# City of Mississauga

# **Agenda**



# Planning and Development Committee

**Date:** June 14, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 PM

Location: Online Video Conference

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# 1. CALL TO ORDER

# 2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

# MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. Planning and Development Committee Meeting Draft Minutes - May 31, 2021

# 4. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

# 4.1. PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT (WARD 9)

Meadowvale Neighbourhood Directions Report and Proposed Official Plan Amendment File: CD.06 MEA

## 4.2. PUBLIC MEETING RECOMMENDATION REPORT (WARD 4)

Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning applications to permit a 32 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial uses.

Address: 1 Fairview Road East

Applicant: Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc.

File: OZ 20/001 W4

# 4.3. REMOVAL OF THE "H" HOLDING PROVISION FROM ZONING BY-LAW 0225-2007 REPORT (WARD 1)

ground floor commercial space and four levels of underground parking 78 Park Street East, 22 – 28 Ann Street, west of Hurontario Street, north of Park Street Owner: Edenshaw Ann Developments Limited

File: H-OZ 20/001 W1

# 4.4. REMOVAL OF THE "H" HOLDING PROVISION FROM ZONING BY-LAW 0225-2007. REPORT (WARD 2)

Application to remove the "H" holding provision to permit a 176 unit four storey stacked and back to back townhouse development and two, three storey, commercial blocks 1101 – 1125 Clarkson Road North, east of Clarkson Road North, north of Lakeshore Road West

Owner: Clarkson Road Holdings Inc.

File: H-OZ 19/007 W2

# 4.5. REMOVAL OF THE "H" HOLDING PROVISION FROM ZONING BY-LAW 0225-2007 REPORT (WARD 11)

Application to remove the holding provision to permit a six storey self-storage building 250 Derry Road West, south side of Derry Road West, east of McLaughlin Road

Owner: Derry Storage Corporation File: H-OZ 19/008 W11 - Bill 139

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

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# **Corporate Report**



Date: May 21, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Planning and Development

Committee

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of

Planning & Building

Originator's files: CD.06 MEA

Meeting date: June 14, 2021

# **Subject**

# **PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT (WARD 9)**

Meadowvale Neighbourhood Directions Report and Proposed Official Plan Amendment File: CD.06 MEA

# Recommendation

- That the report titled "Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study Directions Report", dated April 2021 from DTAH and Gladki Planning Associates, be received for information.
- That the report titled "Meadowvale Neighbourhood Directions Report and Proposed Official Plan Amendment" dated May 21, 2021, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building, be received for information.
- That the submissions made at the public meeting held on June 14, 2021 to consider the report titled "Meadowvale Neighbourhood Directions Report and Proposed Official Plan Amendment" dated May 21, 2021, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building, be received for information.

# **Executive Summary**

- With recent development interest in Meadowvale, there is a need to refresh existing land use policies. Since 2018, the City of Mississauga has worked with a consultant team to deliver a new vision and set of land use policies for Meadowvale.
- This Report presents the final Directions Report from the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study and proposed changes to Mississauga Official Plan (MOP). The proposed policy changes will implement the major policy recommendations from the

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# Directions Report.

- Staff propose six key moves for policy changes: an updated vision for Meadowvale; maximum heights (12 storeys) and densities (2.0 floor space index) for potential development sites; design requirements for taller buildings; enhancing housing choice and affordability; preserving the park, open space and trail network; and maintaining retail in the Neighbourhood.
- The Directions Report and proposed policy changes will help ensure that new development contributes to the qualities that continue to make Meadowvale an attractive place to live, work and play.

# **Background**

Recent development applications are proposing taller buildings in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood near the Community Node. In response to this development interest, the City is introducing new MOP policies for Meadowvale. As an established Neighbourhood in Mississauga, Meadowvale is not identified as an area targeted for substantial growth and intensification in MOP. This report presents the policies that will help shape growth in a manner that is appropriate for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

Meadowvale was planned to contain a range of uses and building types – all connected by an extensive network of parks, open spaces and trails. The neighbourhood comprises mostly low-rise buildings, with the tallest buildings located where they are most appropriate, near Lake Aquitaine and the Meadowvale Community Node. In these locations, a mix of amenities and services, including parks, a community centre and library, retail stores and service establishments, support the neighbourhood. The resulting built form contributes to an overall green and open character with generous sky views and access to sunlight.

# Initiating a Character Study of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood

In 2018, the City initiated a study to create new urban design guidelines and update MOP policies for Meadowvale. The study area was between Winston Churchill Boulevard and the Meadowvale Employment Area, stretching from Britannia Road West in the south, to Tradewind Drive in the north (see Appendix 1).<sup>1</sup> The intent of the study was to provide clear guidance on where and how change should occur in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. DTAH was retained as the lead consultant, providing urban design expertise, with Gladki Planning Associates as a sub-consultant to provide planning analysis where needed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Meadowvale Town Centre and the surrounding properties, which are referred to as the Meadowvale Community Node, are not included in the study area, as these lands were considered through the City's Reimagining the Mall project.

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The study focused on the following types of sites: existing rental apartment and townhouse properties, retail commercial properties, and places of worship. Other parts of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood where substantial change is not anticipated, including areas with low-rise housing forms under individual ownership, were not included as part of the study. In total, the study considered a refined list of 33 opportunity sites for more in-depth analysis.

# **Testing Infrastructure and Service Capacity in Meadowvale**

In 2020, the City undertook a capacity review of municipal and community infrastructure in the study area. Potential impacts on the following infrastructure and services were examined: schools, water and wastewater, parkland, library, recreation, fire and transportation capacity. The review tested two scenarios considering moderate and high growth. Assuming full-build out of all the opportunity sites and the adjacent Meadowvale Community Node, the review concluded that capacity is available for the majority of infrastructure and services under both scenarios.

# Implementing the Outcomes of the Study

This report is the culmination of extensive engagement with the community, analysis of existing conditions, review of best practices, creation of development concepts and testing of those concepts with the community. The result is the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study Directions Report, herein called the Directions Report, and a proposed amendment to MOP to implement the key policy recommendations of the study. The Directions Report provides a full account of the study process and outcomes, with a detailed list of design and policy recommendations to implement the community's vision for future development (see Appendix 2).

# **Comments**

City Staff propose 6 key policy moves in order to implement the major policy recommendations of the Directions Report. staff will work to implement other recommendations through additional planning tools such as the Zoning By-law and urban design guidelines. No changes to Schedule 10 Land Use Designations, which identifies permitted land uses, are proposed through this amendment.

A draft of the proposed policies are contained in Appendix 3. Policy changes implemented through this Amendment will apply to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area as shown in Appendix 4.

# 1. Define a Vision for Future Development in Meadowvale

Through the study's engagement process, the community helped define a vision for Meadowvale. The vision included in the Directions Report encapsulates the positive attributes of

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the Meadowvale community. The vision is supported by 8 guiding principles, which are intended to provide overall direction for future development.

MOP Policy Changes: Based on this feedback, Staff propose adding the following vision for Meadowvale into MOP.

Meadowvale is a vibrant and complete community founded on the principles of generous and well-connected open spaces, a diversity of housing types, safe and convenient means of moving about, and access to sunlight and open skies. As Meadowvale grows from its roots as a self-contained, master-planned community, it will continue to provide a mix of uses and housing options — including a range of rental housing by type, unit size and affordability. New development shall respect, fit in with, and reinforce the qualities that make Meadowvale a unique place to live, work and play.

# 2. Establish Maximum Heights and Densities for New Development

The Directions Report recommends allowing a maximum height of 12 storeys and a floor space index (FSI)² of 2.0 on lands designated Mixed Use (MU) and Residential High Density (RHD) – subject to transition and separation distance requirements. Opportunities for buildings with heights of up to 8 storeys should also be explored for sites designated Residential Medium Density (RMD). In the Meadowvale context, the Directions Report defines mid rise buildings as between 5 and 8 storeys. Expanding permissions for mid rise buildings to the most appropriate RMD sites near amenities and services would enhance Meadowvale's existing diverse housing options. The results of the capacity study, built form modelling, existing precedents and the context of the Neighbourhood in relation to the Community Node, informed the final recommended maximum heights and FSI.

MOP Policy Changes: Staff propose policy changes on sites designated MU, RHD and RMD to implement the height and FSI recommendations. For RHD and MU sites, the proposed policy changes permit a maximum height of 12 storeys and a maximum FSI of 2.0 for new development, subject to key design controls that maintain the open and green character of Meadowvale. For RMD sites in proximity to the Community Node and the MU site at the northwest corner of Britannia Road West and Glen Erin Drive, a maximum height of 8 storeys is proposed. Redevelopment of RMD sites is contingent on maintaining at least one type of low rise dwelling to preserve existing family-friendly housing options.

# 3. Implement Design Requirements for Taller Buildings

To preserve the open and green character of Meadowvale and ensure access to sunlight, sky views and privacy, the Directions Report proposes several development controls for taller buildings between 9 and 12 storeys:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FSI is a measure of density and refers to the amount of floor area of a building, or group of buildings, over the total area of a development site.

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- a minimum separation distance of no less than 40 metres from an adjacent taller building measured on the portion of the building located above the podium<sup>3</sup>;
- a podium that is no less than 3 storeys and no greater than 6 storeys; and,
- transition requirements that ensure ultimate heights are within a 45-degree angular plane taken from the rear and side property lines with adjacent low-density residential, parks and open spaces.

<u>MOP Policy Changes:</u> The proposed policy changes include the requirement for a podium condition and a minimum separation distance requirement of 40 metres for taller buildings. In addition to the general transition policies proposed through this amendment, strong transition policies also exist in MOP Chapter 9: Build a Desirable Urban Form.

# 4. Enhance Housing Choice and Affordability

Through the engagement process, members of the community emphasized the continued importance of a mix of housing options. Meadowvale has a good mix of housing by type, unit size and affordability that should be preserved and strengthened through new development. The Directions Report recommends new policies that expand on the range of housing availability to meet community needs.

<u>MOP Policy Changes:</u> Staff propose new policies for Meadowvale that will ensure development contributes to the Neighbourhood's existing diverse housing stock. In particular, new developments will be required to:

- incorporate a mix of housing forms on site;
- consider unit sizes which address the needs of young families and provide opportunities to age in place; and,
- encourage the provision of affordable housing.

## 5. Preserve Meadowvale's Park, Open Space and Trail Network

The park and trail system in Meadowvale provides a safe and convenient means for travelling by foot or bike to nearby services and amenities. The Directions Report recommends development integrate new connections to this existing network of parks and trails where feasible. To preserve views to parks and maintain a sense of openness, sites immediately adjacent parks and open spaces should provide generous setbacks.

MOP Policy Changes: The policy changes will ensure generous setbacks and transition requirements for taller buildings immediately adjacent to parks and open spaces, including on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The podium of a taller building functions similar to a mid rise building with fewer setback and transition requirements than the portions of a building above the podium.

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the RHD sites adjacent to Lake Aquitaine. Development will also be required to consider opportunities for new connections to the existing park, open space and trail network.

### 6. Maintain the Retail Function of Commercial Sites

The original planning for Meadowvale identified key locations where non-residential uses would best serve the community. The Community Node, which lies outside the study area and is centred around the mall, is the focal point. Within the Neighbourhood, there are three key locations where a mix of retail uses are concentrated adjacent to major roads. In the low rise areas of Meadowvale, several convenience commercial sites offer another scale of retail within walking distance of many residents. To preserve their important function to the community, the Directions Report recommends retention of retail uses through any redevelopment.

<u>MOP Policy Changes:</u> The proposed vision and policies reference the continued importance of a mix of uses to the walkability and liveability of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. Should development occur on a site designated MU, existing retail retention policies in Chapter 5: Direct Growth of MOP will help ensure the retention of commercial uses. No development or policy changes are contemplated for smaller convenience commercial sites in Meadowvale.

# **Engagement and Consultation**

The recommended policy changes reflect the feedback received through the multiple engagement activities undertaken with the community since 2018. The following is an overview of some of those engagement activities:

- Community Meetings: A total of four community meetings were held, including a
  community design charrette with a neighbourhood bus and walking tour, and a 3D
  modelling exercise with the community of four demonstration sites
- Stakeholder and Landowner Meetings: The consulting team and staff met with key stakeholders to receive their insights regarding possible development of their properties
- On-line Surveys and Community Intercept Interviews: To supplement what we heard from participants during the four community meetings
- "Have Your Say" webpage: A dedicated web page was launched containing project information, background documents, and a frequently asked questions section (please visit https://yoursay.mississauga.ca/meadowvale)

#### **Feedback Received to Date**

During engagement events with the community, participants repeatedly emphasized the need for context-sensitive development in Meadowvale. At the same time, there was recognition of

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possible benefits for the community from new development, such as the building of age-friendly housing units and improved connections to the trail network. In general, participants in the various engagement events valued the following:

- open and green character of Meadowvale;
- affordability and ability to age in place;
- > network of parks, open spaces and trails; and,
- ability to walk or bike safely to many community destinations.

# **Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendations in this report.

# Conclusion

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood, similar to other Neighbourhoods in the City, will experience a modest degree of change over time. Recent development interest suggests that infill and redevelopment is prossible on certain sites in Meadowvale. Since 2018, the City has worked with the community, DTAH and Gladki Planning Associates to affirm the vision and enhance the land use policies for Meadowvale. This has now culminated in a final Directions Report and proposed policy changes to MOP. These two documents will help ensure that development contributes to the qualities that continue to make Meadowvale an attractive place to live, work and play.

