



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 26-014**

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Date of Meeting: January 13, 2026

Subject: New Official Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, and Water and
Wastewater Master Plan projects - Project Updates and
Anticipated Milestones

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: 1. Support Housing Affordability

Goal: 1.1 Promote increased supply and affordability of housing.

Goal: 1.2 Promote increase in purpose-built rental housing.

Goal: 1.3 Increase supply of new-build not-for-profit and co-op housing and ensure sustainability of existing stock.

Theme: 2. Lead Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action

Goal: 2.2 Support climate action and sustainability for residents, businesses and partners.

Goal: 2.3 Maintain the City's natural heritage and environmental assets.

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Theme: 3. Build an Active and Connected Community

Goal: 3.1 Expand parks and recreation opportunities and participation.

Goal: 3.2 Beautify City streets and spaces.

Goal: 3.3 Improve public transit and active transportation options.

Goal: 3.4 Improve road condition, performance and safety.

Theme: 4. Foster a Caring and Inclusive Community

Goal: 4.1 Enhance community safety and well-being.

Goal: 4.2 Help address food insecurity and sustainability.

Goal: 4.3 Increase access to healthcare professionals and services.

Goal: 4.4 Celebrate and enable civic engagement.

Goal: 4.5 Promote and support diversity.

Theme: 5. Drive Inclusive Economic Growth

Goal: 5.1 Ensure an adequate supply of "ready-to-go" employment lands.

Goal: 5.2 Evaluate policies, programs and services to support the use of the airport.

Goal: 5.3 Diversify Kingston's economic base

Goal: 5.5 Continue to enhance Kingston as a tourist destination.

Goal: 5.6 Consider opportunities to enhance sports tourism.

Goal: 5.7 Foster culture, history, education, arts and recreation (CHEAR).

Goal: 5.8 Explore opportunities to support Kingston as a destination for the entertainment and film industry.

Goal: 5.9 Explore opportunities to develop live-work spaces for artistic professionals.

Goal: 5.10 Ensure the downtown remains vibrant.

Executive Summary:

Kingston is on the threshold of a generational transformation. Over the next year, the City will chart the course for how and where it will grow to 2051, how new neighbourhoods will take

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shape, how people and goods will move, and how essential infrastructure will support this growth.

Three major projects are driving this work: the new Official Plan, the Integrated Mobility Plan, and the Water and Wastewater Master Plan projects. Each is important on its own, but their true strength lies in their alignment and in the background studies that support them. Together, they form the blueprint for a future that is more connected and sustainable as the City grows to 220,000 people.

This alignment has become even more critical following the announcement of a new regional hospital planned in Kingston's new Western Core. The hospital presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to anchor a complete, well-serviced, and transit-connected new district in the city's west end. In response, all three projects have prioritized the planning work needed to support this visionary growth exercise.

In the coming months, Council will see the release of the second and final drafts of the new Official Plan, core policies and draft network recommendations for the Integrated Mobility Plan, and the preferred servicing strategies from the Water and Wastewater Master Plans. The three projects will come together in spring 2026 at a special Council meeting to hold a public meeting and to help set clear direction on strategic growth areas, protected major transit station areas, and the location and the prioritization of west end growth to support the hospital, before the Official Plan returns in early summer for final Council consideration, alongside critical supporting recommendations for the IMP. The final Water and Wastewater Master Plan will follow in the fall of 2026, and the final Integrated Mobility Plan in early 2027.

This is vitally important work, and it is progressing quickly. This information report is being provided to ensure that Council and the public have a clear view of what is coming. Showing how this vast amount of information will converge into a coordinated growth strategy will help the community see how growth, when strategically supported, can be a catalyst for achieving Kingston's shared priorities for current residents and future generations.

The Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024) requires municipalities to base population and employment forecasts on Ministry of Finance (MOF) population projections, with flexibility to modify them as appropriate. To support PPS 2024 and reflect updated provincial priorities, data, and best practices, the Province released proposed projection methodology guidelines in August 2025. In response to these guidelines, changing economic conditions, reductions in federal immigration and international student levels, and public concerns that the City's 2021 to 2051 growth forecast may be too high, Planning Services retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to review the validity of the City's long-term population, housing, and employment forecasts, including consideration of the 2025 MOF population projections. This report also provides a summary of this review.

