

Vision Georgetown - Vision and Guiding Principles

To be the New Community of Choice

The Vision Georgetown community is an inspiring new urban community; distinctive in the way it looks and functions, fostering healthy lifestyles, neighbourliness, economic prosperity, and local pride. It is a resilient, sustainable, complete, and compact community, with a thriving natural heritage system. It feels like a small Town and is physically connected to the broader community of Georgetown and the Town of Halton Hills. It honours the rich heritage of the Town, emphasizes people, and provides choices for day-to-day living. Overall, the Vision Georgetown community is an exceptional, forward thinking, and innovative model for new community development.

1. To design a community that is connected internally and integrated with the rest of Georgetown, and other surrounding communities through a network of roads, paths and trails.
2. To provide a wide range of residential, commercial, and institutional uses, in a manner that reduces the need for an automobile to meet the daily needs of life.
3. To protect existing natural heritage features and areas, and their associated ecological functions, and identify a linked natural heritage and open space system.
4. To create distinct neighbourhoods that feature community focal points and bring people and activities together.
5. To provide a range and mix of housing that is available to all ages, abilities, incomes and household sizes.
6. To provide adequate retail and service commercial development in a timely manner through various commercial areas, which are designed for people and pedestrians.
7. To encourage a high standard of design that reflects existing small town character, creates a sense of place, and contributes to civic pride.
8. To ensure convenient access to a range of types and sizes of parks and public spaces, which provide opportunities for recreation, neighbourliness, community events and cultural activities.
9. To provide a range of accessible community facilities in a timely manner and to co-locate these facilities where possible.
10. To establish a transportation system that safely and efficiently accommodates different forms of travel (including automobiles, walking and cycling) and plans for future public transit.
11. To provide opportunities for local economic development in a manner that fosters competitiveness and a prosperous business environment.
12. To ensure new infrastructure is developed in a manner that minimizes social and environmental impacts, and considers long-term maintenance, operational and financial requirements.
13. To apply sustainable development practices and encourage innovation, in order to maximize resource and energy conservation.
14. To conserve key cultural and built heritage resources as a vital link to our rich history.