# **Attachments**

Appendix 1: Map of Meadowvale Character Study Area

Appendix 2: Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study Directions Report

Appendix 3: Proposed Changes to Meadowvale Policies of Mississauga Official Plan

Appendix 4: Map of Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area and Land Use Designations

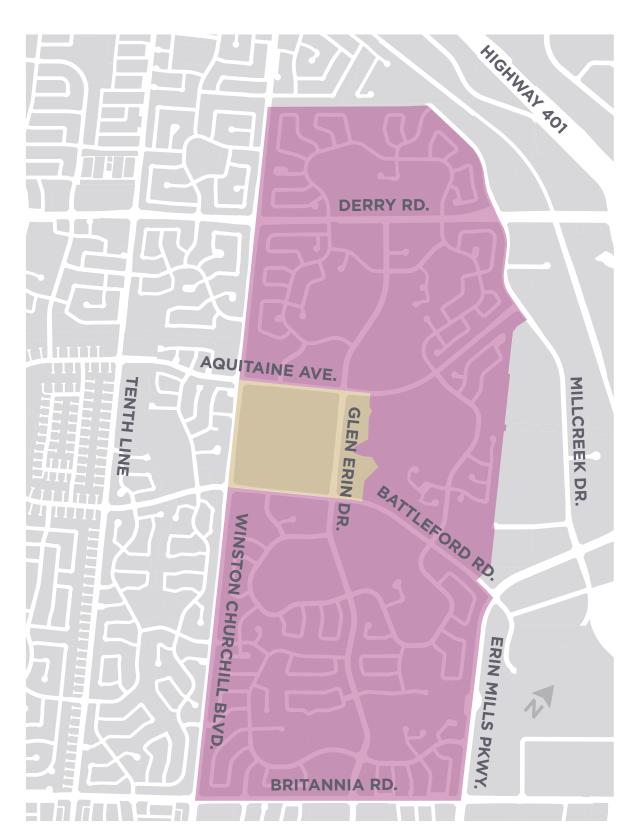
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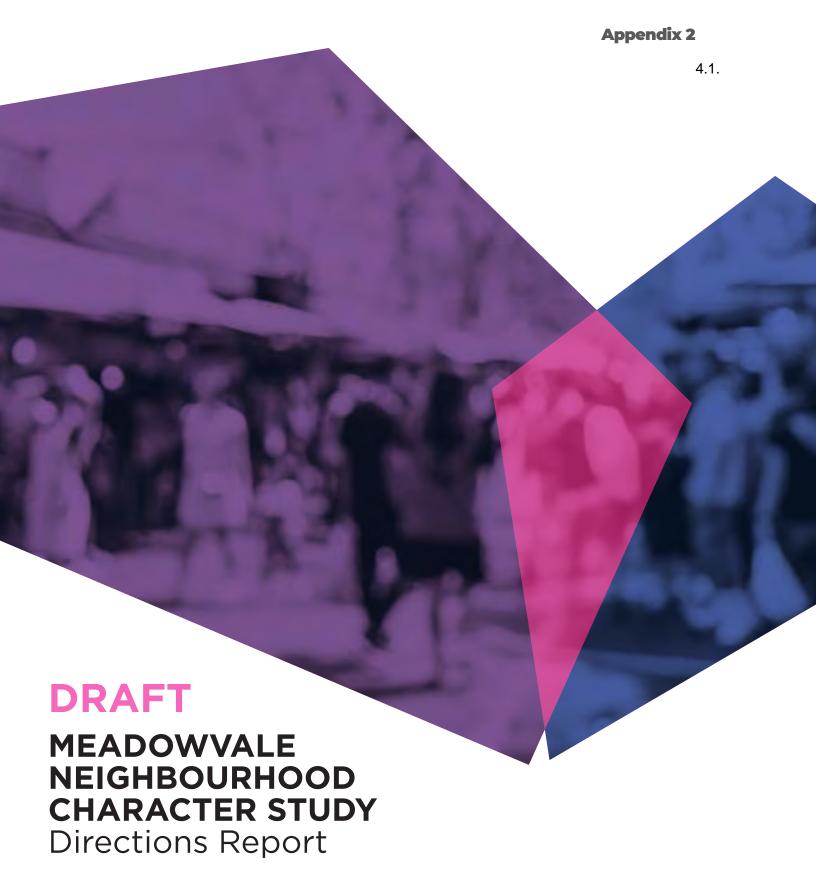
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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood is the result of a community master plan developed in the 1960s and 70s with a distinct character. As it evolves, change should happen in a manner that is sensitive to this context.



Figure 1.1 Apartment buildings.



**Figure 1.2** Townhouses and Apartment buildings with Lake Aquitaine Park in foreground.

# 1.1 Study Purpose

Largely unchanged since its initial construction, the Meadowvale Neighbourhood has recently seen several development proposals that have sought to intensify sites by adding new buildings or replacing existing ones.

This recent development interest raises questions such as: How can redevelopment be done with sensitivity? How has it been done elsewhere? And what are the elements of Meadowvale's character that should be protected or enhanced?

The study will assess the Meadowvale Neighbourhood's physical character to develop a policy framework consisting of land use and urban design policies/guidelines to guide future change and compatible infill development in the community.

To provide input to the Character Study, an examination of locations where redevelopment is most likely to occur, called opportunity sites, will be undertaken. Opportunity sites include tower sites, townhouse complexes under single ownership, commercial properties, and a few institutional sites, such as places of worship, with ample green space.

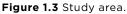
Although these sites represent locations where development could most reasonably occur, many of these locations may not redevelop due to other considerations such as economic viability.

## 1.2 Study Area

The study covers the area between Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west and the Meadowvale Employment Area to the east, stretching from Britannia Road West in the south to Tradewind Drive and Windrush Woods Park in the north. Meadowvale Town Centre and the surrounding properties, referred to as the Meadowvale Community Node, are not included in the study area. These lands are part of the ongoing Reimagining the Mall project.

The study area did not include parts of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood west of Winston Churchill Boulevard where there are few opportunity sites for development.





# 1.3 Other Area Studies and Parallel Initiatives

### **Reimagining the Mall**

The goal of the Reimagining the Mall (RTM) project is to guide the long-term evolution of five areas anchored by indoor shopping malls, one of which is the Meadowvale Community Node. The Meadowvale Community Node includes the Meadowvale Town Centre and surrounding lands. The study aims to ensure that future intensification in these areas occurs in a way that fosters healthy, mixed-use communities. A final community meeting was held for the project in June 2019, with the study's recommendations presented to Council in the same month. The implementing Official Plan Amendment By-law was enacted in 2020 and is currently under appeal.

# **Back to Back and Stacked Townhouses Study**

The City of Mississauga recently completed a study on Back to Back and Stacked Townhouses. Amendments to the Official Plan, Zoning By-law and Urban Design Guidelines (which apply citywide) have been approved by City Council and are in effect. The study is further described in Chapter 03, under City Guidelines and Standards.

#### **Tower Renewal**

The Tower Renewal Partnership is a non-profit initiative which works through research, advocacy and demonstration. Their goal is to transform postwar towers and their surrounding neighbourhoods into more sustainable, resilient and healthy places, fully integrated into their growing cities.

Mississauga, along with Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton, is participating in the Intermunicipal Tower Platform to enable information sharing and collective action surrounding their tower neighbourhoods. The City has identified towers which would benefit from innovative strategies for transitioning aging apartment towers.

Most of the apartments within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study are identified.

# Making Room for the Middle: A Housing Strategy for Mississauga

In October of 2017 the City approved a Housing Strategy for Mississauga titled Making Room for the Middle. This initiative aims to foster a supportive environment for housing that is affordable for all. It includes 4 goals and 40 actions that were developed with the assistance of a group of experts from all levels of government and the private and non-profit sectors. It is bold, innovative and practical and sets a new course for Mississauga. Since the approval of the Strategy the City has enacted a Rental Housing Protection By-law and

Demolition Control By-law. Both By-laws work to maintain the existing rental housing stock in Mississauga. Additionally, the Strategy supports the development of new purpose built rental housing and upgrades to existing rental stock.

Future development should contribute to this initiative to strengthen the Meadowvale Neighbourhood as a complete community.

# Urban Structure and Capacity Study

As part of the background work for the Official Plan review, a Urban Structure and Capacity Study (USCS) has been initiated. Still in its preliminary stages, the study will inform an update to the City's urban structure and the framework for heights and densities in the city. The Meadowvale Character Area Study will provide input to the USCS.

# 1.4 Recent Development Activity

There are three recently approved development applications within the study area.

#### 6719 Glen Erin Drive:

Approved by Council (2015). Approved addition of 83 townhouses and retention of existing 13-storey apartment building.

# 2700 Aquitaine Avenue:

Approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (2017).
Approved redevelopment of combined townhouse and tower site. The plan includes adding new buildings of 7, 9, and 12-storeys to replace several low-rise townhouse blocks, and retaining the existing 15-storey apartment building and townhouse blocks along Aquitaine Avenue.

#### 6550 Glen Erin Drive:

Approved by Council (2020). Approved addition of a 12-storey building within a surface parking area next to an existing 15-storey apartment building.



Figure 1.4 6719 Glen Erin Drive: Architectural rendering of new development.

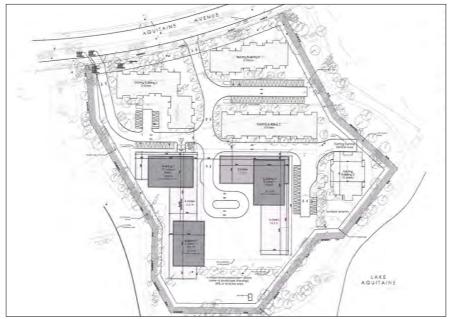


Figure 1.5 2700 Aquitaine Ave: Site plan showing proposed development.



**Figure 1.6** 6550 Glen Erin Drive: Applicant's rendering of the proposed apartment building from Battleford Road.

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# 1.5 Infill Opportunities and Pressures

The development applications described above indicate that there is both pressure and opportunity for infill development in the study area.

The proposed infill developments are all on sites with rental apartment buildings and propose both condominium units (6719 Glen Erin Drive) and rental units (2700 Aquitaine Avenue and 6550 Glen Erin Drive).

All three proposals requested additional densities and heights than permitted in the Official Plan. Through the approvals process of 6719 Glen Erin Drive, 6500 Glen Erin Drive and 2700 Aquitaine Avenue, the Floor Space Index (FSI) and heights were scaled back from the original proposals but still incorporated additional densities and heights.

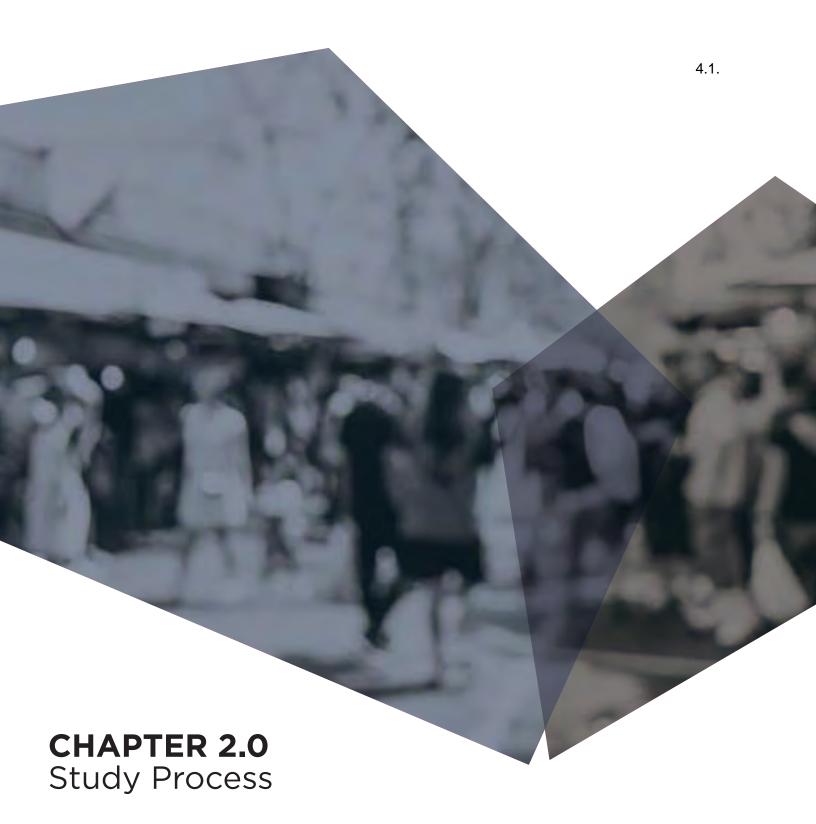
The proposed heights and densities are increasing with each development application. The first approved development (6719 Glen Erin Drive<sup>1</sup>) permits density of 1.4 times the lot area (FSI) and 3-storey townhouse dwellings. The second approved development (2700 Aquitaine Avenue) permits an FSI of 1.6 times the lot area and apartment buildings ranging from 7 to 12 storeys in height. The third approved development at 6550 Glen Erin Drive permits FSI of 2.12 times the lot area.

Through preliminary discussions, several other property owners within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood study area have expressed an interest in redevelopment.

# Respect for the Mississauga Official Plan Policies and Meadowvale Character Area is a Key Concern.

One of the key planning and urban design issues highlighted throughout the approvals process focused on the need to respect the character of the area. Specifically, transitions, shadow impacts and setbacks to parks and green spaces were raised as concerns in both the 6719 Glen Erin Drive and 2700 Aguitaine Avenue applications.

The City has recently received a development application for 6719 Glen Erin Drive which would replace the proposal approved in 2015. The preliminary plans for the development proposes the addition of a 12-storey apartment building and 33 townhouses with a total FSI of 1.98.



