environment and agricultural lands.
- **Plans for the transportation options.** The Region has identified a Major Transit Station Area in Bolton around the proposed Caledon GO Station.

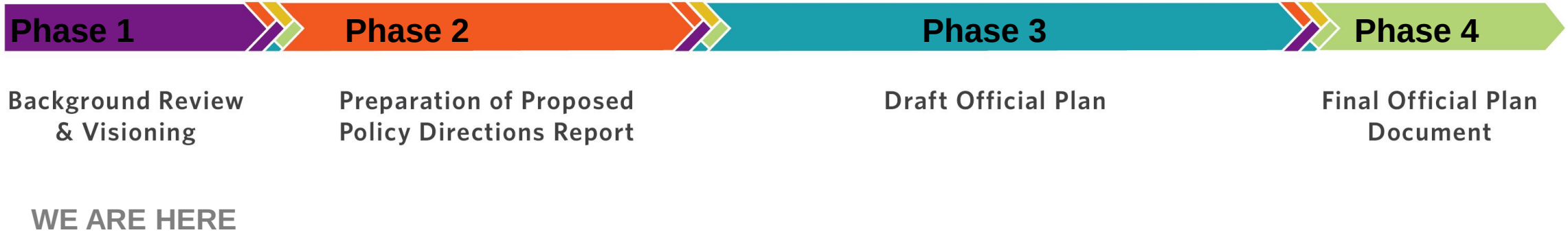
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Project Timeline

- The Project Schedule reflects the timing of the various technical inputs & studies, and the Peel 2051 Municipal Comprehensive Review.
- The Town is aiming for Town Council adoption of the Plan in 2022.



Project Progress

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Report Overview



As part of the Phase 1 work, a Background Review & Gap Analysis Report was prepared and includes the following:

- A summary of Town studies & master plans;
- An overview of Provincial & Region policy drivers;
- A comprehensive policy gaps, conflicts, and opportunities assessment;
- Principles & considerations for OP format; and,
- A preliminary Secondary Plan Strategy.

Evolution of the Report







Draft Background Review & Gap Analysis Report
(Spring 2021)

Final Background Review & Gap Analysis Report
(Summer/Fall 2021)

Draft Policy Directions Report
(Winter 2021)

Preliminary Assessment of Gaps & Opportunities

Study Conclusions
OP Format Options
Secondary Plan Strategy

Specific Policy Directions

Engagement to Date

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Engagement Overview

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Phase 1 Engagement

Understanding Priorities

✓Community Surveys (4 surveys)

✓Satellite Office Events (217 participants)

✓Pop-Up Events (596 participants)

✓Community Events (331 participants)

✓Council Presentations

✓Community Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (August 19, 2021)

Creating a Vision

✓Stakeholder Vision Workshop (September 16, 2021)

✓Vision Survey (110 responses)

Setting the Foundation

✓Public Open House #1

Vision Summary Report

Questions of Clarification?

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10 minutes



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Discussion: OPR Foundations

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Vision Statement

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What is a Vision Statement?

- A vision statement is an aspirational sentence or string of sentences that define a desired outcome.
- The vision statement guides all guiding principles, goals and actions to help ensure that the vision becomes reality.
- A vision statement is an opportunity to dream big!

What we Asked

- Using community feedback on priorities and drafted some potential vision statements.
- We then tested three Vision Statement Options with the community.

Caledon is a future-oriented community: we are complete, connected, sustainable and resilient.

Future Caledon shines as an example of accessibility, diversity, connectedness and sustainability.

Our Caledon: vibrant, complete, connected and sustainable.

