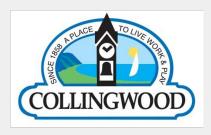
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# OFFICIAL PLAN Draft 1



Community Information and Feedback Sessions **AUGUST 2, 2022** 







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### WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Phase 1	Project Start-Up
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- Phase 2 Community Visioning/Information Gathering
- Phase 3 Background Analysis/Studies and Issue Identification
- Phase 4 Directions/Recommendations
- Phase 5 Draft Plan < We are here
- Phase 6 Adoption

# WORK PROGRAM OVERVIEW – ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Timeline	Activity
January 2020	Council workshop and interviews
March 2020	Community issues identification workshop and What We Heard Report #1
July 2020	Community survey and What We Heard Report #2
July 2020	Release of Discussion Papers on eight key topic areas
November 2020	Community workshops on Discussion Paper topics and draft Options and Recommendations Report
December 2020 to present	Refinement of Options and Recommendations and preparation of the first draft of a new Official Plan

# BACKGROUND REPORTS

- Municipal Infrastructure
- Community Design
- Downtown and Waterfront
- Growth Management
- Housing
- Natural Heritage
- Sustainable Development
- Transportation
- Impact of COVID-19

#### **WORDS MATTER**

- Regulate: Identifies mandatory requirements with little room for interpretive flexibility, using language such as 'require', 'will', 'shall' and 'must'
- Manage: More focused on management and implementing principles with some inherent interpretive flexibility, using language such as 'permit', 'prefer' and 'should'
- Facilitate: Intended to facilitate positive change that might be more difficult to achieve, using language such as 'encourage', 'desire' and 'incent'

#### VISION

Collingwood is a unique community that is a hub of year-round healthy active lifestyles. It is defined by the shoreline of Georgian Bay, with a backdrop of the nearby Niagara Escarpment - both are cherished for their natural features, historic legacy, and recreational amenities.

The entire community comes together in the Downtown, which is recognized as the heart of the community, with a mix of activities, the highest quality public realm, and connections with the waterfront, to present a distinct image of the Town to residents and visitors alike.

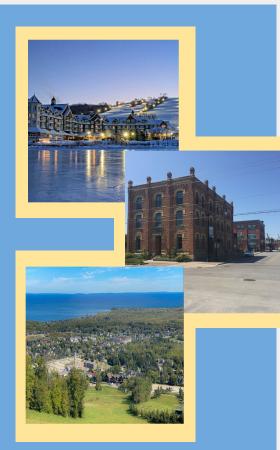
The residents of Collingwood aspire to live in healthy and complete communities that are inclusive, accessible, compact and well connected for all modes of travel – and prioritizes active transportation such as pedestrians, and cyclists. Residents of all ages and abilities will continue to require access to a range and mixture of housing types, community services and recreational amenities to support their well-being.

Collingwood wants to retain and grow its economic prosperity, while protecting its environmental assets. The local economy will continue to thrive because it is diverse, entrepreneurial, and adaptable to changing trends, just as it has been over the course of Collingwood's history.

As Collingwood grows, the success of existing neighbourhoods and its cultural heritage resources will be strengthened, and the features that make the Town unique will remain as valued assets for future generations to enjoy.

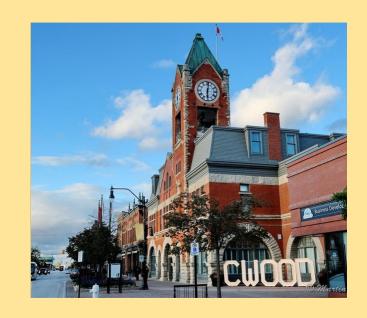
#### **COMMUNITY VALUES**

- 1. Conservation of the Natural Heritage System
- 2. Recognize the Downtown as the Heart of the Community
- 3. Support a Flexible Approach to Economic Development
- 4. Conserve Collingwood's Cultural Heritage Legacy
- 5. Promote High Quality Design
- 6. Provide a Full Range and Mix of Land Uses
- 7. Provide a Full Range of Housing Opportunities
- 8. Promote Compact Development and Intensification
- 9. Be a Healthy Community
- 10. Plan for Enhanced Local Transit
- 11. Develop an Active Transportation Network



# BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY

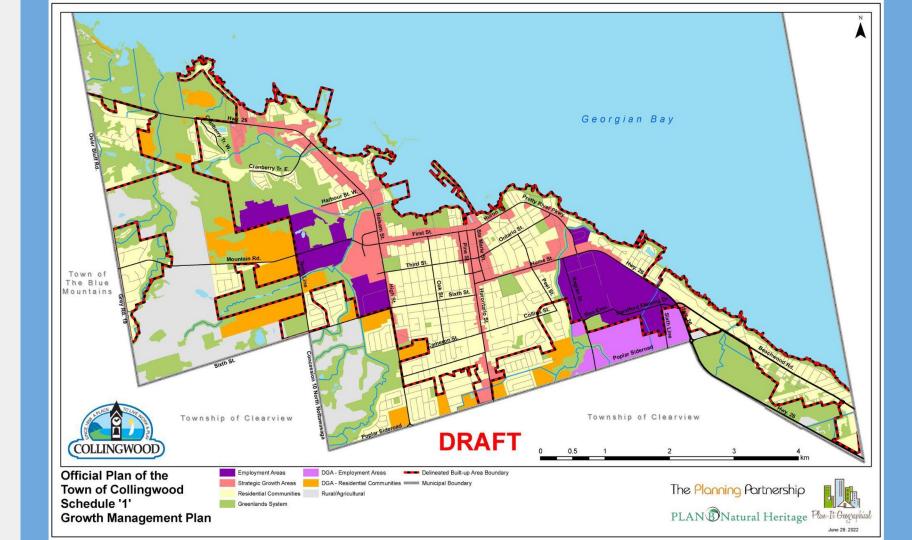
- Promoting Housing Opportunities
- Promoting a Strong and Healthy Economy
- Supporting a Healthy Community
- Ensuring High Quality Urban Design
- Conserving Cultural Heritage Resources
- Promoting Environmental Sustainability and Adapting to Climate Change



### **GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

- Population and Employment Forecasts - 2041
- Planning for Growth in an Urban Structure
- Accommodating Projected Growth/ Phasing





#### **General Provisions for All Land Use Designations**

- Development Review
- Land Use Permitted in All Land Use Designations
- Land Uses Prohibited in All Designations
- Natural Heritage and Hazard Lands
- Wayside Pits and Quarries and Portable Asphalt Plants
- Contaminated Sites

#### **General Provisions for All Land Use Designations**

- Land Use/Built-Form Specific Policies
  - Low-Rise Buildings
  - Mid-Rise Buildings
  - High-Rise Buildings
  - Additional and Accessory
     Residential Units
  - Special Needs Housing
  - Live-Work Units
  - Home-Based Businesses
  - Bed & Breakfast Establishments

- Short-Term
   Accommodations
- Day Care Facilities
- Small Scale Places of Worship
- Neighbourhood Supporting Uses
- Elementary Schools
- Public Service Facilities

#### **Community Area Designation:**

- Existing Neighbourhood Designation;
- Future Neighbourhood Designation;
- Major Institutional Designation; and,
- Parks and Open Space Designation.

#### **Strategic Growth Area Designations:**

- Downtown;
- Mixed-use Corridor I;
- Mixed-use Corridor II; and,
- The Regional Commercial District.



#### **Employment Area Designations:**

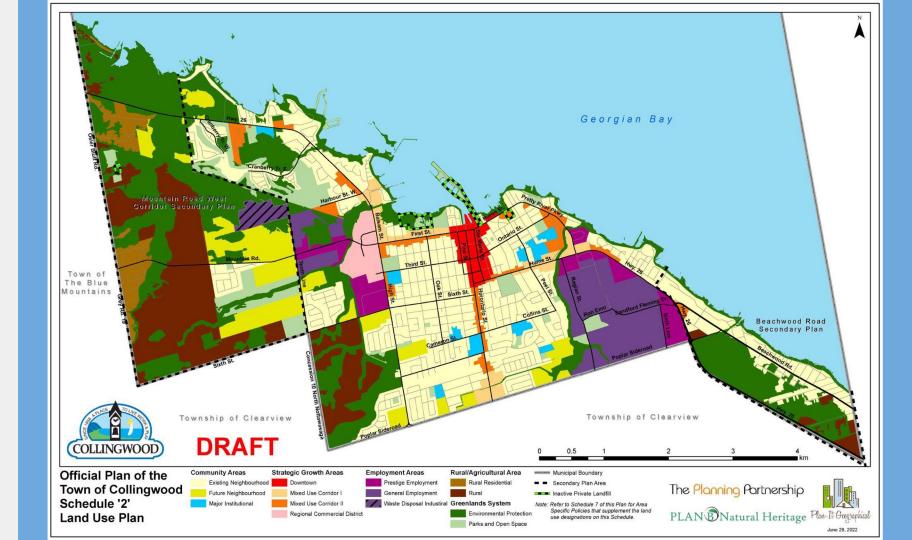
- Prestige Employment;
- General Employment;
- Waste Disposal Industrial; and,
- Waste Disposal Assessment Areas Overlay.