# 2.0 STUDY PROCESS

This study began in August of 2018. Background work with extensive and well attended public consultation activities were key aspects of this study. Stakeholders and the community at-large contributed to the overall vision and helped to inform the outcome.

#### 2.1 Study Phases

The overall project was conducted in three phases.

The first phase included background research, introducing the project to the community, understanding the local context and issues, and developing a vision and guiding principles for the study area.

In the second phase, a community bus/walking tour and design charrette were held. This phase focused on informing and learning about urban design concepts. The activities provided hands on opportunities to discuss a range of options regarding how infill and redevelopment could occur in Meadowvale and to explore, test and confirm these options.

In the third and final phase a capacity study was undertaken to provide direction for appropriate Floor Space Index (FSI) and maximum height, the draft recommendations were presented, and input received through the entire process was synthesized and documented in the final report.

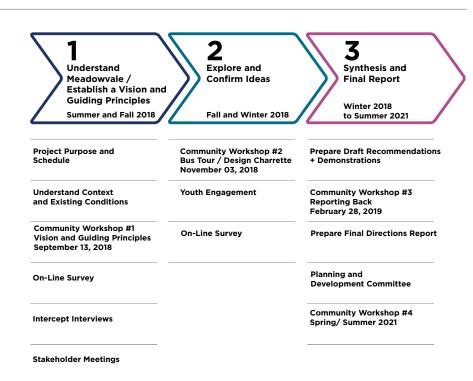


Figure 2.1 Project Schedule.

A fourth community meeting will present the final recommendations of the study followed by a City Council meeting to endorse the Directions Report.

# 2.2 Community and Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholders and the community were involved in all phases of the Study process, which included:

- Four community meetings, including a community design charrette with neighbourhood bus/walking tour
- Stakeholder and landowner meetings
- On-line surveys and community intercept interviews to supplement what we heard from meeting participants.

The consultation program was designed to ensure a meaningful process where all participants saw a strong rationale to be involved, understood their role, and contributed throughout. During each phase, the Study team met with the public to present the purpose and scope of the Study, discuss and confirm the key findings, and solicit feedback from participants to inform the next stage of work.

To further support the consultation program, a project website was established to share information, materials and communications, the ward councillor shared updates through her newsletter, and updates were provided through the City of Mississauga's social media. All materials posted to the City's website were AODA compliant.

A full account of all public engagement events and the messages received are contained within the Appendices of this Report.



Figure 2.2 Community Workshop #1.





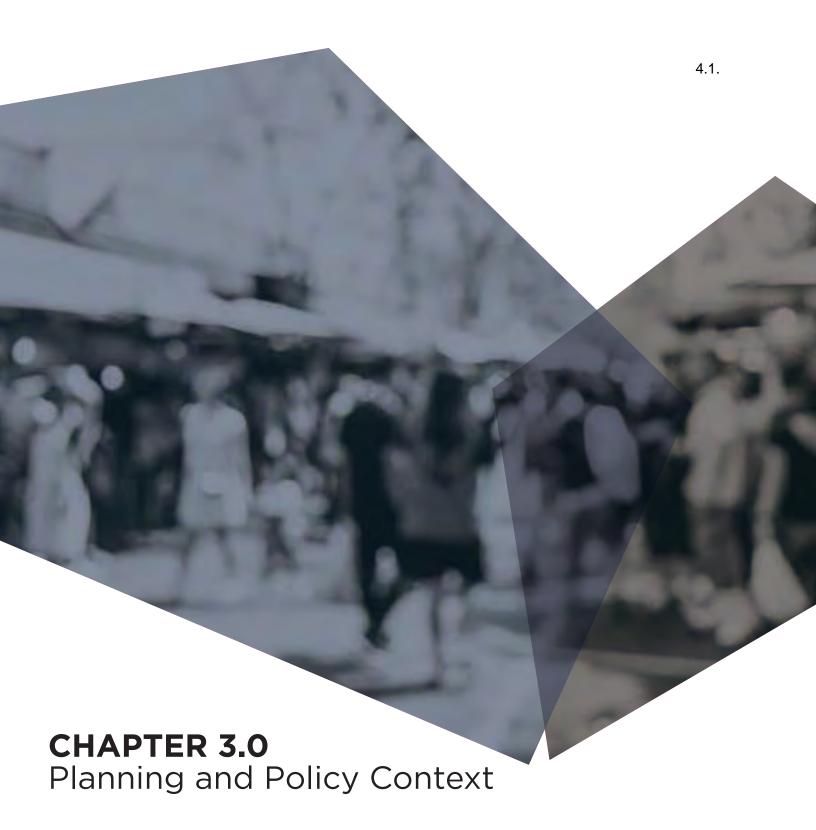
Figure 2.3 Bus/Walking Tour.



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# 3.0 PLANNING AND POLICY CONTEXT

The study area is affected by various layers of policy and guidelines. This includes the Provincial Policy Statement, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Region of Peel's Official Plan, the City of Mississauga's Official Plan, Zoning By-law 0225-2007 and several guidelines including the recently approved Back to Back and Stacked Townhouses Urban Design Guidelines.

The section below summarizes the policies, plans and guidelines pertaining to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area.

### 3.1 Provincial Policy

# Provincial Policy Statement 2020

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) provides the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land in Ontario. It acknowledges that Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental sustainability and social wellbeing is dependent on the ability to manage land use change and promote efficient development patterns. The PPS indicates that Settlement Areas shall be the focus of growth and development (1.1.3.1) and that planning authorities shall identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for transit-supportive development, accommodating a significant supply and range of housing options through intensification and redevelopment (1.1.3.3).

Further key policy direction includes:

- Growth will feature densities and a mix of land uses that efficiently use land, resources, infrastructure, and public service facilities and support public transit and active transportation (1.1.3.2, 1.6.7.4).
- Communities should accommodate an appropriate mix of residential types, employment such as commercial, institutional such as places of worship, recreation, park and open space, and other uses to meet long-term needs (1.1.1)
- Appropriate development standards should be promoted which facilitate intensification, redevelopment and compact form, while avoiding or mitigating risks to public health and safety (1.1.3.4)
- An appropriate range and mix of housing types and densities, including affordable and market-based housing, must

- be provided to meet the needs of current and future residents (1.1.1, 1.4.1, 1.4.3).
- Safe, connected public spaces will provide opportunities for social interaction, recreation, and active transportation (1.5.1).
- Reducing the number and length of vehicle trips and supporting the use of active transportation and public transit are important goals. (1.6.7.4,).
- Planning should encourage a sense of place through well-designed built form and cultural planning, and conserving features that help define character (1.7.1).
- Effective land use planning requires coordination and integration between municipalities, other levels of government, Indigenous communities, boards, and agencies (1.2).

#### **Growth Plan 2019**

The Growth Plan informs growth management and environmental protection in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) through to 2041. The Growth Plan works with other Provincial Plans (Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan) to manage growth, achieve complete communities, curb unmanaged growth, protect the natural environment, support economic development, and ensure that there is enough land available to accommodate forecasted population and employment growth, today and in the future.

As an alternative to unmanaged growth, the Growth Plan's growth management regime emphasizes intensification within Delineated Built-Up Areas, with a key focus on Strategic Growth Areas, as well as areas with existing or planned transit, particularly higher order transit (2.2.1.2.c, 2.2.2). Strategic Growth Areas are areas that have been identified by municipalities or the Province to be the focus for accommodating intensification and higher-density mixed uses in a compact built form. These include Urban Growth Centres (2.2.3) and Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) (2.2.4).

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood is not identified as an area in which intensification is to be focused. However, a Potential Mobility Hub and an Existing GO Station (Meadowvale GO Station) are identified near the study area in Schedule G, Rapid Transit Corridors in Peel Region (Long Term Concept). Mobility Hubs are MTSAs that are significant areas for intensification given the level of transit service that is planned for them (5.3.3, 5.9.5.2.10). Draft Regional MTSA policies indicate Meadowvale GO Station is a future planned MTSA and no portion of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood will be included within an MTSA as part of the Region's current municipal comprehensive review. Although Strategic Growth Areas will be the focus of intensification, the Growth Plan indicates that municipalities will encourage intensification generally throughout the Delineated Built-up Area (2.2.2.3).

Other Growth Plan policy objectives, as related to the study area, include goals to create active and healthy complete communities for all ages, achieve efficient development and land use by promoting compact built form, co-locate community facilities and assets, provide a diverse mix of uses and housing options, and foster a vibrant public realm that supports active transportation, transit and high quality of life (2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.5, 2.2.6, 3.2.3, 4.2.10).

Intensification is identified as an important opportunity to diversify the range and mix of housing options and densities and to establish targets for affordable ownership housing and rental housing. Municipalities will consider the use of available tools to require that multi-unit residential developments incorporate a mix of unit sizes to accommodate a diverse range of household sizes and incomes (2.2.6). Intensification also includes retail and service uses within compact built form, encouraging the integration of those uses with other land uses to support the achievement of complete communities (2.2.5.15).

#### 3.2 Municipal Policy

# Region of Peel Official Plan (Office Consolidation, December 2018)

The Region of Peel is an uppertier municipality that consists of three lower-tier municipalities: the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, and Town of Caledon. The Region of Peel Official Plan (ROP) is a longterm planning framework to guide growth and development, while having regard for protecting the environment, managing renewable and non-renewable resources, and outlining a regional structure that manages change within Peel in the most efficient manner. Sustainability is a central theme of the ROP.

The policies in the ROP direct the region to work collaboratively with, encourage, and support the lower-tier municipalities in implementing the Growth Plan policies and

achieving regional goals. The study area (and all lands within the 2031 Urban Regional Boundary) is located within the Urban System, where, according to the ROP, development and redevelopment should be directed to meet population and employment targets (5.3.2).

In line with the Growth Plan, the ROP promotes complete communities that are compact, well-designed, transit oriented, offer transportation choices, include a diverse mix of land uses, accommodate people at all stages of life and have an appropriate mix of housing, a good range of jobs, high quality open space, and easy access to retail and services to meet daily needs (5.5.1.6, 5.5.2.1).

The ROP identifies Urban Growth Centres and the Regional Intensification Corridor as major locations for intensification (5.3.3). The ROP also requires area municipalities to identify, where appropriate, Intensification Corridors, Major Transit Station Areas, and other major intensification opportunities such as infill, redevelopment, brownfield sites, the expansion or conversion of existing buildings and greyfields in their official plans and support increased residential and employment densities within these areas to ensure the viability of transit and a mix of residential, office. institutional and commercial development (5.3.3.2.5). In

addition to reference to Urban Growth Centres, Intensification Corridors, Nodes and Major Transit Station Areas, policy 5.5.3.2.3 indicates that intensification will be accommodated in any other appropriate areas within the built-up area. The ROP provides direction for municipalities to develop strategies for these Intensification Areas to support a mix of uses where appropriate, to ensure development of a viable transit system and to identify the type and scale of development within their official plans (5.5.3.2.7, 5.5.3.2.9).

A Potential Mobility Hub and an Existing GO Station (Meadowvale GO Station) are identified near the study area in Schedule G, Rapid Transit Corridors in Peel Region (Long Term Concept). Mobility Hubs are MTSAs that are particularly significant areas for intensification given the level of transit service that is planned for them (5.3.3, 5.9.5.2.10). The Region of Peel, in conjunction with the City has started a comprehensive study to review the delineation of MTSAs. Draft proposed MTSA boundaries released in April 2020 indicate that only a small portion of the study area falls within the Meadowvale GO Station MTSA (the south-east corner of Millcreek Drive and Aquitaine Avenue). The study area is also adjacent to a Community Node. However, except for the small portion that falls within the MTSA, the study area has not been identified as an area in which intensification is to be focused.

In addition to policies on growth management, ROP policies on the importance of long-term planning of housing in Peel are pertinent to this study. They include:

- An important goal is the provision of an appropriate range, density, affordability and tenure of housing to meet the diverse needs of Peel Region residents (5.8.1.1, 5.8.1.2, 5.8.2.3).
- The region will work to address socioeconomic and other barriers to housing such as discrimination, language, transportation and poverty (5.8.7.1, 5.8.7.2) and explore incentives to promote the development of affordable housing (5.8.3).

### City of Mississauga Official Plan

The Mississauga Official Plan (MOP) was adopted by City Council in 2010, partially approved by the Region of Peel in 2011, and partially came into effect in November 2012 when the Ontario Municipal Board approved the MOP with some modifications and except for those areas still under appeal. The MOP implements the Planning Act at the local level through comprehensive, integrated, and long-term planning that reflects the principles and requirements of the Planning Act, PPS, Provincial Plans, and the ROP. The MOP contains policies to protect and enhance the natural environment, direct growth to benefit the urban form, support a strong public transportation system and address long-term sustainability.

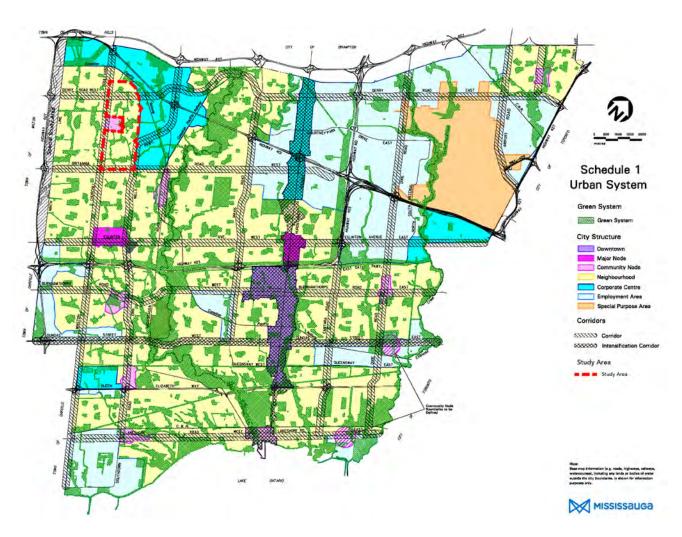


Figure 3.1 Schedule 1- Urban Structure

### **Urban System**

Chapter 5 - Direct Growth establishes the City's Urban System, comprised of the following components:

- Green System;
- · City Structure; and
- Corridors.