Draft Vision Statement

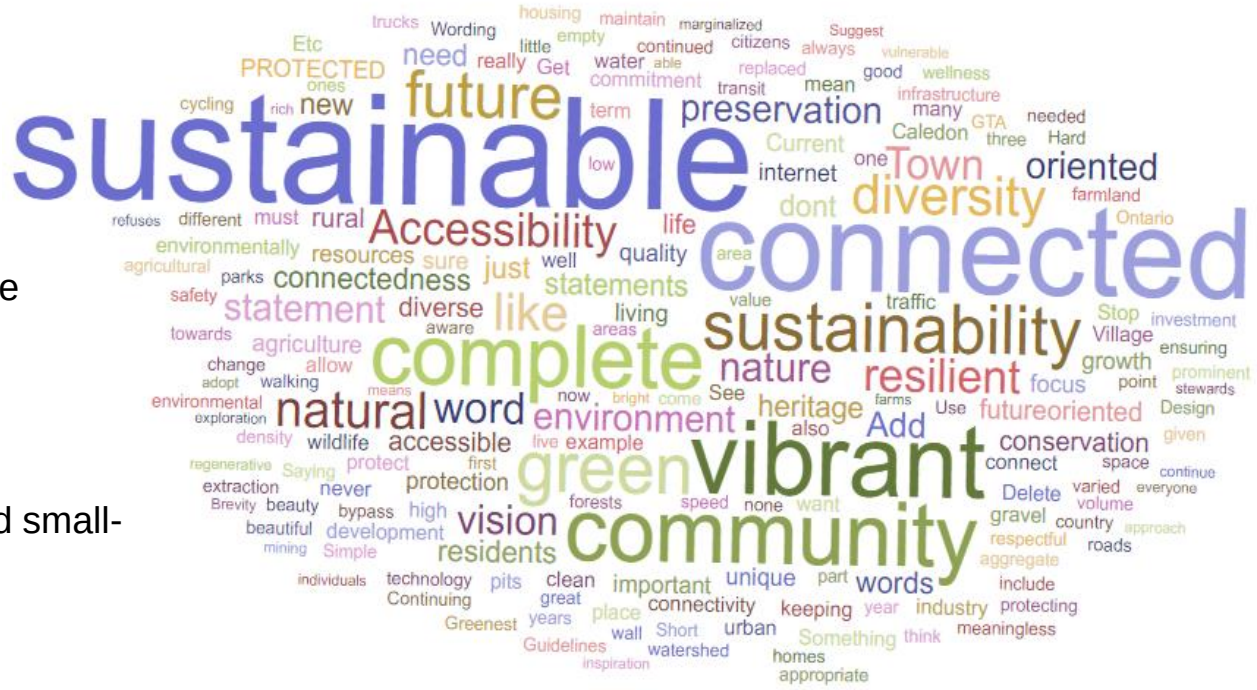
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What We Heard

- The word cloud provides a visualization of what we heard from the community and stakeholders.

Key Themes

- Statement length:
  - Keep it short and snappy
  - Provide more detail and meaning
- The Environment:
  - Restore reputation as Greenest Town in Ontario
  - Preservation and enhancement of the Natural Heritage System is paramount
- Future-Oriented:
  - Reflects a progressive mindset
  - May challenge desire to preserve cultural heritage and small-town feel
- Complete:
  - Define what complete means
  - Reflects a desire to be a well-rounded community



Draft Vision Statement

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The Results

Based on community and stakeholder feedback we prepared the following revised vision statement.

"Our Caledon is a sustainable, connected and complete community. We celebrate our heritage, diversity and rural roots, and are stewards of our environment."

Quick Poll

How did we do with the revised vision statement?