Recommendation:

This report is for information only.

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Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

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Options/Discussion:**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive update on the status of three major, interrelated planning projects currently underway: the new Official Plan, the Integrated Mobility Plan, and the Water and Wastewater Master Plans. These projects are being advanced concurrently to ensure that Kingston's long-term land use framework, transportation networks, and servicing infrastructure are fully aligned to support projected population and employment growth to 2051. Together, they will establish the coordinated policy and infrastructure foundation that will guide how and where Kingston grows over the next 25 years.

This report is being provided to give Council and the community a clear understanding of what has been completed to date, where each project currently stands, and what to expect over the coming year. A considerable amount of work is occurring at the same time and ensuring transparency about how these projects will come together is essential. Council will soon be asked to provide direction on foundational growth management matters, including the identification of protected major transit station areas, the delineation of strategic growth areas, and the location of urban boundary expansions. These decisions will shape the city's physical form and investment priorities for decades.

This coordinated approach has taken on heightened importance following the announcement of a new regional hospital in Kingston's emerging Western Core. This hospital represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to catalyze the development of a complete, connected, and sustainable new urban district in the west end of the city. In response, the City has prioritized the review of west end growth needs across all three projects. The First Draft of the Official Plan has already set a draft policy framework for new development in this area, the Integrated Mobility Plan will identify the primary transportation network investments, services and policies needed to support it, and the Water and Wastewater Master Plans will determine how essential servicing infrastructure will be provided.

By providing this overview now, the intent is to ensure that Council, stakeholders, and the public share a common understanding of the path ahead. This will support informed decision-making as these three plans move through their next stages and will demonstrate how all of the information being collected will converge into a well-aligned set of land use policies and infrastructure plans.

Growth is positive when it is strategic, well planned, and supported by infrastructure, and it can serve as a catalyst to achieve Council's strategic priorities for present and future generations. This report is intended to support transparency, alignment, and confidence as Kingston moves forward through this transformative planning work.

This report also summarizes Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.'s review of the City's long-term 2021-2051 population, housing, and employment forecast, considering the draft provincial projection methodology guidelines released in August 2025, changing economic conditions,

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reduced federal immigration and international student levels, and public concerns that the 2021 to 2051 growth forecast may be too high.

IMP, OP and WWWMP Project Status

The New Official Plan Project

An official plan is the primary rule book for growth and development in a municipality. All planning decisions of Council must conform with an official plan once it is adopted. An official plan is not an action-oriented plan. It does not prescribe specific projects or step-by-step actions that will be taken, but functions instead as supportive and enabling policy that guides other strategies and regulations. By defining broad objectives for housing, employment, infrastructure, natural heritage, cultural resources, and other matters, the Plan enables private property owners to bring forward projects that best align with these strategic objectives and gives overarching guidance to more detailed infrastructure plans or other municipal regulations and processes such as the zoning by-law. In this way, an official plan provides clarity and consistency, ensures individual planning decisions contribute to Kingston's overall vision, and ensures municipal programs, by-laws and regulations support a cohesive, strategic vision.

The First Draft of the New Official Plan Project (OP) was released on August 13, 2025, with a public commenting deadline of November 28, 2025. The First Draft marked a transformative step forward from the current plan, offering a comprehensive, forward-looking framework to strategically guide development and take advantage of the benefits of well-planned growth for the entire community.

The new Official Plan is being developed through a "consultation through drafts" approach to allow the public, stakeholders, and Council to understand how different policy areas overlap and interact. This First Draft provided a streamlined structure and established a comprehensive policy vision for complete communities, climate resilience, social equity, housing for all, and growth management, supported by a new system of maps showing settlement areas, strategic growth areas, use and form designations, and other foundational elements.

The Integrated Mobility Plan

The Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) is being developed in parallel with the new Official Plan as part of the YG220K initiative. The IMP will serve as Kingston's long-range transportation master plan, setting out how people and goods will move throughout the city to 2051. It will identify future transportation networks, policy directions, and investment priorities for roads, transit, active transportation, and goods movement to support a safe, equitable, and efficient multimodal system. The IMP is being developed in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment framework for master planning and is closely coordinated with the Official Plan to ensure that land use and transportation planning are fully integrated.