As shown on Schedules 1 and 1A, the Green System runs throughout the study area, its elements including the Natural Heritage System, Urban Forest, Natural Hazard Lands and Parks and Open Spaces.

The City Structure has seven elements: Downtown; Major Nodes; Community Nodes; Corporate Centres; Neighbourhoods; Employment Areas; and Special Purpose Areas. In Schedule 1, the study area is identified as a Neighbourhood, and is identified as the Meadowvale Neighbourhood on Schedule 9. Schedules 1 and 1C show Corridors and Intensification Corridors. The study area is bounded by four Corridors: Derry Road West to the north, Britannia Road to the south. Winston Churchill Boulevard to the west and Erin Mills Parkway to the east.

## **Intensification Areas**

The MOP states that Mississauga is at the end of its greenfield growth phase. As such, new growth will be accommodated through redevelopment and intensification within developed areas. The chapter further indicates that most future growth will be directed to Intensification Areas (5.1.4). Schedule 2 shows Intensification Areas, which include elements of the City Structure and Corridors - Downtown, Major Nodes; Community Nodes; Corporate Centres, Intensification Corridors - plus

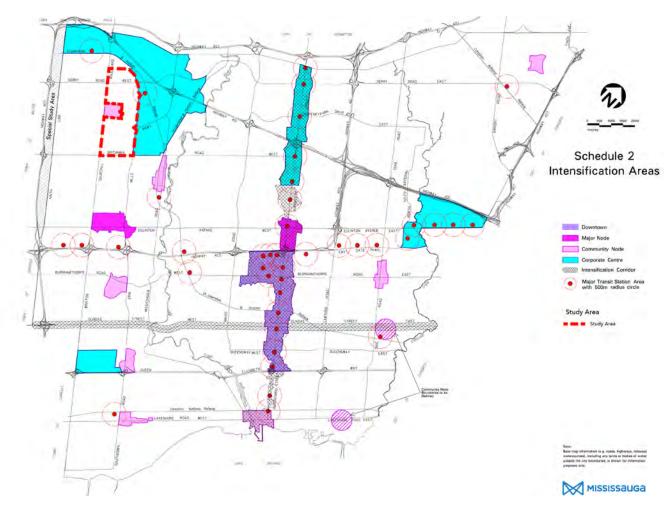


Figure 3.2 Schedule 2- Intensification Areas

Major Transit Station Areas with a 500m radius circle. With the exception of a small portion of the study area included within a 500m radius of the Major Transit Station Area centred on the Meadowvale GO Station, the study area is not shown as an Intensification Area. The study area abuts two Intensification Areas: the Meadowvale Community Node and Meadowvale Business Park Corporate Centre.

#### **Neighbourhoods**

The study area is a
Neighbourhood. The
MOP establishes that
Neighbourhoods will
accommodate the lowest
densities and building heights.
Neighbourhoods will focus on
residential uses and associated
services and facilities (5.3).

For the most part, Neighbourhoods are regarded as stable and are not the focus of intensification (5.3.5.1). However, Section 5.3 also provides policies and direction for residential intensification that does occur within Neighbourhoods, with specific regard for heights, densities, transition and scale to surrounding areas. The policies include the following:

- Intensification within
  Neighbourhoods may be
  considered where the
  proposed development is
  compatible in built form
  and scale to surrounding
  development, enhances
  the existing or planned
  development and is consistent
  with the policies of the Plan
  (5.3.5.5);
- Development will be sensitive to the existing and planned context and will include appropriate transitions in use, built form, density and scale (5.3.5.6);

- Residential intensification will occur through infilling and the development of existing commercial sites as mixed-use areas (5.3.5.2);
- Higher densities within Neighbourhoods should be located along Corridors, or in conjunction with existing apartment sites or commercial centres (5.3.5.3); and
- Intensification of commercial sites that result in significant loss of commercial floor space will be discouraged (5.3.5.4).

# Land Use Designations and Policies for Neighbourhood Character Areas

Schedule 10 shows land use designations for the study area. The majority of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area is comprised of residential designations: Residential Low Density I, Residential Low Density II, Residential Medium Density and Residential High Density. There are several other land uses permitted within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood including Schools and Community Facilities, Open Space, Greenlands, Mixed Use and Convenience Commercial.



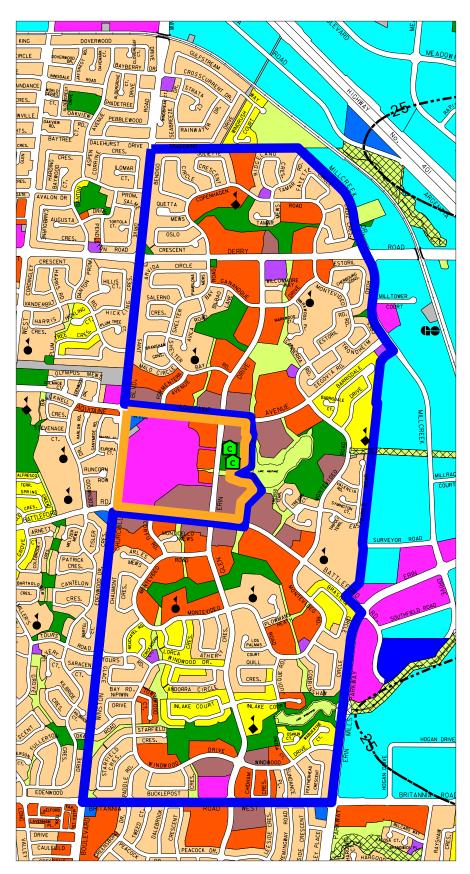


Figure 3.3 Schedule 10- Land Use Designations

General policies for land use designations applicable citywide are included in Chapter 11 -General Land Use Designations. General policies pertaining to all Neighbourhood Character Areas are found in the introduction of Chapter 16 - Neighbourhoods. In addition to general policies found in Chapter 16, there are policies specific to each Neighbourhood Character Area, including Meadowvale (16.16). The applicable general Neighbourhood Character Areas policies include the following:

- A maximum building height of four storeys will apply within Neighbourhoods unless Character Area policies specify otherwise (16.1.1.1);
- Proposals for additional height must ensure appropriate transition in heights to the surrounding context, enhance the existing or planned development, maintain the City Structure hierarchy and be consistent with the MOP policies (16.1.1.2);
- Low-rise apartment dwellings within the Residential Medium Density designations will be encouraged to locate on Corridors (16.1.2.3); and
- » Proposals for additional development on lands with existing apartment buildings will recognize and provide appropriate transitions to adjacent low density residential uses (16.1.2.4).

The applicable area specific policies for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood located within Section 16.16 provide additional guidance regarding density, height and land use. These take precedence over Citywide policies and include the following:

- In addition to the general Residential Medium and High Density development policies, the following apply:
- » The Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area policies establish Floor Space Index (FSI) ranges for specific locations, as shown on Map 16-16. The FSI ranges reflect existing development.
- » In order to create acceptable built form transitions, buildings should be limited in height when adjacent to low density residential neighbourhoods. Buildings immediately adjacent to low density housing should be limited to three storeys. Where low density housing is separated from high density development by a public road or other open space feature, four to five storeys may be compatible (16.16.1.1);
- Triplexes, street townhouses and other forms of low-rise dwellings with individual frontages are not permitted in Residential Low Density areas (16.16.1.2);
- Lands designated Residential Medium Density will also permit low-rise apartment dwellings (16.16.1.3);
- There are also Special Site Policies (SSPs) within the study area that permit townhouse dwellings, multiple horizontal dwellings and higher FSIs than the rest of the area at 1.4 and 1.6. These SSPs are a result of OPAs from development applications (16.16.3).

#### **Corridors**

The Corridors bordering the study area, as identified above, are not identified as Intensification Corridors. Policies relevant to development on Corridors include: **Development on Corridors** should be appropriate to the context of the surrounding Neighbourhood, providing appropriate transitions in height, built form and density to the surrounding lands (5.4.4; 5.4.5). There is a minimum building height of two storeys along Corridors (5.4.8).

### **Complete Communities**

The MOP states that "complete communities meet the day-today needs of people throughout all stages of their life." The MOP further establishes that residents living in one of the city's many Neighbourhoods may need to travel some distance to work. However. other services such as schools, shopping facilities, recreation centres or libraries should be available either within the Neighbourhood or in a nearby Major Node or Community Node.

Complete Communities policies encourage land use planning practices conducive to good public health (7.1.2 to 7.1.5) and are intended to ensure housing mix to accommodate diverse housing preferences and socioeconomic characteristics and needs (7.1.6). Specifically, the policies set out to ensure housing choice in terms of tenure, type, quality and quantity (7.2.2; 7.2.4; 7.2.7).

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**Figure 3.4** Map 16-16: Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area

Figure 3.5 Special Site Policies

#### **Urban Form**

Chapter 9 - Build a Desirable Urban Form sets out built form policies that aim to ensure sustainable urban form, high quality design and a strong sense of place. Policies applicable to the study area include the following:

- Infill and redevelopment within Neighbourhoods will respect the existing and planned character (9.1.3);
- Development on Corridors will be consistent with existing or planned character, seek opportunities to enhance the Corridor and provide appropriate transitions to neighbouring uses (9.1.5);
- MOP will ensure that tall buildings will provide built form transitions to surrounding sites, be appropriately spaces to provide privacy and permit light and sky views, minimize adverse microclimatic impacts on the public realm and private amenity areas and incorporate podiums to mitigate pedestrian wind conditions (9.2.1.9 to 9.2.1.17)
- Section 9.2.2 sets out specific policies for Non-Intensification Areas, which include similar direction as per the Neighbourhood-specific policies:
- » Heights in excess of four storeys will be required to demonstrate appropriate transition in height and built form to surrounding sites

(9.2.2.1);

- » Tall buildings will generally not be permitted (9.2.2.2);
- » Development in Neighbourhoods must respect the character of the existing lot patterns, setbacks and scale; provide privacy and minimize shadow; incorporate stormwater best management practices and preserve existing tree canopy and design buildings to respect the scale, massing, character and grades of the area (9.2.2.3);
- » Development on Corridors will be encouraged to assemble small land parcels; face the street; support transit and active transportation modes (9.2.2.6).
- Section 9.3 provides built form policies with respect to the public realm and Section 9.5 includes policies regarding site development and buildings. Both sections provide direction on ensuring compatibility with existing built form, natural heritage features and creating an attractive and functional public realm.

# The Environment, Green System and Natural Heritage Features

According to the MOP, "the Green System is the first layer of the Urban System. It is essential to building a strong community and a competitive economy and must be considered in all land use and planning decisions." Specifically, the MOP includes policies aimed to establish strategies that protect, enhance and expand the Green System, restore natural form, functions and linkages and enhance opportunities for enjoyment of the system (5.2.1to 5.2.3). In addition, Chapter 6 provides

further direction on the protection and enhancement of natural heritage features and the environment more broadly.

Within the study area, Lake
Aquitaine Park, Maplewood
Park, Windwood Park and Lake
Wabukayne Park are designated
Significant Natural Areas and
Green Spaces as per Schedule 3.
In addition, Schedule 4 outlines
several private and public open
spaces. Any intensification
within the study area located
adjacent to these sites, must
consider policies outlined in
Section 5.2 and Chapter 6.

### Implementation

City Council will consider applications for site specific OPAs within the context of the policies and criteria set out throughout the MOP. Section 19.5.1 states that proponents of OPAs must provide a rationale for the amendment which addresses the following questions:

- Will the proposal adversely impact the intent, goals and objectives of the OP?
- Will the proposal adversely impact the development or functioning of the remaining lands that have the same designation, or neighbouring lands?
- Is a municipal comprehensive review of land use designations or a five year review required?
- Are the lands suitable for the proposed uses and are the uses compatible with existing and future uses in surrounding lands?
- Are there adequate engineering services, community infrastructure and multi-modal transportation systems to support the application?

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 Have a planning rationale and other necessary studies been provided?

In order to consistently apply planning and urban design principles to applications, Section 19.4.3 requires all development applications to address, among other matters, the impact of the height and form of development on adjacent land uses and the relationship of the proposed development to the street environment and its contribution to an effective and attractive public realm.

#### **Zoning By-law**

Mississauga City Council adopted City of Mississauga By-law 0225-2007 to regulate the use of land, buildings and structures and to implement the policies of the Mississauga Official Plan.

To provide input to the Character Study, examination of locations where redevelopment and intensification is most likely to occur, called opportunity sites, was undertaken. Opportunity sites include tower sites, townhouse complexes under a single ownership, commercial properties, and some institutional sites, such as places of worship, which have ample green space. An important part of the study methodology was to identify opportunity sites and complete a detailed review of their current policy status including existing zoning, Accompanying tables identified in Appendix 1 describe the existing zoning for each site.

### **City Standards and Guidelines**

# Back to Back and Stacked Townhouses

The Urban Design Guidelines for Back to Back Townhouses (BBT) and Stacked Townhouses (ST) were approved by the Planning and Development Committee on June 18, 2018, were considered by Mississauga City Council on July 4, 2018 and are in effect. According to the Urban Design Guidelines, BBTs and STs are typically three to four storeys tall, include units that are stacked vertically and/or horizontally, front onto streets, pedestrian mews or open space and include surface and/or underground parking.

