

Shaping Guelph

Municipal Comprehensive Review

Vision and Principles for Growth to 2041

Council Meeting
June 15, 2020



Growth Plan



Overview of Municipal Comprehensive Review



Q1 and Q2 2020

- Review vision and principles for growth

Q1 to Q3 2020

- Residential intensification analysis

Q1 to Q3 2020

- Employment lands strategy

Q3 and Q4 2020

- Housing analysis and strategy

Q4 2020 and Q1 2021

- Growth scenario planning and infrastructure needs/costs analysis

Q1 and Q2 2021

- Growth Management Strategy



Community Engagement



What We Did

- December 2019 – Telephone Survey
- February 2020 – In person engagement
- February/March 2020 – Online Surveys



Telephone Survey

Statistically valid survey of 600 Guelph residents

We asked

For opinions, attitudes and preferences about
Guelph's growth and growth management



Online Surveys

- Two online surveys from February 7 to March 8, 2020
- 598 responses

We asked

How should Guelph grow over the next 20 years?

What challenges might Guelph face as it grows?

Where should growth be located?

What are your housing preferences?



Shaping Guelph Speaker Event

- On February 27, 2020 the City hosted a speaker event with 3 distinguished urban planners
- Approximately 250 people attended
- Event included passive community engagement

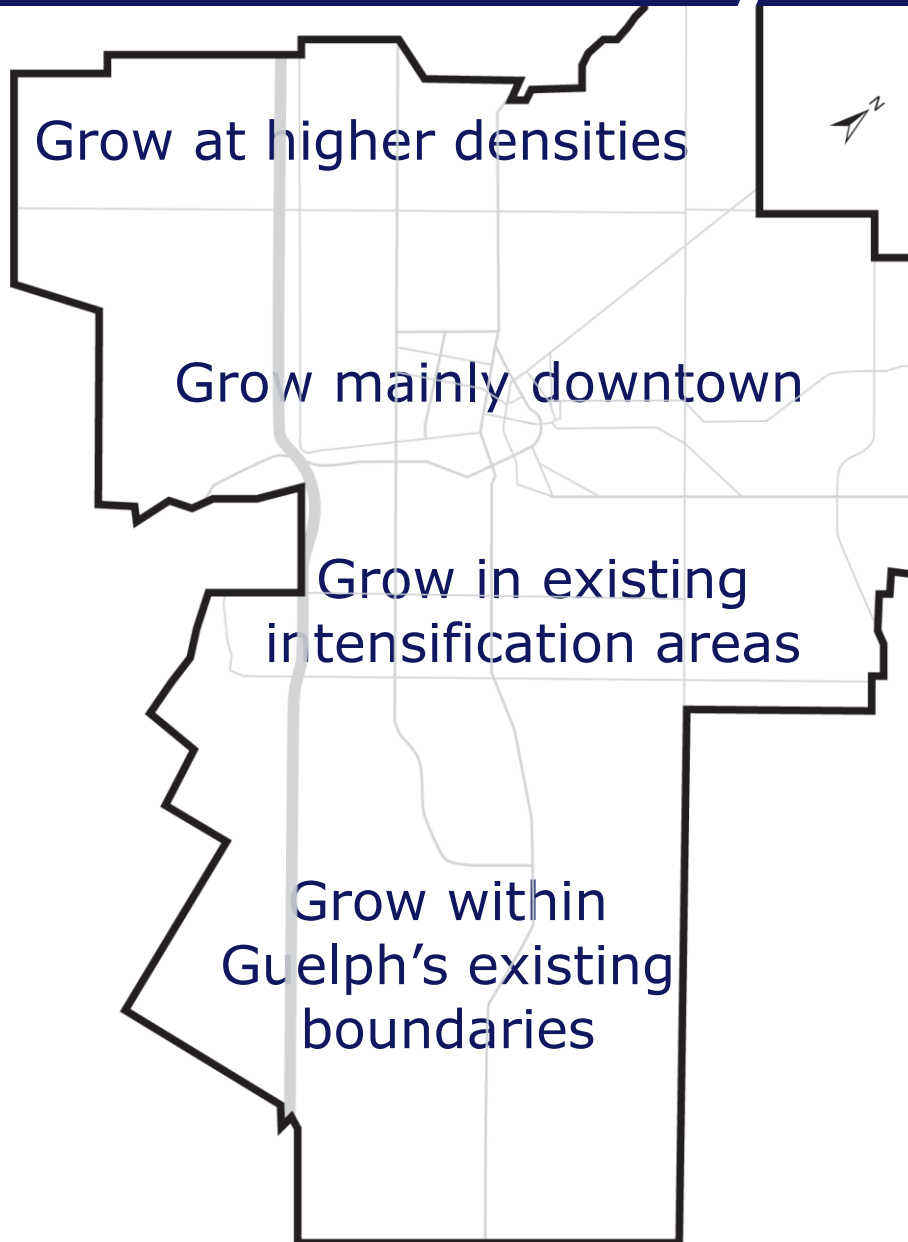
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What should be considered as Guelph grows?

Where should Guelph grow?