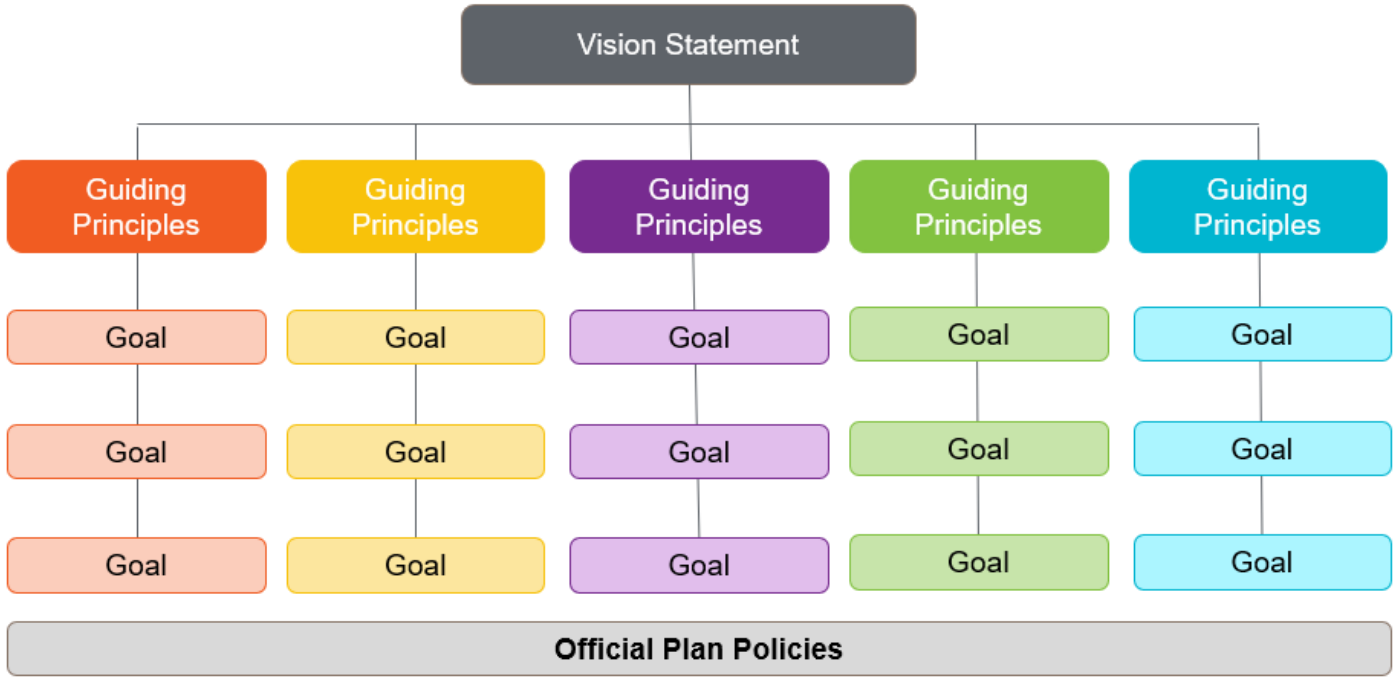
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- Guiding principles and goals should help achieve the Vision

- Goals should be SMART
  - **S**pecific
  - **M**easurable
  - **A**ttainable
  - **R**elevant
  - **T**ime-Based

- Official Plan policies can be written & structured under each goal to clearly illustrate how the vision will be achieved