The Guidelines provide direction on site design, building massing, orientation, height and grading relative to the street to ensure new developments are compatible with and sensitive to the context. A checklist of principles is provided for developers, the City, and the public to consider when designing a development that includes BBTs and STs. The following key issues are to be considered and are outlined in detailed in Section 2 of the Design Guidelines:

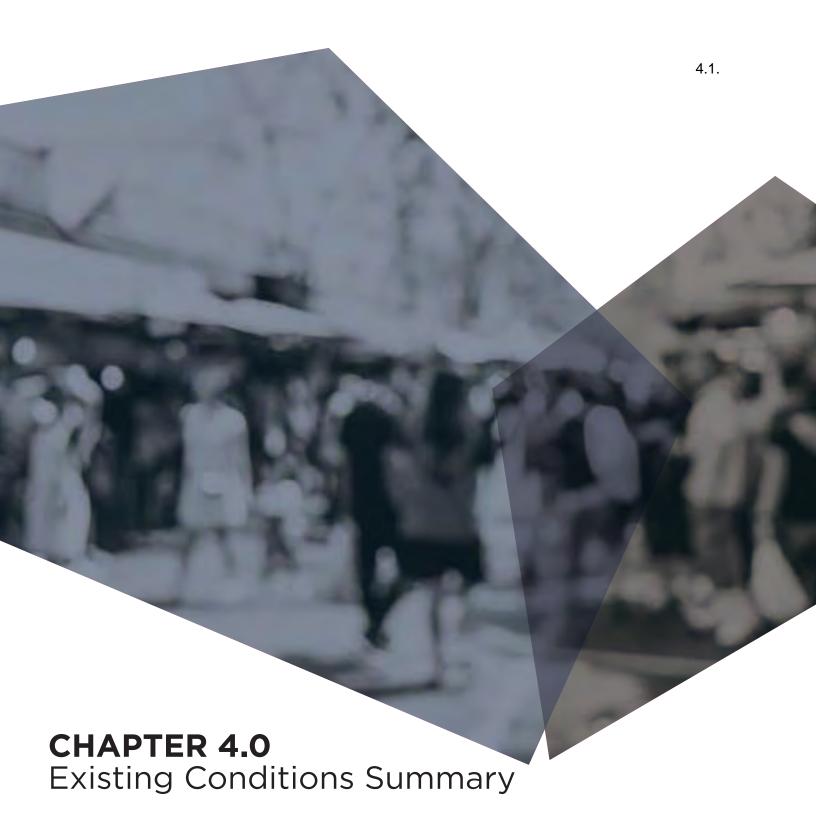
- Zoning by-law regulations/ compliance;
- Building height and appropriate transition;
- Building setbacks;
- Separation between buildings;
- Block length;
- Natural features;
- Grading and retaining walls;
- Below grade units;
- Building elevations;
- Exposed parking structures;

- Landscaped soft areas;
- Common outdoor amenity area:
- Private outdoor space;
- Pedestrian connectivity;
- Waste collection and storage;
- Surface parking;
- Utilities and services; and
- Property management and maintenance.

# Additional Guidelines to be Considered

- Making Room for the Middle: A Housing Strategy for Mississauga (Oct 2017)
- Low-Rise Multiple Dwellings Urban Design Handbook (2015)
- New Dwellings, Replacement Housing and Additions Urban Design Guidelines (Sept 2014)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (Jan 2013, updated Nov 2014)
- Green Development Standards (Oct 2012)
- Standards for Shadow Studies Urban Design Terms of Reference (June 2014)
- Pedestrian Wind Comfort and Safety Studies Urban Design Terms of Reference (June 2014)
- Screening for Roof Top Mechanical Units Reference Notes
- Mississauga Cycling Master Plan (2018)
- Low Impact Development Stormwater Management Planning and Design Guide
- Healthy by Design

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# 4.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood is the result of a community master plan developed in the 1960s and 70s with a distinct character. As it evolves, change should happen in a manner that is sensitive to this context.



**Figure 4.1** 1877 County Map showing future location of Meadowvale lakes in the context of the historic Streetsville community.



**Figure 4.2** Historical image of the area as farmland from the 1950s.

## 4.1 Historical Analysis

# **Early Historic Context**

Mississauga is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, an Ojibwa First Nation, and thus, Meadowvale's human history dates back millennia. Starting in the early nineteenth century, Meadowvale became largely agricultural land, with strong pastoral and farming roots established through European settlement. The area remained farmland until the late 1960s, when Mississauga undertook substantial plans for development and population arowth.

## **Meadowvale New Town**

Meadowvale, as it exists today, was a pre-planned "New Town" community developed in conjunction with Erin Mills.

The Meadowvale community should not be confused with the nearby historic Meadowvale Village, which was established in the 1830s and is Ontario's first Heritage Conservation District. Meadowvale was planned in three parts: Meadowvale South, West and North. Meadowvale West roughly aligns with the current study area (in addition to the Meadowvale Community Node). Meadowvale South

was completed in 1970, while Meadowvale West followed a few years later in the mid-1970s to 1980s, followed by Meadowvale North in the 90s.

Brian Magee, president of Meadowvale Development Limited as well as Lepage Realty, had begun assembling land in 1954. The intention was to create three residential areas around a central business park, while retaining natural elements. The assembled lands were over 1,200 hectares in area, with development costs at approximately \$1.7 billion.

The project leader was Peter Langer (1916-2009), the Executive Vice President of Operations for Markborough Properties Limited, and Vice President at Lepage Realty. Langer is often referred to as "the man who built Meadowvale." In 2003, a street in the Meadowvale business park was named Langer Drive in his honour. Along with Marco Muzzo, of Erin Mills Developments, and Bruce McLaughlin, who built Mississauga Valley and Mississauga Meadow communities, Langer was known as one of the "Big Three" developers in Mississauga.

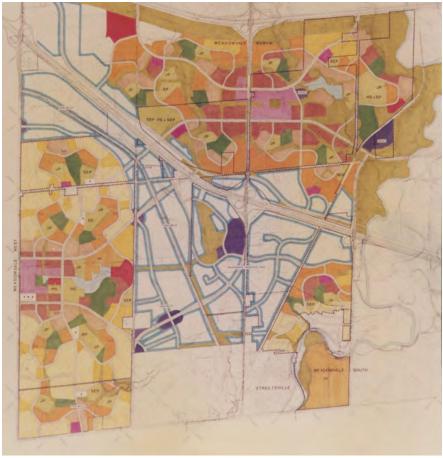


Figure 4.4 Meadowvale land use plan (with Meadowvale West at left).

Initial concepts and planning for the Meadowvale communities were overseen by Project Planning Associates, led by Order of Ontario recipient Macklin Hancock, who had previously designed Don Mills. Markborough Properties Limited revealed its development plans for Meadowvale on April 25, 1969, in a joint effort with the Don Mills Development Corporation. Construction started on December 14, 1970.

The development emphasized social, recreational, natural, educational, commercial and employment aspects of the planned community. With a mix of land uses including schools, a community centre, a major retail

centre, and parks with lakes, Meadowvale is a product of the 1960s and 70s urban planning philosophy. It was conceived of as a self-contained community where people would live, work, shop and play.

Of its three parts, Meadowvale West contains the largest array of housing, from single and semi-detached housing, to townhouses and high-rise apartments, in a variety of tenures. Meadowvale North was initially planned as a residential area but was largely redesigned to employment lands in the late 1980s.

In some instances, restrictive covenants were put in place, preventing "visual pollution," such as front yard parking



**Figure 4.3** Meadowvale marketing logo.



**Figure 4.5** Original developer Peter Langer (second from right), poses with Peel Regional Chairman Frank Bean, local Councillor Ken Dear and Mayor Hazel McCallion, 1974.

of pick-up trucks or painting houses in colours other than earth tones. This occasionally created controversy, such as not allowing satellite television antennae to be placed on roof tops.

In 1978, Meadowvale Town Centre shopping complex, was opened by Markborough Properties Limited to serve the new community. The original Meadowvale Community Centre officially opened its doors on January 23, 1982. Overlooking Lake Aquitaine, the community centre featured a swimming pool, squash courts, weight room, cardio machines, a group exercise studio, a racquetball court, a sauna and a child care room. In 2014, the Meadowvale







Figure 4.6 Recreation around the Lake Aquitaine, early 1980s.

Community Centre underwent a total reconstruction to modernize the facilities and add a library.

The Meadowvale Theatre was opened in 1989, under the management of Paul Eck. It was Mississauga's first performing arts facility and home to community-based music, dance, drama, comedy performances. Designed by Rod Robbie, architect of the Rogers Centre (formerly the SkyDome), it had a seating capacity of 395. The theatre has been an important City facility and cultural asset for over 25 years.

When the master plan for Meadowvale was developed, it was decided to include two large parks with artificial ponds for environmental and flood control purposes. The locations of the ponds were strategically chosen, based on existing natural features. Lake Aquitaine and Lake Wabukayne Parks form anchors of an open space system, with multi-use trail connections and recreational facilities for residents to enjoy. Trails link the ponds to Windwood Park, Settler's Green, Plowman's Park, Maplewood Park, Hunter's Green and Glen Eden Park.

## The Lakes

The name Wabukayne is believed to have originated from Chief Wabukayne (also spelled "Wabukayn" and "Wabukanyne") which means "white snow." He was a Mississauga Ojibwa Chief of the Eagle Clan at the Credit River and responsible for co-signing Treaties 13 and 13-A in 1805 (the Toronto and Head of Lake Purchases).

At the time of development, Lake Wabukayne was located on what was the Peter Cooke farm. which had been owned and maintained by various Cooke family members for generations. It was originally a cattle pond created by the Cooke family in 1946 but was also used for swimming and boating. The pond was enlarged by damming Wabukayne Creek, which flowed through the property at that time. Constructed in the mid-1970s, the 1.8 hectare stormwater management pond continues to play an important environmental role.









Figure 4.7 Recreation around the Lake Aquitaine, early 1980s.

Remnants from the farm, including tree lines, fence lines, old wells and apple orchards, can still be found around the park today.

Lake Wabukayne is home to different species of birds and wildlife, with mature trees, scenic views of the pond and naturalized areas. In 2010. residents formed the Friends of Lake Wabukayne Stewardship Committee to protect the natural environment, educate people about the natural spaces and to foster community spirit. Much like Lake Wabukayne, Lake Aquitaine was developed to provide parkland and focal point for the newly planned Meadowvale community. The park is located on the former Isaac Wylie farm site, which

was selected because there was a small creek that flowed just south the apple orchards on the property. By 1975, Isaac Wylie's house was removed, and the property was subsequently prepared for the park's development.

Excavation of Lake Aquitaine began in September 1976 and continued until November 1977 when the new landscape was substantially completed. Water could flow into the pond in the spring of 1977 and normal water levels were reached on August 16, 1977. The artificial pond, surrounded by the park, contains millions of gallons of water that serve environmental benefits and the settling pool helps remove pollutants before local run-off water is released into the lake.

Lake Aquitaine is home to aquatic and wildlife species, as well as hatching grounds for bird species. When the park was nearing completion there was a massive landscaping effort to plan over 1,000 trees and about 15.000 shrubs.

The official grand opening of Lake Aquitaine Park took place on June 24, 1978. The park offered a range of active and passive recreational opportunities (children's amenities, sports fields and courts, seating/resting areas, pond lookout, amphitheatre, etc.) and was connected to the Meadowvale Community Centre to create a central community space.

Over time, park amenities have been enhanced. Currently Lake Aquitaine offers basketball courts, soccer fields, multi-pad, splash pad and playground for children, lookouts and outdoor fitness equipment along the parkway loop (known as Lake Aquitaine Exercise Circuit). The park also hosts annual community events, such as live music in the park, which bring residents together.

Lake Aquitaine Park is listed in Mississauga's Heritage Directory to recognize it as an important cultural landscape. It was one of the first examples of utilizing a storm water pond as the central feature of an urban park in Canada. Similar facilities in other cities have been modeled after this example.

# Historic Planning and Policy Context

Earlier official and secondary plans described Meadowvale as being primarily residential, but with a strong mix of dwelling types (detached, semi-detached, townhouses and a range of low-rise and high-rise apartments) and with a mix of supporting land uses in proximity, such as community facilities, schools, parks and open spaces, local shops, and larger commercial uses. Residential areas were connected to centrally located educational and recreational facilities. Higher density uses

were located between Aquitaine Avenue and Battleford Road, due to their proximity to the Meadowvale Community Centre and the Meadowvale Town Centre. The residential uses were developed with a range of densities and the planning policy stated that "density decreased with distance from the Town Centre."

In February of 1981, City Council adopted the Official (Primary) Plan. That document was composed of the Primary Plan and 28 Secondary Plans prepared for individual Planning Districts. Two Secondary Plans, Meadowvale West (East Area) and Meadowvale West (West Area) covered the present day Meadowvale community. However, by that point the area's framework was already well established and construction largely complete. In March 1997, City Plan was adopted, coming into effect on July 8 1997. It joined the Meadowvale West (East Area) and the Meadowvale West (West Area) Secondary Plans and renamed the planning area to Meadowvale District Plan. City Plan described the area as predominantly residential and identified a Multi-Use Centre in the Meadowvale District. City Plan highlighted that the residential areas were oriented to major north/south open space and pedestrian systems which link the neighbourhoods to each other and to nearby uses.

Pursuant to the Planning Act requirement to review Official Plans every five years, City Council adopted Mississauga Plan, which replaced the 1997 City Plan. Meadowvale has experienced considerable growth since the initial plans for the area were approved. The area underwent rapid urban development resulting in a stable residential community. At the time when Mississauga Plan was in effect, Meadowvale was described as a residential community with limited potential for development. The focus of the Policies was to recognize existing pattern of development and reinforce the approved 1970s concept. Any infill development that occurred was to recognize and enhance the scale and character of existing residential areas and be compatible and consistent with the surrounding area.