Since its initiation, the Integrated Mobility Plan has focused on establishing a strong technical and policy foundation to support long-term transportation decision-making. As outlined in [Report Number EITP-26-004 - Integrated Mobility Plan – Update](#), significant progress has been made

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on analysis and policy development, and the project is now entering a critical phase of network planning. To date, the project has completed a comprehensive assessment of existing transportation conditions across all modes, including walking, cycling, transit, and road networks. This work has been coordinated closely with the new Official Plan to ensure a shared understanding of growth patterns, travel behaviour, and system constraints. Informed by analysis of Kingston's 2024 Household Travel Survey results, the baseline analysis has identified key challenges and opportunities related to safety, access, congestion management, equity, climate action, and the efficient movement of people and goods. Together, this work has helped confirm how Kingston's transportation system functions today, where constraints and gaps exist, and how travel patterns vary across different parts of the city.

Building on this foundation, the IMP has established a long-term vision for mobility in Kingston and a set of "Big Ideas" that articulate the core policy directions for the transportation system. Supporting work has included the development of a Complete Streets framework and draft street typologies, preliminary multimodal level of service and curbside management concepts, city-wide and area-specific draft mode share targets, and an initial review of emerging mobility and curbside management issues. Extensive public and stakeholder engagement has occurred throughout this phase, including public open houses, Community Advisory Group meetings, Indigenous community engagement, and targeted workshops with partners and agencies. Together, this work has set a clear policy direction and is informing the development of draft network alternatives.

The IMP is currently focused on evaluating a set of alternatives that test different strategic approaches to addressing Kingston's long-term mobility needs. The next phase of work will draw from this evaluation to develop a draft 'preferred network' and associated policy recommendations in the spring. This will include recommended road classifications and right-of-way recommendations, frequent transit corridors, active transportation networks, Complete Streets policies, and other foundational inputs that also directly support the development of the new Official Plan.

The Water and Wastewater Master Plans

The Water and Wastewater Master Plans (WWWMPs) are being led by Utilities Kingston with Jacobs Consultancy Canada. These plans will update the City's long-range strategies for water supply and wastewater servicing, including pollution prevention and control planning, to ensure sufficient capacity to support projected growth to 2051. Like the IMP, the WWWWMPs are being prepared as a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Phases 1 and 2). The WWWWMPs are being developed in close coordination with the IMP and OP to align infrastructure planning with where future growth is expected to occur. Other Supporting Technical Studies and Processes

Natural Heritage Study

A cornerstone of the new Official Plan is the development of a city-wide Natural Heritage Study (NHS), which will identify and map key natural heritage features such as wetlands, woodlands, watercourses, and ecological corridors to establish an interconnected natural heritage system.

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The NHS will provide the basis for the natural heritage policies in the Official Plan and will guide future growth to protect ecological functions and enhance climate resilience.

The City consulted on the Technical Report and draft natural heritage system mapping for the NHS in July and August 2025. The Technical Report identified the proposed mapped and unmapped components of the natural heritage system, and provided the methodology used to identify the mapped components. The draft mapping was presented through an interactive GIS platform that enabled residents to comment on specific areas. More than 150 pieces of correspondence were received through the consultation, many of which requested stronger protection of the natural heritage system and raised concerns relating to urban boundary expansion. Other comments raised concern with mapping methodologies and the anticipated development constraints resulting from expanded natural heritage feature boundaries. The comments received through the first round of consultation will shape the policy recommendations within the draft Natural Heritage Study Report.

At the time of publishing this report, revised draft NHS mapping and the draft Natural Heritage Study Report, which provides policy recommendations for the City to explore and implement through the Official Plan, are anticipated to be released for the next round of public consultation in Q1 of 2026. During this consultation, the City will also release a summary of the questions and comments received during the first consultation event, together with municipal responses. The second round of consultation will include a virtual open house to present the revised mapping and draft policy recommendations. An information report will be presented to Planning Committee in early 2026 with the consultant's final policy recommendations and final natural heritage system mapping. The City will use the policy recommendations from the Natural Heritage Study Report to guide the draft natural heritage policies for inclusion within the Official Plan.