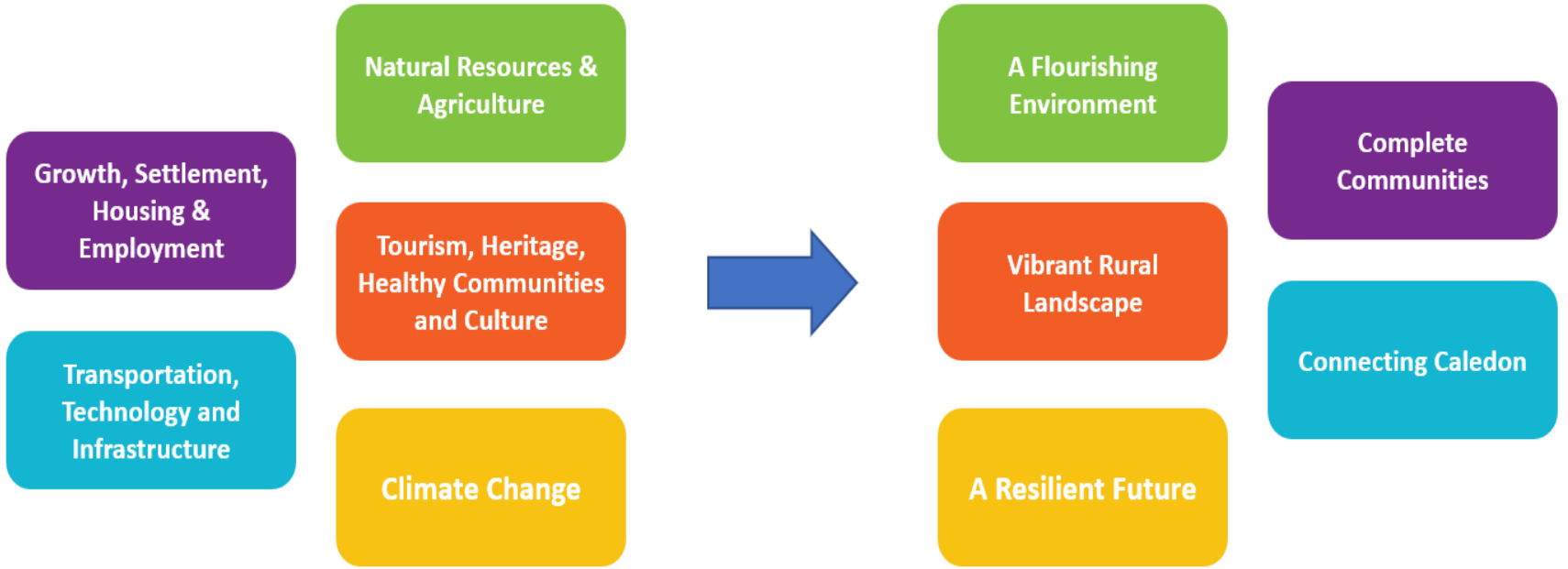


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What We Asked

- Based on best practice review, the Background review & Gaps Analysis report, and several workshops with members of Council, we developed draft initial guiding principles based on the original focus areas.
- A total of 25 initial directions, based on what we've heard, were presented.



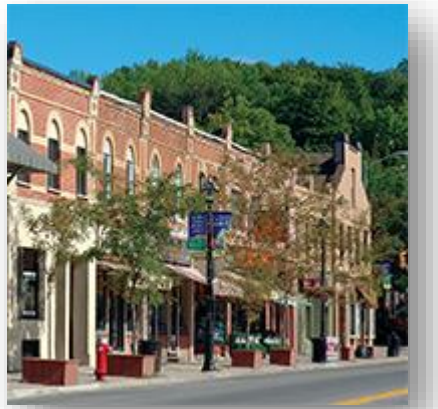
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What We Heard

Complete Communities

(Formerly Growth, Settlement, Housing and Employment Focus Area)





Key Themes:

- **Strong support for protection of rural community character** (e.g., protection of Caledon's unique character)
- **Strong support for managing growth** (e.g., a sustainable pace to growth)
- **Strategic Land Use decision making** (e.g., avoid sprawl, create mixed use communities)
- **Context specific development** (e.g., grow in strategic locations while preserving cultural heritage)
- **Environmental Focus** (e.g., all planning decisions should be made through an environmental lens first and foremost)

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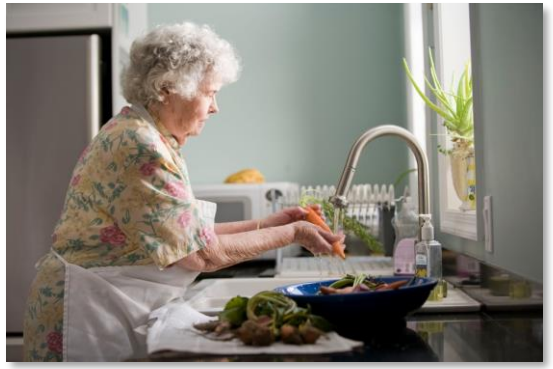


Building Identity

- Future Caledon will build on the Town's strong identity by enhancing beautiful and vibrant urban and rural communities that preserve cultural heritage resources and local community character.

- Future Caledon will create great places by promoting a high standard of urban design and bolstering the vitality of our urban and rural communities.

- Future Caledon will be designed to be safe and accessible for all citizens.



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Growth

- Future Caledon will promote strategic and manageable growth and sustainable planning principles to protect natural areas and rural landscapes.
- Future Caledon will plan for communities that provide a balanced mix of uses where people can live, work, play.
- Future Caledon will support a range of housing opportunities and affordability for people of all ages and stages.

Economic Development

- Future Caledon will promote innovation and diversity to attract a high-quality labour force by promoting a variety of employment opportunities that are complementary to surrounding land uses.

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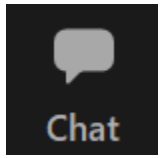
Quick Poll

Complete Communities

Are we on the right track?

Discussion

- What have we missed?
- Any other feedback?



Type your question or comment in the chat box.

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What We Heard

Connecting Caledon

(Formerly Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure focus area)

Key Themes:

- **Support for investment in broadband infrastructure**
- **Split response on supporting all forms of transportation**
- **Ensure infrastructure and servicing keeps pace with development** (both hard and soft infrastructure)
- **Balance priorities for investment in the transit network**
- **Invest in safe and connected active transportation solutions that make sense for Caledon**
- **Overall Transportation Network Safety** (e.g., safe roads for all users, manage truck traffic)



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The Results

Connecting Caledon

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Transportation

- Future Caledon will promote, plan and create a connected, accessible, and safe transportation network that supports different forms of mobility options and land uses.