Today's planning context has evolved and recognizes that there is a range of opportunities for future intensification and redevelopment and continues to require compatibility with the surrounding neighbourhood. The current Mississauga Official Plan provides policy direction for Meadowvale in line with Mississauga's City Structure and urban hierarchy. It requires development to be sensitive to the existing and planned context and to include appropriate transitions in use, built form, density and scale.



**Figure 4.8** Part of a 1973 series of advertisements for Meadowvale. Selling features for the community included its planned nature and contemporary design, the system of trails and lakes, and its contrast to the perceived dangers of urban living.

## 4.2 Demographics

Understanding the demographic profile of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood study area enables a more in-depth assessment of the context and valuable snapshot of the key characteristics of the area. The analysis of demographic information, including data on population, households, employment, education and immigration can highlight several characteristics that are relevant to the process of planning for change in the area.

# **Demographic Analysis Study Boundary**

City staff compiled census data for two geographies: the study area and city of Mississauga as a whole. The demographic analysis relies on Dissemination Area data from the 2016 Census and the 2018 City of Mississauga Multiple Unit Inventory. As discussed earlier in the report, the Meadowvale study area does not include the Community Node, as itwas reviewed through the Reimagining the Mall project.

The Census Dissemination Areas do not exactly align with the study area. For the purposes of the Census information, three properties on the east side of Glen Erin Drive, which are within the Community Node, are included in the census data for the study area. These properties are 2770 Aquitaine Ave (180 units), 6599 Glen Erin Dr (232 units) and 2757 Battleford Rd (184 units).

2016 Census Data	Study Area		City of Mississauga	
Population, 2016	24,804		721,599	
O to 14 years	4,070	16.4%	120,925	16.8%
15 to 64 years	17,065	68.7%	498,890	69.1%
65 years and over	3,690	14.9%	101,780	14.1%

Figure 4.10 Population by Age, Source: 2016 Census.

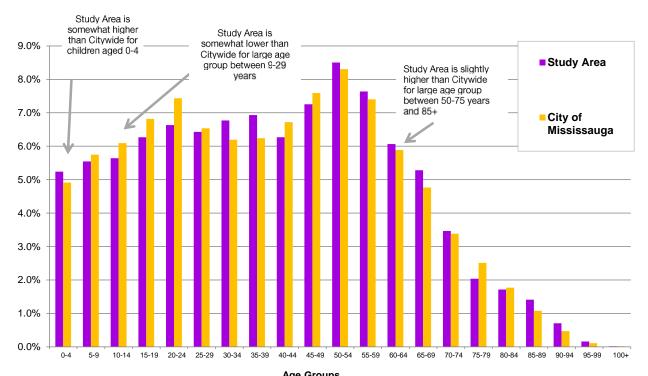


Figure 4.9 Population by Age. Source: Stats Canada, Census Data 2016

# **Population**

According to 2016 Census data, approximately 25,000 people live in the study area. For the most part, the proportion of children, working-age adults and seniors within the study area is like the city of Mississauga as a whole. When separated by smaller cohorts, there is some differentiation. Compared to the city average, the study area has a somewhat higher number of children aged 0-4, a lower number of people aged 9-25, a slightly higher number of 30 to 39 year olds, and a slightly higher number of adults 50-75 and 85+ years.

### **Household Tenure and Size**

The proportion of renters in the study area is higher (32%) than the city average (28%). The size of the households is, on average, slightly smaller than the city of Mississauga with higher numbers of single person and two person households.

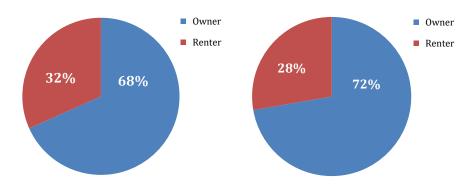


Figure 4.12 Housing Tenure-Study Area (Left) and City (Right), 2016 Census

Census Data	Study Areas		City of Mississauga	
Owner	6,230	68%	174,130	72%
Renter	2,890	32%	66,785	28%

Figure 4.13 Housing Tenure

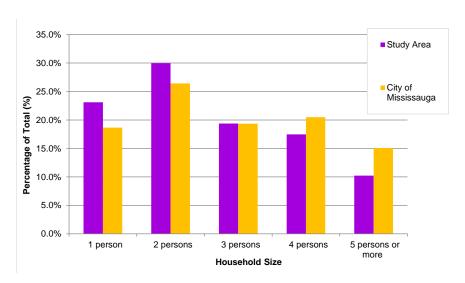


Figure 4.11 Household size. Source: Stats Canada, Census Data 2016

Household Size	Study Area		City of Mississauga	
	9190		240910	
1 person	2125	23.1%	44960	18.7%
2 person	2755	30.0%	63670	26.4%
3 person	1780	19.4%	46625	19.4%
4 person	1605	17.5%	49335	20.5%
5 persons or more	940	10.2%	36320	15.1%

Figure 4.14 Household Size, Source: 2016 Census

## **Dwelling Units by Structure**

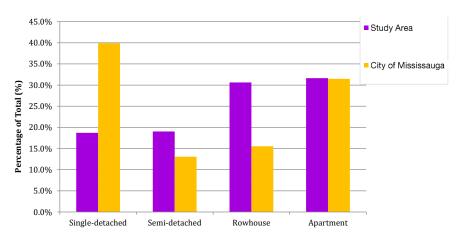
The study area has a greater mix of types of dwelling units then the overall city as a whole. There are far fewer single-detached units and considerably more townhouse and semi-detached type units. The proportion of units within apartment buildings is similar for the city and the study area.

### **Level of Education**

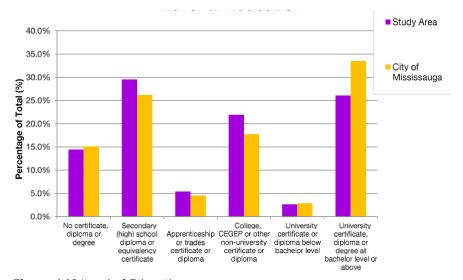
The study area has slightly more residents with secondary (high) school diplomas, apprenticeships and college or other non-university diplomas than the city as a whole and fewer residents with university certificates or diplomas.

# **Household Income (after-tax)**

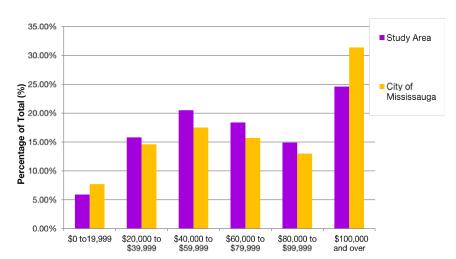
The incomes in the study area tend to fall in the middle-income brackets, making this a middle-income neighbourhood. The study area has fewer households earning less than \$20,000 and earning more than \$100,000 as compared to the entire city.



**Figure 4.17** Dwelling Units by Structure Types. Source: City of Mississauga, Multiple- Unit Inventory 2018



**Figure 4.16** Level of Education. Source: Stats Canada, Census Data 2016



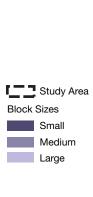
**Figure 4.15** Household Income (after tax) Source: Stats Canada, Census Data 2016

# 4.3 Physical Character

Future development should understand, respond to and respect the existing and planned context. This section summarizes the conditions which are important in defining the study area's physical character, with greater attention paid to the medium and high density areas in the neighbourhood. This along with the historical context, demographic profile, and planning and policy context, will help inform the planning framework for new and infill development in the neighbourhood study area.

## **Streets and Blocks**

Blocks are contiguous land areas defined by public street network. The study area predominately consists of large suburban blocks defined by arterial and collector roads. The layout of the large urban blocks consists mostly of townhouse and/or apartment sites along the arterial and/ or collector roads with the parkland concentrated in the centre of the block. The smaller block sizes are mainly shaped by the low density residential development.



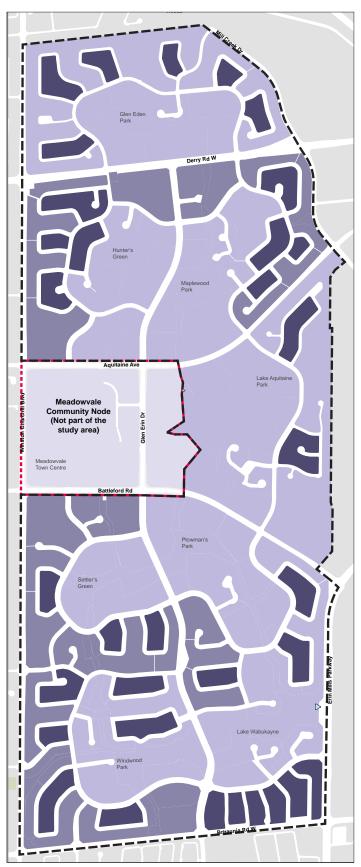


Figure 4.18 Block Structure

### **Land Use**

Within the study area, there is a mix of uses including residential, community services such as schools, commercial and a network of open space and green lands.

Most of the apartments are surrounding the key focus areas of the community; the Meadowvale Town Centre, Community Centre and Lake Aquitaine. The townhouses are concentrated north and south of the apartments in the interior of the community, often adjacent to parkland. The well connected network of open and green spaces also provides an alternate network of movement within the study area.

There are a few pockets of retail distributed through the study area. While there are no office or industrial uses within the study area, there is some office space within the Meadowvale Community Node and industrial uses exist directly east of the study area within the Meadowvale Business Park.



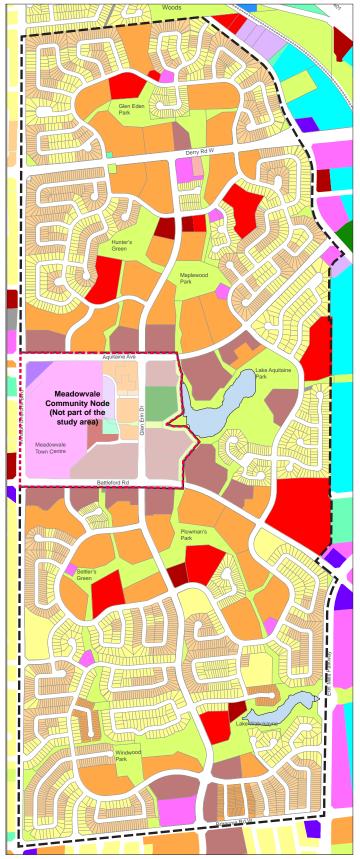


Figure 4.19 Land Use

## **Building Height**

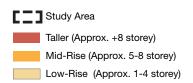
The study area is predominately low-rise buildings (4 storeys and less) in the form of detached, semi-detached and townhouse development. There are no mid-rise buildings (5-8 storeys) located within the study area, however there are a few located within the Community Node which are concentrated at the intersection of Glen Erin Drive and Battleford Road.

Existing tall buildings range from ten to eighteen storeys.

Institutional buildings, such as schools and places of worship, and small to mid-size retail buildings are also present.

# Tall Buildings: Separation Distance

The original Master Plan specifically situated tall buildings in key locations, with a significant separation distance between tall buildings. The minimum current observed separation distance between two existing tall buildings within the study area is approximately 50m.



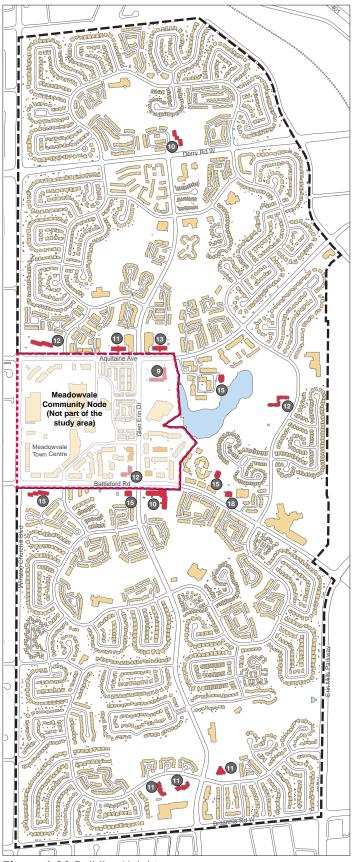
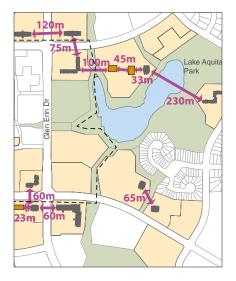


Figure 4.20 Building Height



Figure 4.21 Existing Tall Buildings around Lake Aquitaine





**Figure 4.22** Observed tower separation distance between existing towers and between approved/proposed towers

# **Building Height in Mississauga and Meadowvale**

The City of Mississauga promotes a rich and varied built form that includes a range of building types of different heights throughout the City.

The City of Mississauga Official Plan generally describes building heights. Tall buildings are defined as having a height greater than the width of the street on which they front (OP Glossary 20-9). Low-rise buildings are defined as having no more than four storeys (OP 9.2.2.1). Although not formally defined in the OP, it is generally assumed that mid-rise buildings in Mississauga have a lower height than the width of the street on which they front and are greater than four storeys. Of note is that Neighbourhoods and Non-Intensification Areas will primarily include low-rise buildings and that tall buildings are generally not permitted (OP 9.2.2.2)

In Meadowvale, there are a wider range of buildings beyond what is typically found within a Neighbourhood or Non-Intensification Area. As a result of the original community master plan, the current zoning provides for building height that have been part of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood from the beginning and one of the contributing factors to its character. The height regime was established to reinforce a distinct urban structure with a range of tall building heights located in specific parts of the Neighbourhood, with heights of 12, 15 and 18 storeys. The range of tall building heights are not defined by the size of the street on which they front. Low-rise buildings, as in the rest of Mississauga, are considered to be no greater than four storeys in height. Midrise buildings do not have a significant presence in the original Meadowvale Master Plan.