This NHS mapping is based on a desktop exercise and has known limitations. In parallel, the City is reviewing scoped environmental impact assessments submitted by property owners in support of urban boundary expansion applications. To ensure accuracy and consistency, the City's ecologist conducted on-site field assessments to align findings and methodologies with the NHS and provincial guidance. NHS mapping will be refined to reflect the City's findings of the on-site field assessments. There are a number of current development applications that involve the natural heritage system and have submitted environmental impact statements. Should these current development applications be approved, the final natural heritage system mapping within the Official Plan will be updated to reflect the findings of the approved environmental impact statement or development approval.

Other Supporting Studies

Several other technical studies are underway. The Forest Management Strategy will provide a 20-year framework for the stewardship of Kingston's urban and rural forests. An Inclusionary Zoning Assessment Report is being prepared to establish the technical basis for requiring affordable housing in future protected major transit station areas. A new Heritage Management Plan is in development to create an integrated framework for conserving and celebrating

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Kingston's cultural heritage resources, and a Parks Supplement to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will update parkland service levels and guide a future parkland acquisition strategy.

Work is also ongoing to identify the locations for required urban boundary expansions to accommodate growth to 2051. Council has endorsed the Community Area Land Needs Assessment, which identified a need for at least 340 hectares of new urban land for residential development, and the Employment Area Lands Review, which identified a need for at least 405 hectares for future industrial and business uses. The City has received six complete Official Plan Amendment applications requesting urban boundary expansions for residential uses. These applications are being reviewed in coordination with the Official Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, and Water and Wastewater Master Plans. The west end of the City has been prioritized for review as a result of the announcement of the new hospital.

Population, Housing and Employment Growth Forecast, 2021 to 2051

As per the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024), municipalities are required to base population and employment forecasts on the Ontario Population Projections published by the Ministry of Finance (MOF), with flexibility to modify these projections as appropriate. PPS 2024 also requires that sufficient land be made available to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses to meet projected needs for a time horizon of at least 20 years, but not more than 30 years, informed by provincial guidance. The PPS allows planning for infrastructure, public service facilities, strategic growth areas and employment areas to extend beyond this time horizon. This flexibility enables municipalities to better align long-term infrastructure investments with strategic growth objectives, ensuring that future needs are met in an efficient and coordinated manner.

To support the implementation of PPS 2024, reflect recent provincial government priorities, and incorporate new information, data sources and best practices, the province released proposed projection methodology guidelines on August 12, 2025, to assist municipalities with identifying population and employment forecasts and assessing land needs requirements to better plan their communities.

In light of the proposed projection methodology guidelines, combined with the state of broader economic conditions and reductions in federal immigration targets and international students, Planning Services retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) in the fall of 2025 to assess whether the City's 2021 to 2051 population, housing and employment growth forecast remained valid.

Additionally, staff had been receiving feedback from members of the public expressing concern that the 2021 to 2051 growth forecast may be too high, and that forecast be revisited with consideration of the 2025 MOF population projections. Comments received also requested that the growth forecast endorsed by Council in 2019 be used as the basis of the new Official Plan instead of the most recent growth forecast endorsed by Council in 2023.

Watson has prepared a memorandum which provides a detailed review of recent population, housing and employment growth trends for the City of Kingston and the implications of these

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findings on the City's 2021 to 2051 growth forecast (Exhibit A). A review of the 2025 MOF projections for Eastern Ontario and Frontenac County was also undertaken. The following provides a summary of the findings:

- Kingston's 2021 to 2051 growth forecast is consistent with both PPS 2024 and the proposed projection methodology guidelines.
- Slower gross domestic product (GDP) growth, higher interest rates, reduced federal immigration targets, and geopolitical uncertainty are expected to slow short-term growth, but long-term prospects remain positive for Kingston and Eastern Ontario.
- Ontario's long-term population outlook was revised downward in the 2025 MOF population projections due to immigration policy changes. However Eastern Ontario and Frontenac County projections remain strong and largely unchanged compared to earlier forecasts. Kingston's forecast population growth rate of approximately 1.2% annually to 2051 is consistent with regional trends.
- The most recent postcensal estimate for Kingston, released by Statistics Canada, is 148,900 people in 2024, reflecting an annual growth rate of 2.5% from 2021 to 2024. This higher than anticipated growth was driven largely by non-permanent residents and migration. The population growth is expected to moderate by 2026 and is expected to align back to forecast levels.
- Kingston's housing supply is tracking closely with forecasts. 5,180 units were forecast between 2021 and 2026. Building permits issued from 2021 to August 2025 have resulted in 4,290 units.
- International student caps have reduced short-term enrollment of post-secondary students. However overall long-term student enrollment demand remains strong, especially at Queen's University, despite the cap on international students. Enrollment demand is expected to increase as the national, provincial, regional, and local population grows. St. Lawrence College suspended 36 programs (a 40% reduction in programming) in 2025 across its Kingston, Cornwall and Brockville campuses due to the international student cap, with no further suspensions planned. In response to this, the college is reimagining itself and designing new courses and programs to align with local and regional workforce needs.
- The Kingston Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) employed labour force has grown faster than forecast. 84,900 jobs were forecast in the City of Kingston by late 2025, which is 3% lower relative to the September 2025 estimate based on the CMA employed labour force.

The memorandum concludes that short-term fluctuations are expected, however, a key focus of the City's Official Plan is on the long-term growth outlook to comprehensively assess the City's needs associated with housing, urban land, infrastructure, and municipal services over the next several decades. Kingston's population, housing, and employment growth is tracking closely with forecasts when viewed over appropriate time horizons. Watson recommends that the City continue regular monitoring of population and housing growth, and no immediate update to long-term forecasts is required at this time.

Staff also note that the population, housing, and employment forecast completed in 2019 projected the City's population to reach 146,300 by 2046. As mentioned previously, Statistics

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Canada estimated Kingston's population at 148,900 in 2024, which Watson anticipates will moderate to approximately 148,000 by 2026, indicating that the City has already exceeded the 2019 population forecast. In addition, PPS 2024 now requires municipalities to base forecasts on MOF population projections, accordingly, relying on the 2019 forecast would not align with current provincial requirements.

Project Timelines and Anticipated Milestones

The second draft of the new Official Plan is planned to be released in early March 2026 and will incorporate the NHS recommendations as well as proposed urban boundary expansions. A statutory public meeting on the second draft of the OP is targeted to be held at a special meeting of Council on March 31, 2026. Following the statutory public meeting, Council will have an opportunity to give direction to staff on the identification of protected major transit station areas, the delineation of strategic growth areas, potential urban boundary expansion areas and the planned west end population growth, among other matters, to ensure expectations around key project elements are clear leading in to the development of the Final Draft of the new Official Plan.

The final draft of the new Official Plan is anticipated to be released in mid-May 2026. It will be followed by an open house in early June, a final statutory public meeting at Planning Committee on June 18, 2026, and final recommendations being considered by Council at a special meeting on June 30, 2026. The final draft will refine the second draft based on public and stakeholder feedback, include more detailed policy frameworks and mapping for properties proposed for urban boundary expansion, and set out phasing policies for new growth areas.

The timing and sequencing of the Integrated Mobility Plan have been refined to ensure that critical policy and network inputs are available to inform the final stages of the new Official Plan, and to better respond to the announcement of the new hospital location. Staff are focusing on advancing all core policy and draft network recommendations that are essential inputs to the Official Plan for Council consideration on June 30, 2026, including road classifications, Complete Streets and street typologies, mode share targets, future higher-order transit corridors, and the draft preferred multimodal network. This will incorporate supporting work to advance the future development of a complete, connected, and sustainable new urban district in the west end of the city, as well as the impacts of city-wide growth identified through forthcoming transportation demand modelling to 2051.

Bringing these components forward in June 2026 will allow Council to review and provide direction on the transportation networks and policy frameworks that underpin growth management decisions in the Official Plan, including strategic growth areas, protected major transit station areas, and urban boundary expansion. This milestone will be critical in ensuring that land use and transportation planning remain fully aligned as both projects move forward.

