

4 Healthy Community

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4.0 Preamble

The healthy community philosophy is rooted in the belief that people’s social, economic, cultural and psychological well-being is influenced by the physical environment in which they live, work and play. Building Windsor as a caring and diverse community is viewed as integral to providing all residents the opportunity and necessary supports to pursue their full potential.

Council recognizes that land use planning decisions are influenced by, and in turn can influence, social and human service needs. As a result, this Plan links the consideration of social and human service needs with the physical aspects of growth and development. As such, this chapter is a part of the overarching philosophical framework of the Plan. The implementing healthy community policies are interwoven throughout the remainder of the Plan, particularly within the Environment, Land Use, Infrastructure and Urban Design chapters, to ensure their consideration and application as a part of the planning process.

4.1 Goals

In keeping with the Vision and Mission Statements and the Principles set out in the Development Strategy, Council’s healthy community goals are to achieve:

<i>HEALTHY & LIVEABLE CITY</i>	4.1.1	Windsor’s full potential as a healthy and liveable city.
<i>ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE</i>	4.1.2	Harmony between human activities and natural systems.
<i>QUALITY OF LIFE</i>	4.1.3	A high quality of life in Windsor.
<i>SENSE OF COMMUNITY</i>	4.1.4	A strong sense of community throughout Windsor.
<i>COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT</i>	4.1.5	Community empowerment in municipal decision making.

<i>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</i>	4.1.6	Economic opportunities throughout Windsor.
<i>STAY SAFE</i>	4.1.7	A safe environment throughout Windsor.
<i>BALANCED DECISION MAKING</i>	4.1.8	A decision making process that balances environmental, economic and social considerations.

4.2 Objectives

4.2.1 Healthy and Liveable City

<i>PLANNING & DESIGN</i>	4.2.1.1	To consider community health in the planning and design of Windsor and its neighbourhoods.
<i>ACTIVE LIFESTYLE</i>	4.2.1.2	To provide for activities and facilities which will foster an active lifestyle to improve community health.
<i>MONITOR HEALTH</i>	4.2.1.3	To regularly monitor community health.
<i>CLIMATE PROTECTION</i>	4.2.1.4	To protect against climate change and its possible adverse effects on human health, the physical environment, economy and quality of life.
<i>AGING IN PLACE</i>	4.2.1.5	To encourage a mix of housing types and services to allow people to remain in their neighbourhoods as they age.
<i>PEDESTRIAN SCALE</i>	4.2.1.6	To provide for pedestrian scale neighbourhood centres that serve the day-to-day needs of the local residents.

4.2.2 Environmental Sustainability

<i>PLANNING & DESIGN</i>	4.2.2.1	To consider the environment in the planning and design of Windsor.
<i>ECOSYSTEMS</i>	4.2.2.2	To protect and restore ecosystems.
<i>SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</i>	4.2.2.3	To encourage community planning, design and development that is sustainable.
<i>COMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT</i>	4.2.2.4	To promote development that meets human needs and is compatible with the natural environment.
<i>REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS</i>	4.2.2.5	To reduce environmental impacts.

4.2.3 Quality of Life

<i>MIX OF USES</i>	4.2.3.1	To encourage a mix of uses.
<i>PROXIMITY OF BASIC SERVICES</i>	4.2.3.2	To encourage the location of basic goods and services close to where people live and work.
<i>COMMUNITY NEEDS</i>	4.2.3.3	To recognize the needs of the community in terms of shelter, support services, accessibility and mobility.
<i>HOUSING MIX</i>	4.2.3.4	To accommodate the appropriate range and mix of housing.
<i>LOCATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</i>	4.2.3.5	To encourage community services at appropriate locations throughout Windsor.
<i>FIRST NATIONS</i>	4.2.3.6	To recognize the needs of the First Nations communities for housing and support services.

4.2.4 Sense of Community

<i>SOCIAL INTERACTION</i>	4.2.4.1	To encourage development that fosters social interaction.
<i>COMMUNITY LIVING</i>	4.2.4.2	To encourage development that fosters the integration of all residents into the community.
<i>ADAPTABLE DEVELOPMENT</i>	4.2.4.3	To encourage developments that adapt to changing resident needs.
<i>COMMUNITY FACILITIES</i>	4.2.4.4	To co-locate community facilities.

4.2.5 Community Empowerment

<i>EDUCATION & TRAINING</i>	4.2.5.1	To encourage the development of education and training facilities throughout Windsor.
<i>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</i>	4.2.5.2	To encourage and facilitate public involvement in planning and development initiatives.
<i>INFORMATION SYSTEM</i>	4.2.5.3	To ensure effective public information and communication on planning and development initiatives.

4.2.6 Economic Opportunity

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 4.2.6.1 To provide for a wide range of employment opportunities at appropriate locations throughout Windsor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 4.2.6.2 To encourage a range of economic development opportunities to reach full employment.

4.2.7 Safety

SAFETY & SECURITY 4.2.7.1 To foster personal safety throughout Windsor.

EMERGENCY PLAN 4.2.7.2 To support and maintain an emergency preparedness plan.

EMERGENCY SERVICES 4.2.7.3 To encourage emergency services in close proximity to where people live.