# **Building Types**

The study area predominately has smaller residential building footprints around the perimeter. Larger footprints are generally concentrated around the intersection of Glen Erin Drive with Aquitaine Avenue and Battleford Road and around Lake Aquitaine Park. Meadowvale is characterized by a variety of building typologies, primarily residential, spread across the study area. Residential typologies include:

- Detached and semi-detached
- Townhouse (Traditional, Back to Back, Stacked)
- Low-rise (walk-up) apartments
- Tall Buildings (Tower apartments)



Figure 4.23 Detached and semi-detached typologies.



**Figure 4.24** Low-rise walk up apartments.



**Figure 4.25** Typical, Back-to-back and stacked townhouses.



Figure 4.26 Tower typology.



Figure 4.27 Institutional buildings.



**Figure 4.28** Retail Commercial buildings.

# **Tall Buildings**

The Tall Buildings in the neighbourhood generally follow a 'tower-in-the-park' style of development or a tower surrounded by lower rise buildings. Tower-in-the-park buildings which are built further from the sidewalk, leave room on the property around the edifice for parking, lawns, trees, and other landscaping.

The Tall Buildings in the study area also have varied floor plate sizes, which can be generally categorized into three types: Slabs, Stepped Slabs ad Point Towers.

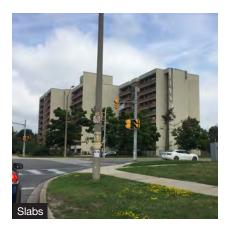






Figure 4.29 Tall Buildings typology within the study area

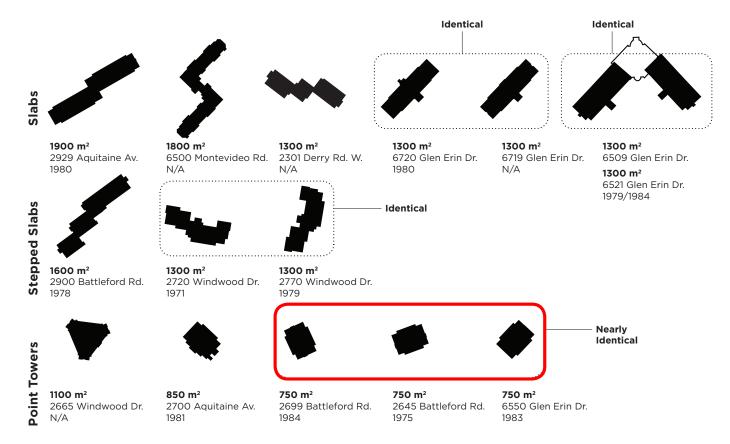


Figure 4.30 Typical floor plate sizes of various Tall Buildings within the study area

## **Density**

The study area has an intentional distribution of density throughout, with the highest, associated with the streets surrounding the Community Node and Lake Aquitaine, and to the north and south as Glen Erin Drive intersects with two regional arterials, Derry Road and Britannia Road.

Density is measured as floor space index (FSI). The following page provides a definition of FSI.

Most of the townhouse development in the study area has an FSI of less than 0.5, with several exceptions ranging between 0.5 and 0.8.

Most of the apartment development in the study area has an FSI of between 0.8-1.0, with several exceptions ranging between 1.0-1.3.

Recent approvals for infill and redevelopment on three sites have FSI's ranging between 1.4 to 2.12.



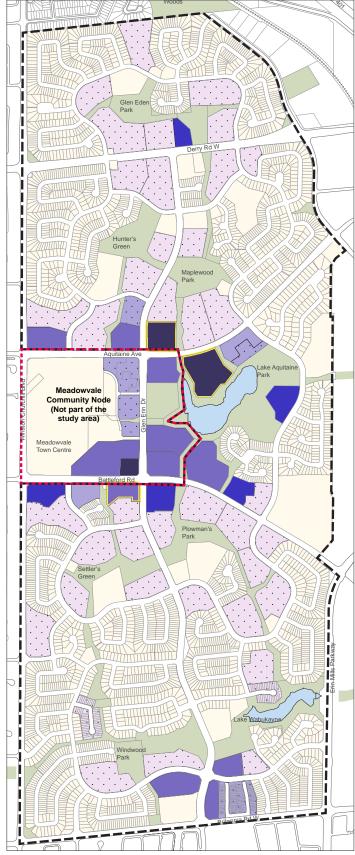
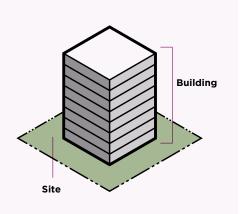


Figure 4.31 Density

# **Density and Floor Space Index (FSI)**

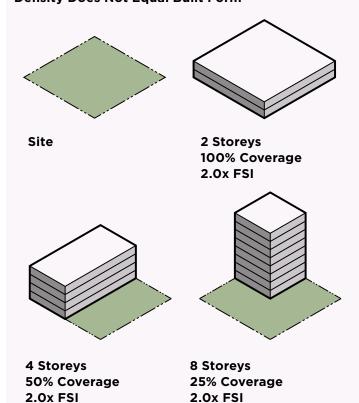
Density refers to the amount or floor area of a building (or set of buildings) over the area of its site. This measure of density is sometimes called Floor Space Index (FSI). The same density can produce very different types of buildings, depending on the arrangement on site. Basements, garages, balconies and patios generally do not count toward floor area.

It is important to note that density does not determine built form. A building or buildings with the same density value can occupy all a site with little open space or portion of a site with a greater degree of openness.



Density =  $\frac{\text{Floor Area}}{\text{Site Area}}$ 

# **Density Does Not Equal Built Form**

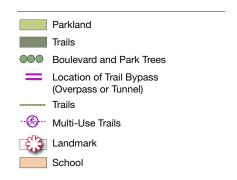


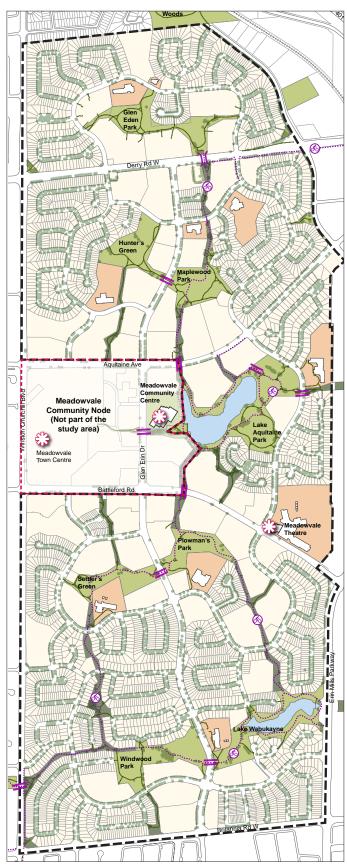
# Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Trails

The study area has approximately 56.8 ha (140.5 acres) of parkland including trails, contributing to an overall parkland provision of 1.7 ha/1000 people for the entire Meadowvale NHD Character Area. Considering the Mississauga Official Plan notes that "the minimum city-wide parkland provision is 1.2 ha/1000 population", the neighbourhood is fairly well served from a parkland provision perspective. As parkland provision standards are only one measure for determining parkland needs, a site-bysite analysis may identify opportunities for additional parkland to improve connectivity and adequate access to parkland and park facilities.

Macklin Hancock's approach was to separate vehicles and pedestrians. The parkland system consists of eight large community parks with linear greenbelts connecting all the open space from the north to the south end of the Meadowvale neighbourhood. A trail system offers an off-road circulation network which is continuous and facilitated by a series of tunnels and overpasses under and over roads. School children also use the trail systems as parks are almost always colocated with elementary schools.

Lake Aquitaine Park, Meadowvale Community Centre and Library are collectively one of the principal gathering areas for both the local neighbourhood and larger community of Mississauga.





**Figure 4.32** Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Trails

# Vehicle, Access and Connectivity

Access to most of the townhouses and apartment sites is either from major and minor collector streets, whereas the lower density areas are generally accessed from network of local looped streets or cul-de-sacs.

Entry to properties directly from arterials is limited, with no vehicular access from Winston Churchill Boulevard and Erin Mills Parkway.



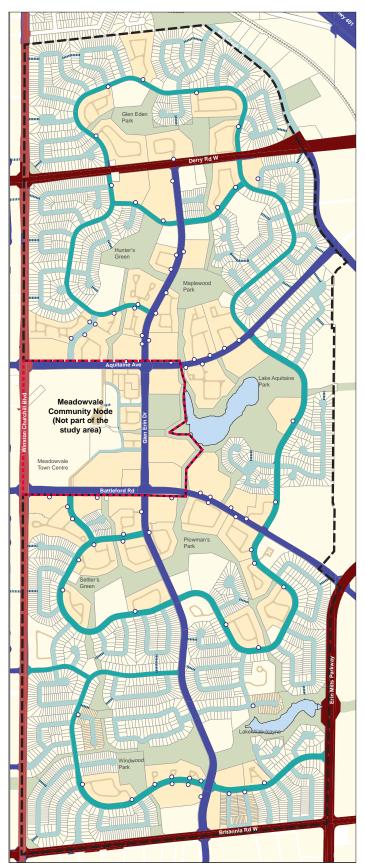


Figure 4.33 Access and

### Streetscape

Street edge condition contributes significantly to the more suburban and soft landscaped character of the study area.

Setbacks, building frontage and the street edge condition vary across the area but mostly respond to the street hierarchy.

The public realm with major and minor collector streets often has either generous landscaped setbacks or in most stretches are abutted by 'back-lotted' or 'side-lotted' residential properties, with occasional midblock connection or entry points to the green ways.

The substantial number of parks and open spaces and along the streets adds to the landscape frontage and reinforces the soft landscape character of the study area.

At the retail locations across the study area, the setbacks are larger, with a predominance of parking.

With the varying setbacks and building typologies, there is no significant street wall being formed along the arterials or collector streets.



Figure 4.34 Large setbacks.



Figure 4.35 Retail with larger setbacks with parking.



Figure 4.37 Landscaped setbacks.



**Figure 4.38** Parks and Open Spaces reinforces the landscape frontage.



**Figure 4.36** Side-lotted residential properties.



**Figure 4.39** No significant street wall.

# Synthesis/Summary

With a diverse mix of land uses including schools, a community centre, a major retail centre, mix of residential dwelling types and community parks with lakes, Meadowvale is a product of the 60's and 70's urban planning philosophy. Buildings generally either turned their backs to the street or were set well away from it. It prioritized parkland, recreation and networks of trails over the historic notion of main streets and active frontage. Although daily travel by foot, bicycle and transit are possible, the spatial distances between uses were designed to favour the automobile. At the time when Mississauga Plan was in

effect, the focus of the policies was to recognize existing pattern of development and reinforce the approved 1970s concept.

Today's city building context has evolved to recognize that there are a range of opportunities for future intensification and redevelopment that require compatibility and fit with the surrounding neighbourhood. Many of the best practices reviewed in the next chapter have taken the approach that infill and redevelopment can happen in a sensitive manner that reinforces the greatest qualities of a neighbourhood, and repair those aspects that detract from it.

For a place like Meadowvale, its green open character and generous park space are qualities to build upon. Likewise, noteworthy is the intentional structure that was established with the original master plan

where the greatest density and height were situated to punctuate specific areas in the neighbourhood. Aspects that would benefit from a revised and contemporary approach include street design and the way buildings address the streets.

This analysis and synthesis of existing conditions will contribute to the overall understanding of neighbourhood character that will serve as the basis for the study recommendations.

## 4.4 Opportunity Sites

# Criteria for Preliminary Opportunity Site Selection

Substantial change is not anticipated for most of the study area as much of Meadowvale is made up of low-rise housing forms under individual ownership. Parks and the community centre are also unlikely to change in future. Schools are evaluated by the Boards of Education through accommodation review exercises. At this time no reviews are planned for school properties in Meadowvale. Thus, the remaining sites are the focus for this study. The potential sites for infill and redevelopment include the existing apartment and townhouse properties, retail commercial properties, and places of worship, all of which are distributed in a logical and intentional manner within the neighbourhood.

However, not all sites present the same characteristics that make them attractive for change, such as ownership and the form of tenure. For example, rental properties, usually with a single owner, provide greater opportunity to redevelop than those sites under condominium ownership, with multiple ownership.

Further, there are different types of redevelopment that are possible: infill, replacement, and comprehensive redevelopment. Each of these have their own requirements that make them attractive or more likely to occur. If a site has a large amount of open space or surface parking around an existing building, infill is quite attractive, but if a parking structure or existing building needs demolition before adding new buildings, it may not present the same opportunity. Comprehensive redevelopment becomes more attractive when the return on investment can support the business case.

The total area for all apartment and townhouse properties, retail commercial properties, and places of worship is 171 hectares. Applying the criteria noted above (property type, ownership, and potential redevelopment type) refines the understanding for how many sites may change over time.

There are in total 33 potential opportunity sites whose total area is far less at 38 hectares or 22% of the total study sites. It is important to note even through opportunity sites have been identified as more likely to experience growth, many are not expected to develop for various other consideration such as economic viability, however, for the purposes of this study all opportunity sites are being considered.

The process for refining the characteristics of an opportunity site was informed by the testing of options and a more fulsome understanding of the potential impacts to neighbourhood character.