Community Infrastructure and Services

- Future Caledon will plan for hard infrastructure (ex. water, wastewater, broadband internet) and soft services (ex. libraries, recreation centres, parks, social services) to keep up with the pace of development.





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What We Heard

A Flourishing Environment

(Formerly Natural Resources and Agriculture focus area)



Key Themes:

- **Strong support for protecting our environment** (e.g., conserving the escarpment, moraine, watersheds and other ecologically significant features)
- **Strong support for the protection of farmlands**
- **Strong Support for Conserving Natural Resources** (however, should be referred to as “Natural Heritage System”)
- **Protecting the environment should extend to preservation, restoration and enhancement**
- **Aggregate operations require better oversight**

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The Results

A Flourishing Environment

(Formerly Natural Resources and Agriculture focus area)

- Future Caledon will have an environmental focus and plan with a sustainable and responsible lens that recognizes Caledon's legacy as one of Ontario’s Greenest towns.

- Future Caledon will protect the Town's Natural Heritage System by applying a holistic approach to protecting wildlife and conserving the natural heritage system.

- Future Caledon will enhance quality of life and well-being by preserving, promoting, and creating better access to greenspaces and the natural heritage system.





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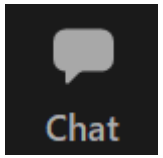
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What We Heard

Vibrant Rural Landscape

(Formerly Agriculture; Tourism, Heritage, Healthy Communities and Culture Focus Area)

Key Themes:

- **Moderate support of cultural heritage preservation** (e.g., respect the character of Caledon's historic villages)
- **Moderate support for building a strong identity** (e.g., maintaining a sense of place within the Town's natural beauty)
- **Balance heritage and growth** (e.g., appropriately balance "the old and the new", consider incentives to maintain heritage structures)
- **Tourism Compatibility** (e.g., ensuring tourism opportunities are compatible with the local context and aren't detrimental to the environment)
- **Community Health** (e.g., consider the long term effects of planning decisions on community health and well-being).



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The Results

Vibrant Rural Landscape

(Formerly Agriculture; Tourism, Heritage, Healthy Communities and Culture Focus Area)



- Future Caledon will bolster the Town's agricultural community's future health and prosperity by protecting productive farmland and embracing innovative urban agricultural initiatives.
- Future Caledon will promote on-farm diversified uses that provide a unique visitor experience while maintaining agricultural viability and compatibility with the local context.
- Future Caledon will foster a vibrant rural landscape by recognizing the unique character of the Town's villages and hamlets and planning for appropriate land use transitions between our urban and rural areas.
- Future Caledon will promote engagement with, and acknowledgement and respect of, Indigenous communities and heritage.

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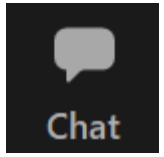
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What We Heard

A Resilient Future

(Formerly Climate change focus area)



Key Themes:

- **Strong support for protecting our climate** (e.g., reducing local contributions to GHG emissions and preparing for climate impacts)
- **Strong support for pursing green development** (e.g., resilient buildings, energy efficiency, renewable energy, etc.)
- **Moderate support for developing neighbourhood plans** (e.g., targeted neighbourhood plans aimed at reducing emissions and increasing resilience)
- **Moderate support for setting emissions targets** (e.g., IPCC emission targets)
- **Adaptation** (should be an explicit objective)
- **Pollution reduction** (plan in a way that discourages waste production and emissions)

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The Results

A Resilient Future

(Formerly Climate change focus area)



- Future Caledon will plan in away that adapts to climate change impacts and mitigates local emissions.

- Future Caledon will promote green development and infrastructure by encouraging net zero communities and low impact development.

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A Resilient Future

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Next Steps

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Next Steps

- The Project Team will **use feedback** received today to refine our Vision Statement, prepare Guiding Principles, and draft goals for the Official Plan
- The Project Team will incorporate results into the **Draft Policy Directions Report**.
- Stay tuned for more opportunities to engage as we progress through this important process
- Visit: **haveyoursaycaledon.ca/official-plan-review** to stay up-to-date!
- Have more questions?
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THANK YOU!