#### **Rural/Agricultural Area Designations:**

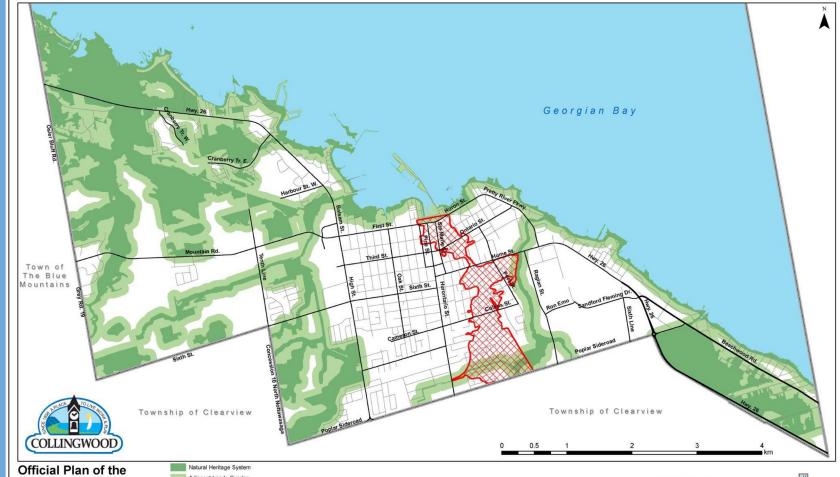
- Rural; and,
- Rural Residential.



#### **Greenlands System Area Designations:**

- Environmental Protections; and,
- Adjacent Lands Overlay.



