

Mississauga adopts series of goals and objectives

Here's what city wants for the future

Mississauga has adopted a written series of goals and objectives for its future planning, a step Mayor Martin Dobkin believes is unique among Canadian cities.

At its last council meeting, the city representatives endorsed a series of objectives prepared by the planning department. The objectives were designed to clearly establish for the public, other levels of government and other agencies, the desires we have with respect to the future of the community.

Dobkin told council that he knew of no other municipality which had specifically set out goals which it hoped to achieve through its review of an Official Plan and establishment of development policies. "It is essential that council adopt a basic set of goals as a starting-point for developing the plan," the staff report stated. The goals relate to long-range development of the city and that portion of the Official Plan Review which will result in an overview of what Mississauga will look like when fully developed at some point after the year 2000.

The objectives relate to the shorter range development plan for the next 10 years also being developed as part of the review.

Following is the list of goals and objectives adopted by Mississauga:

City identity

To establish a sense of identity for Mississauga which is appropriate to the role of a regional centre.

Objectives

1 - To provide a core area site of appropriate size and location to facilitate its development as the dominant focal point of retail, office, recreation, cultural and institutional facilities of city and regional significance.

2 - To design a core area which will facilitate and attract a high level of social activity both day and night, have an attractive visual quality and a strong sense of identity.

3 - To locate community facilities including a city hall, central library, theatre and art gallery in the core area.

4 - To create a sense of visual identity for the city by introducing common architectural themes for those aspects of the built environment which are of city wide significance.

5 - To give high priority when considering transportation facilities to the construction of transportation facilities which accommodate trips to the core area from other areas of Mississauga and the surrounding region.

Community structure

To preserve and develop a sense of identity for local communities in Mississauga.

Objectives

1 - To develop secondary centres which provide a range of retail, service, community and education facilities.

2 - To group retail, service, community and education facilities so that they are easily accessible to the residential areas they serve and provide a focus for each community.

3 - To create an individual

identity for each community by introducing common architectural themes in prominent parts of the built environment and by varying these themes between communities.

Population, employment

To achieve a balance within Mississauga between employment opportunities, housing opportunities and transportation.

Objectives

1 - To expand the number of employment opportunities to at least equal in number to the resident labor force.

2 - To achieve a range of employment opportunities which are matched with the skills of the labor force.

3 - To expand office employment so that by 1986 employment in this category is at least 15 percent of the labor force.

4 - To provide housing accommodation for those employed within Mississauga.

5 - To give a high priority when constructing transportation facilities, including roads, transit, cycle paths, and footpaths, to those facilities which are designed to accommodate journey to work trips with origins and destinations within the city.

Housing

To ensure that the mix of residential accommodation in Mississauga can accommodate persons with diverse social and economic characteristics, needs and desires.

Objectives

1 - To add to the existing residential accommodation units of a type, tenure and price, which will result in a match between employment opportunities and residential labor force by 1990.

2 - To facilitate through the planning process, the provision of housing by public agencies.

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Objectives

1 - To keep trip times to a minimum.

2 - To minimize conflicts between the different transportation modes.

3 - To develop a transportation system consistent with identified requirements and constraints of the natural environment.

4 - To achieve a pattern of development which has the potential for a high usage of public transit.

5 - To locate new transportation facilities in such a way as to promote the desired pattern of development.

Community services

To facilitate actions by other agencies to make available to the citizens of Mississauga services necessary to ensure their health, welfare, education and safety.

Objectives

1 - To provide through the planning process locations for health, welfare, social and education facilities which are conveniently accessible.

2 - To provide through the planning process accessible locations for police and fire protection facilities.

Recreation

To ensure that the population of Mississauga has access to Park land and a range of recreation and nature study opportunities.

Objectives

1 - To provide an in-

tegrated system of open space areas to serve the needs of the neighborhood, the community and the city.

2 - To provide links between open space areas and other activity areas by pedestrian and cycle paths.

3 - To increase public access to and the opportunity for, Lake Ontario and the Credit Valley based recreation.

4 - To provide a system of open space areas which can be adapted to satisfy changing public preferences for constructed recreation facilities.

5 - To provide recreation opportunities and open space which will complement facilities provided by other agencies and organizations.

Conservation

To preserve and enhance existing natural and human-made environmental features.

Objectives

1 - To preserve significant natural areas by incorporating them into the open space network.

2 - To protect from the impact of human activity sensitive natural areas which by reason of their unique character are of value to the community.

3 - To preserve sites of historical significance and buildings of architectural or historical significance.

4 - To provide settings for buildings of architectural or historic significance which are compatible with their character.

Physical services

To plan for the supply of adequate water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, solid waste disposal services and utilities to facilities requiring these services.

Environment

To provide a compatible physical environment for all human activities in the city.

Objectives

1 - To locate new development so that the physical disturbance to existing development is kept to a minimum.

2 - To locate residential development in areas which will be the least affected by atmospheric and noise pollution.

3 - To provide for the movement of people and goods so as to minimize disruption and inconvenience to established and future neighborhoods.

Phasing

To phase development so that there is efficient use of existing facilities and a cohesive urban fabric.

Objectives

1 - To phase new urban development so that the number of communities in the

process of development is compatible with the available municipal resources.

2 - To ensure that new development is a contiguous extension of the existing urban area.

3 - To minimize the time that each community is in a state of partial development.

Finance

To ensure that the costs of new development are equitably distributed within the community.

Objectives

1 - To locate new development so that the costs of the provision of services to current standards are kept to a minimum.

2 - To ensure that the incremental capital costs of new development are borne by those whom it will accommodate.

3 - To control the rate of growth to ensure that municipal costs can be main-

tained within acceptable limits.

4 - To provide services in accordance with the first 11 goals at a cost which is in proportion to the benefits.

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