

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

Residential

- Compatible intensification in existing neighbourhoods
- Encourage mixed use development where appropriate
- Density and height ranges for residential development

Transportation

- Emphasis on alternative forms of transportation (transit, walking, cycling)
- Encourage improved rail service
- Re-use of abandoned rail and utility corridors

Environmental

- Protection of natural environmental features, ground water, shorelines and fish habitat
- Requirements for buffers around environmental features
- Preservation and restoration of indigenous vegetative cover
- Remediation of contaminated sites

Parks and Open Space

- Parkland dedication for new developments
- Support for community gardens and temporary farmers' markets
- Acquire land to meet future cemetery, recreation, parks and open space demand

Employment

- Protection of industrial land supply
- Encouragement of higher density industrial development

Rural and Agricultural

- Protection of existing rural and agricultural land
- Land severance criteria

Institutional

- Generally permitted throughout the city in all areas subject to compatibility guidelines

Cultural Heritage

- Protection of cultural heritage resources including buildings, districts and landscapes

Urban Design

- Enhance design quality of new developments
- Encourage sustainable design
- Transit oriented development
- Promote healthy and liveable communities

Growth Management

- Plan for 45% of new growth within the built-up area with higher densities
- Plan new development as complete, compact communities with higher densities
- Historic Downtown (Galt) for higher density development and infilling

General

- Height and density bonusing
- Regular monitoring of growth, social, economic and technological trends
- Updated vision statement
- Updated mapping