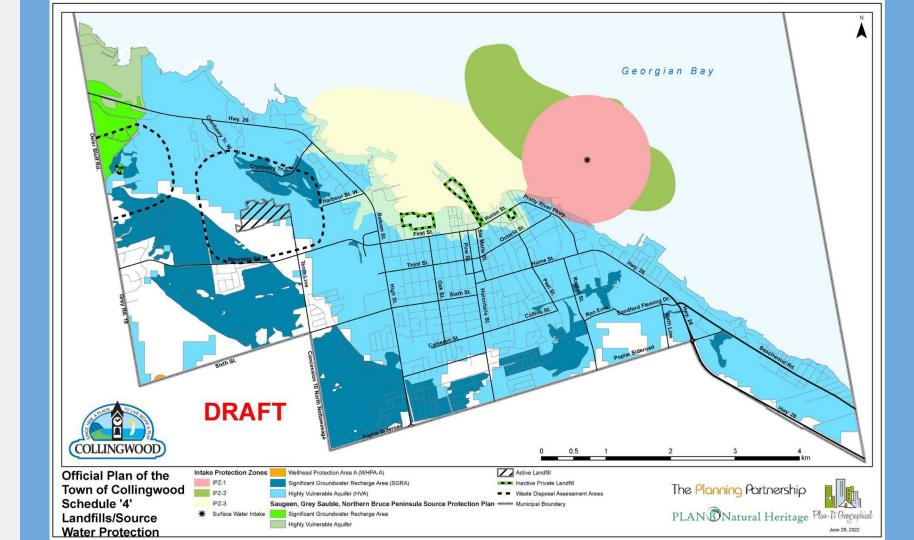


Town of Collingwood Schedule '3' Natural Heritage System





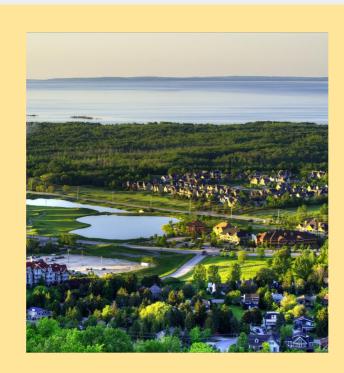




### TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE, & UTILITIES

#### **A Multi-Modal Transportation System**

- Goals
- General Policies
- Active Transportation and Complete Streets
- Public Transit
- Parking, Access and Loading
- Transportation Demand Management
- Goods Movement
- The Road Network







### TRANSPORTATION, MUNICIPAL SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE, & UTILITIES

#### **Municipal Service Infrastructure and Utilities**

- Goals
- General Policies
- Municipal Wastewater Servicing Infrastructure
- Municipal Water Servicing Infrastructure
- Private Individual On-site and Single Service Infrastructure
- Stormwater Management Infrastructure
- Utilities and Telecommunications Facilities
- Renewable Energy
- Gas and Oil Pipelines



## IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

#### Implementation

- Upper Tier Legislation/Plans
- This Official Plan
- The Zoning By-Law
- The Committee of Adjustment
- The Subdivision of Land
- Lgeal Non-Conforming Uses, Buildings or Structures
- Site Plan Approval
- Other Provincial Planning Tools
- Land Acquisition
- Municipal Finance
- Public Meetings and Notification
- Development Applications

## IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

#### Interpretation

- Definitions
- Land use Boundaries and Roads
- Numeric Standards
- Subsequent Legislation/Companion Documents
- Technical Revisions

### THE BIG MOVES

- Updated Urban Structure and Natural Heritage System
- Facing the Housing and Climate Crises
- Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Infrastructure
- Streamlined Approach



## UPDATED URBAN STRUCTURE AND NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

- Strategic Growth Areas to focus intensification and taller buildings
- System of nodes and corridors, less intensification in existing neighbourhoods

Do we still need protectionist policies?

site specific

policies?

- Shift away from gross density height and FSI
- Recognize the importance of downtown
- Updated Natural Heritage System, single designation with high protection
   Do we still need
- Some flexibility for existing approvals and lots of record in the NHS
- Recognize that Natural Heritage System is not static

# FACING THE HOUSING AND CLIMATE CRISES

- Town's Affordable Housing Task Force recommendations considered
- Targets for affordable housing
- Flexibility for innovative housing forms, housing mix and range
- Secondary dwelling unit policies expanded
- Groundwork set for inclusionary zoning
- Building a climate resilient community
- Addressing energy/water conservation, air quality, carbon mitigation, forest resources, urban agriculture

Innovative ideas?

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Complete community lens, live near work/play/school
- Mix of uses throughout nodes and corridors, no more stand-alone commercial designations
- Neighbourhood convenience to enable walkability
- Economic vitality through hierarchy of employment lands for the jobs we want
- Quality urban design standard framework
- Can we embrace sustainable change?
- Ground work set for checklists and indices
  - health, green development, climate change resiliency

### SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Infrastructure to support sustainable growth
- Support multi-modal transportation
- Active transportation, complete streets, transit
- Most growth on municipal water/wastewater
- Implements the Town's Servicing Capacity Allocation Framework
- More refinement to stormwater management upon completion of a Master Plan

Can we change travel behaviour?

#### STREAMLINED APPROACH

- Reduced complexity, increased understanding
- Addresses contemporary community priorities
- Reduce unnecessary detail
- Use other tools, zoning guidelines
   master plans standards
- Minimize future site specific amendments



## Evolving Conversations

- County of Simcoe Municipal Comprehensive Review
- Grain Terminals Revitalization
- Short Term Accommodation Review
- Proposed Municipal Zoning Order
- Flood Management
- Ongoing Legislative Changes



### **NEXT STEPS**

- Written comments on Draft 1 due by August 17, 2022 officialplanupdate@collingwood.ca
- Indigenous engagement, followed by Draft 2
- Statutory Open House and Public Meeting (likely in September or October)
- County is approval authority

### **DISCUSSION**

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