Community Engagement Key Findings



Consider:

- Availability and affordability of housing
- Transportation infrastructure
- Protection of the environment – especially groundwater



Vision and Principles



Growth Plan Vision

- Complete communities
- Protect employment zones
- Increase the amount and variety of housing
- Modern, maintained, sustainable, resilient infrastructure
- Provide transportation choices
- Healthy natural environment
- Cultural heritage resources and open spaces
- Vibrant urban centres with compact development
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Regional economic powerhouse



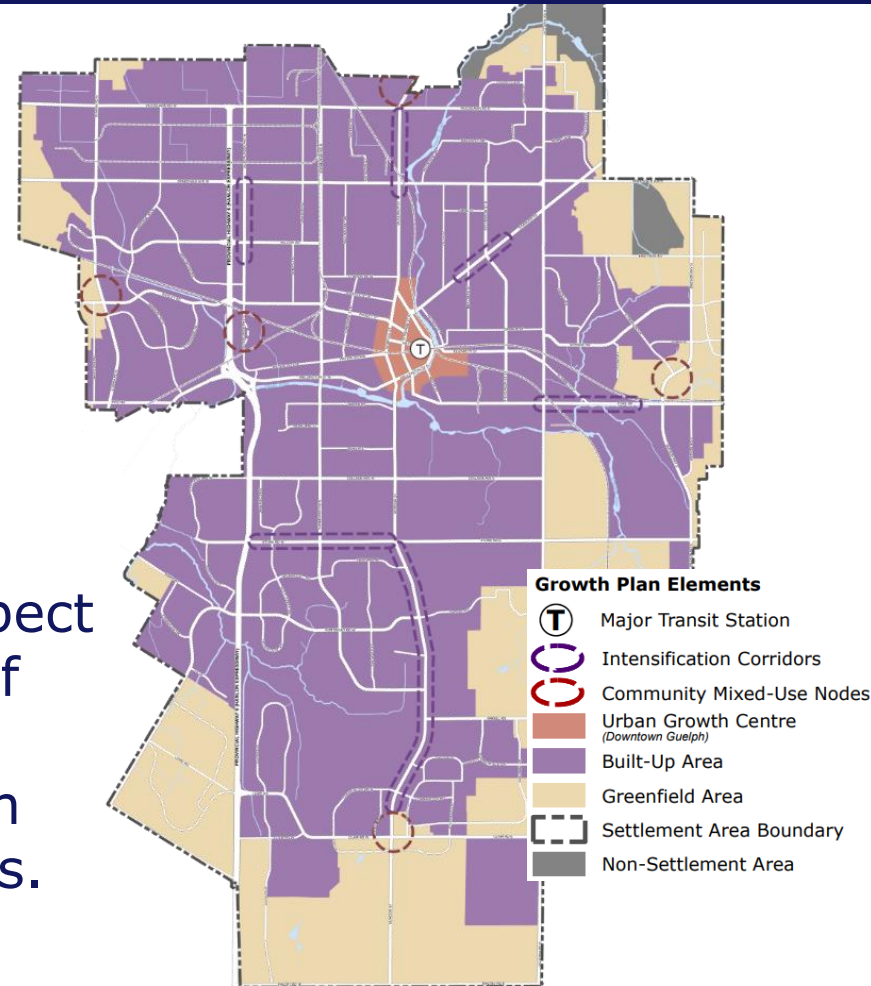
Current Official Plan Vision for Growth

Vision

Guelph in 2031 will be a community of approximately 175,000 people and 92,000 jobs. The City will manage population growth within its current boundaries in a manner that ensures water supply and wastewater treatment are sustainable.

New development will respect the existing character of Guelph and retain the qualities that set Guelph apart from its neighbours.

The City will continue to be recognized as a leader in agri-food and innovation, advanced manufacturing and environmental technologies.



Draft Vision for Growth to 2041

Guelph in 2041 is a place of community. Guelph is a diverse community that is rich in history and vibrant new places and spaces. We are welcoming to new people to live and work within our neighbourhoods and to new businesses that support and strengthen our diverse and innovative local economy.

Our community has a full range and mix of housing that is accessible and affordable

Our city has been thoughtfully designed and is compact, connected, and complete. We have places to shop, to work, and to explore open spaces and parks.

We have built a community where we can safely walk, cycle, ride transit, or drive anywhere we want to go.

Our cultural heritage resources have been embraced and celebrated.

Our natural heritage system and water resources are protected and maintained as one of our most valuable assets.



Draft Vision for Growth to 2041 Cont'd.

The Official Plan sets out how we will manage Guelph's land use patterns that shape the city's social, economic, cultural, and natural environments. The Official Plan is a companion to the city's Community Plan – a plan that identifies the community's priorities to develop a welcoming and prosperous city. Together, the Official Plan and Community Plan create a strong foundation that will guide the future of Guelph.

**In 2041, our Guelph is a place we are proud to call home.
We are proud because we have worked together to shape
its future.**



Draft Principles for Growth to 2041

- Grow within our existing boundaries
- Compact & efficient development
- Full range of land uses
- Grow in a sustainable and fiscally responsible way
- Range and mix of affordable housing
- Complete multi-modal transportation system
- Accessible, connected, open space, park and trail system
- Adequate servicing to support Guelph's growth
- Protecting, conserving, and enhancing our NHS and groundwater resources
- A net-zero carbon future
- Adapting to and mitigating effects of climate change
- Embracing, celebrating, and conserving cultural heritage
- Planning and designing an attractive urban landscape



Next Steps



Thank you