Following this milestone, work on the Integrated Mobility Plan will continue through the latter half of 2026, focusing on costing analysis, phasing and implementation strategies, financing approaches, and performance monitoring frameworks. These components require a clear, Council-informed direction on the preferred networks and policy foundations and will be

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developed in tandem with early implementation planning. The full Integrated Mobility Plan, including these remaining elements is anticipated to be brought forward for Council consideration in early 2027.

The Water and Wastewater Master Plans is currently in the constraints analysis phase soon to be followed by identification and evaluation of servicing alternatives. The first Public Information Centre was held in October 2025. The Master Plans and associated Pollution Prevention & Control Plan are anticipated to be finalized in the fall of 2026.

As detailed in [Report Number 25-264](#), the Provincial government is considering potential changes to provincial regulations that govern the required content and structure of official plans. If the Provincial government proceeds with an Ontario Regulation based on the current ERO posting entitled “Consultation on simplifying and standardizing official plans,” this will have an impact on the new OP project schedule and deliverables. Staff will report back to Council if a Provincial decision is made on this ERO posting.

Analysis

The preparation of Kingston’s new Official Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, and Water and Wastewater Master Plans represent one of the most significant and comprehensive planning efforts the City has ever undertaken. These projects are each critical on their own, but they are most powerful in their collaboration and coordination. Together, they will establish the framework that shapes where and how Kingston will grow, how people and goods will move, and how water and wastewater systems will support that growth over the coming decades.

Public Engagement

Public engagement has been a central component of the City’s planning work for more than a year and will continue throughout the preparation of the new Official Plan, the Integrated Mobility Plan, and the Water and Wastewater Master Plan, as well as related projects such as the Natural Heritage Study, the Inclusionary Zoning Assessment report and the review of site-specific applications requesting an urban boundary expansion. Engagement has gone beyond legislated requirements under the *Planning Act* and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, with outreach designed to reach a broad cross-section of residents, community organizations, businesses, institutions, and stakeholders through open houses, workshops, surveys, online tools, and targeted meetings. Feedback received to date has highlighted recurring themes around housing supply, transportation choice, infrastructure capacity, climate resilience, and the protection of natural and cultural heritage, and this input is shaping the ongoing refinement of draft policies and mapping. A final staff report will provide a comprehensive summary of the feedback received, identify major trends, and confirm how the recommendations respond to and reflect community input. Public consultation will remain ongoing as draft documents are updated, ensuring that the community continues to play a meaningful role in shaping the City’s long-term vision and policy framework.

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Climate Risk Considerations

The new Official Plan and Integrated Mobility Plan projects are two of the most important climate change mitigation and adaptation projects being undertaken by the City. Land use and transportation policy directly shape how people move and where they live and, when well planned, these policies reduce emissions by concentrating daily needs close to home and providing sustainable mobility options. The policies will make it easier to deliver well-connected, complete communities that support a transition to a low carbon city by focusing growth in serviced Strategic Growth Areas, enabling compact mixed-use forms, and prioritizing transit and active transportation alongside green infrastructure and energy efficient buildings. The Official Plan embeds adaptation through watershed and shoreline management, updated hazard mapping, and resilient design expectations that address extreme heat and flooding. For the first time, the new Official Plan and Integrated Mobility Plan projects are explicitly connecting these dots: good land use and transportation policy is climate action.

Indigenization, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IIDEA) Considerations

IIDEA considerations are embedded throughout the new Official Plan and Integrated Mobility Plan projects, consistent with the City's IIDEA Strategy and Action Plan and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Across all activities, the projects emphasize reducing barriers and elevating underrepresented voices. Engagement efforts are designed to provide multiple entry points for participation, offer accessibility supports, and intentionally include youth, seniors, people with disabilities, newcomers, unhoused residents, and residents of both rural and urban areas. This included the selection of a Community Advisory Group using an adapted civic lottery that proportionally reflects Kingston's demographics, reduces participation barriers, and provides guidance throughout policy development.

Existing Policy/By-Law*Planning Act*

Provincial Planning Statement, 2024

Notice Provisions

None

Financial Considerations

None

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Exhibits Attached:

Exhibit A City of Kingston Growth Monitoring and Tracking Memorandum, prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.