Figure 4.41 Study Sites (171 Ha)

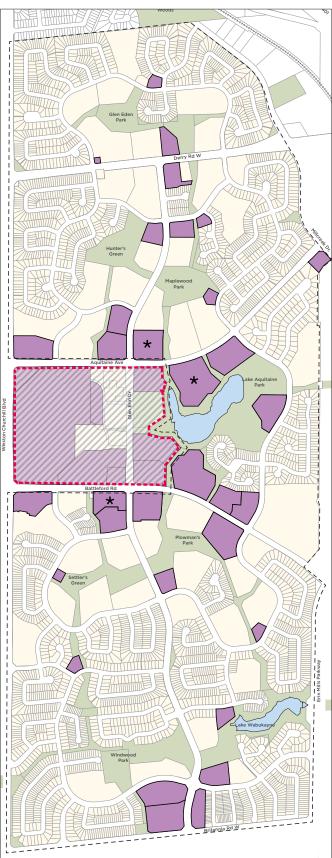


Figure 4.40 Opportunity Sites (38Ha, 22%)

<sup>\*</sup> Sites with Approved Development

# Official Plan Designations and Permissions

There are seven (7) Official Plan designations that apply to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Study Area. The preliminary opportunity sites identified above represent six-of-the-eight. The requirements for these OP designations are generally described in the previous chapter:

- Residential Low Density I and II (Detached, Semi-detached and Duplex Dwellings, Places of Worship)
- Residential Medium Density (All forms of Townhouses and Low-rise apartments, Places of Worship)
- Residential High Density (Low and High-rise Apartments)
- Mixed Use (A variety of Commercial uses, Office and Residential (except detached and semi-detached)
- Convenience Commercial (A variety of Commercial Uses, Office and Residential.

In the study area Places of Worship are located on lands designated Residential Low and Medium Density.
In summary, the preliminary opportunity sites with Residential Medium and High Density designations have a maximum height ranging from 3 to 5 storeys, Mixed Use, Convenience Commercial and Residential Low Density sites have a maximum height of 4 storeys.

Some of the sites have defined maximum densities in the OP but not all. Where stated, Residential High Density sites have a maximum density ranging from 0.5x to 1.6x FSI. Residential Medium Density sites have a maximum density of 0.9x FSI. The densities noted in the OP generally coincide with the existing development on the site. There is no stated density maximum in the OP for Mixed Use, Convenience Commercial, or Residential Low Density.

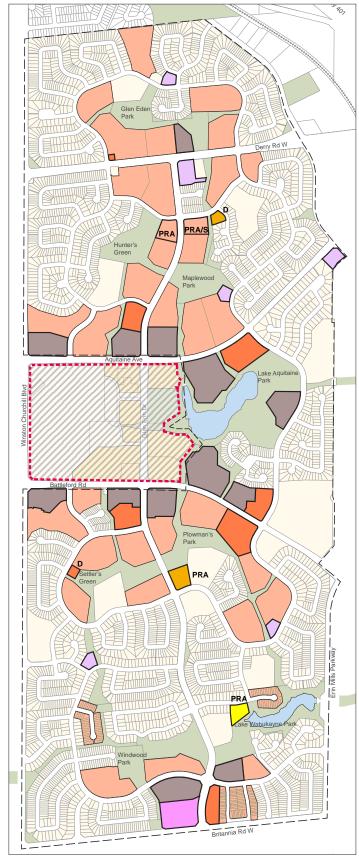


Figure 4.42 Official Plan Designations

Study Area Meadowvale Community Node (Not included in the Study Area) Opportunity Sites **OP Designations** Residential High Density (Apartment- Rental and Condominium) Residential Medium Density (Townhouse and Low-Rise Apartment-Rental and Cooperative) Residential Medium Density (Townhouse and Low-Rise Apartment-Condominium) Residential Low Density II (Detached, Semi-Detached and Duplex) Residential Low Density I (Detached, Semi-Detached and Duplex) Mixed Use Convenience Commercial **Overlays** 

PRA Places of Religious Assembly

Day CareS SchoolV Vacant

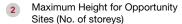
## **Zoning By-law and Permissions**

It is common for a municipal Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to fall out of alignment over time. The Meadowvale Neighbourhood is no different. In many cases, the Zoning By-law is more specific and restrictive than the Official Plan, and in others more permissive. For example, some sites have an OP maximum height of 5 storeys, where the Zoning allows for 12 storeys. On other sites, the OP states a maximum height of 5 storeys, where the zoning limits the same site to 10.7m (2 to 3 storeys). For many of the Residential Medium Density and Residential Low Density sites there is no stated maximum density, but the amount of building is controlled by lot coverage requirements.

For the preliminary opportunity sites, the current zoning permits a range of heights and densities:

- Residential Medium Density (Zoning Categories: RM4, RA1): 3-4 storeys, only two sites have stated density maximums of 0.9x FSI
- Residential High Density (Zoning Categories: RA3, RA4): 10-18 storeys, 1.0x -2.12x
   FSI
- Convenience Commercial (Zoning Category: C1): 1-2 storeys, 0.11x -0.62x FSI
- Mixed Use (Zoning Category: C2): 4 storeys, 0.58x FSI
- Places of Worship (Zoning Categories: R3, RM4): 10.7m, no maximum density stated.





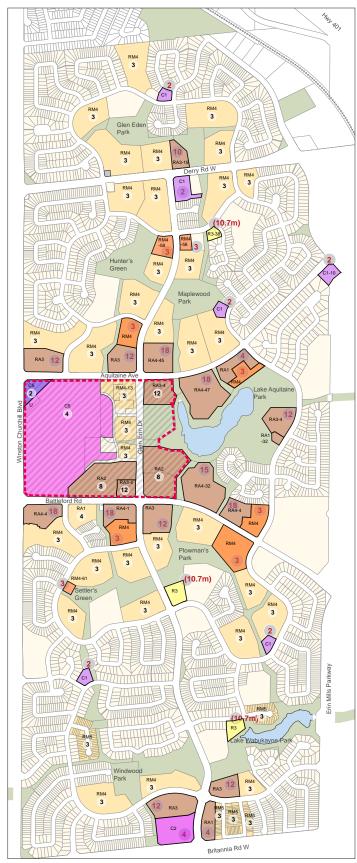
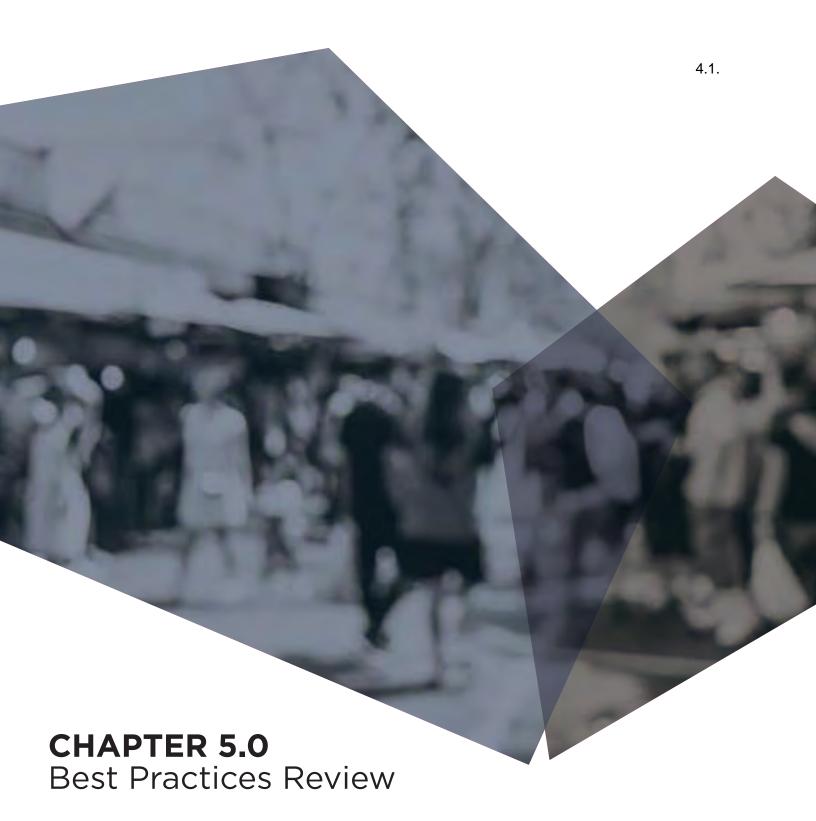


Figure 4.43 Zoning By-law



# **5.0 BEST PRACTICES REVIEW**

A review of best practices helped to understand how other places direct and guide neighbourhood infill and redevelopment.

The review included policies, guidelines, and studies from municipalities in Ontario (Toronto, Kitchener), Canada (Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg), and internationally (Portland OR, London UK).

For the most part, best practices focus on small scale infill in established neighbourhoods (i.e., replacing a house or developing a vacant residential lot). While modest intensification is possible through this process, the scale is far less than what is likely possible on larger sites such as those in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. Given that the intent of this Character Area Study is to focus on larger sites likely to redevelop, we also reviewed a selection of individual projects that represent alternate takes on large urban sites, either intensifying through comprehensive redevelopment, or selective infilling. A more detailed review can be found in Phase 1 Background Report at the following website https://yoursay.mississauga.ca/ meadowvale/documents.

# 5.1 Best Practices Review Summary

### **Toronto**

Faced with similar planning and development pressures as Mississauga, Toronto has developed design guidelines for several building types, including Tall Buildings, Mid-rise Buildings, Townhouses and Low-rise Apartments. These documents provide overall guidance for how these building types should perform no matter where in the city the infill and redevelopment is contemplated.

To supplement and provide a more context-sensitive response, the City also prepares site specific guidelines for different neighbourhoods, including those with tall buildings like the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. These site-specific guidelines define local character and customize the higher-level guidance to the local study area.

Two examples are helpful precedents for this study: High Park Apartment Neighbourhood and Parkway Forest. Both neighbourhoods have existing tall buildings but are evolving with the addition of both

towers and mid-rise buildings. Each example has a different mandate: the High Park guidelines set out to define the neighbourhood character so that new development fits within that context, while the Parkway Forest plan seeks to repair many of the site issues from the original scheme. Both efforts include sitespecific guidelines that address performance standards such as site organization, angular planes and transition, height, parks and open space, and streetscape. Quite different from Meadowvale is that both Toronto neighbourhoods are on higher order transit routes (Bloor and Sheppard subway lines respectively) which influences the level of intensification that may be appropriate and the level of development interest.

Another example is Valley Woods, a comprehensive redevelopment of a townhouse community with low-rise, midrise and tall buildings. Like many of the townhouse blocks in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood, Valley Woods was a rental property which is easier to redevelop than one in a multiple ownership or condominium form



**Figure 5.1** Parkway Forest infill underway, with new townhouses and midrises



**Figure 5.2** The use of new buildings to frame and activate streets



**Figure 5.4** Valley Woods, Toronto: Promotional rendering showing proposed tall buildings



**Figure 5.3** Valley Woods, Toronto: Newly-constructed stacked townhouses, the first phase of development



Figure 5.6 Approved high rise infill at 70 High Park Avenue



**Figure 5.5** Proposed infill, consisting of new point towers and low-rise townhouses

of tenure. The approved plan organizes buildings to provide large landscape frontages to retain the overall green and open character, with taller buildings set back from the streets and pathways like what currently exists in the study area.

Further, a non-statutory but widely-read "Tower Renewal Guidelines" document was completed in 2009 by a team at the University of Toronto. Efforts to promote tower renewal throughout the region, including infill on large towerin-the-park sites, continue to be promoted by the private Tower Renewal Partnership. The City of Mississauga has already undertaken work to update its Mixed Use and Convenience Commercial Official Plan designations and associated zoning categories to accommodate tower renewal which could influence what happens in neighbourhoods like Meadowvale.

### **Kitchener**

Kitchener completed a Residential Intensification in Established Neighbourhoods Study (RIENS). The policies in this document apply to small low-rise residential sites. While it does not focus on medium or high-density types of development, this document provided helpful direction for a possible framework for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. Kitchener also has city-wide Urban Design Guidelines with infill considerations to supplement the Neighbourhood Study.

### **Edmonton**

Edmonton has Design Guidelines for residential infill in mature neighbourhoods that also addresses mid-rise apartments (5-8 storeys) and high-rise apartments (9 storeys or greater). The City also has guidelines for different scales of infill and redevelopment (small, medium, large).

As Part of the Evolving Infill project, Edmonton completed a municipal tools review and in 2014 completed Edmonton's Infill Roadmap. Edmonton's Infill Roadmap is the City's work plan with 23 actions to advance residential infill as they work towards making changes to practices and policies and carry out new initiatives. The City has a dedicated web page for all things "infill" providing information to residents, builders and the broader community.

As an overall approach to infill and redevelopment as a city evolves and changes, the Edmonton example is a good one for Mississauga.

## Regina

The City of Regina completed infill housing guidelines in September 2017. These guidelines apply to small-scale, low-density residential sites. This well organized report represents findings based on public and stakeholder feedback and Canadian best practice, provides an overview with planning rationale and key considerations, and includes general design guidelines for sites and buildings. The redevelopment pressures in Regina are not the same intensity as those in Mississauga but these guidelines are helpful to understand the key issues related to context sensitive desian.

### Saskatoon

The City of Saskatoon completed a Neighbourhood Level Infill Development Strategy in November 2013. The strategy focused on small low-rise residential sites. This document provides a background on Saskatoon development patterns, neighbourhood character preservation and recent development examples. The Strategy goes on to provide detailed design guidelines for sites and buildings, and recommendations for corner lots. The Strategy also provides site and building recommendations for garden and garage suites. and recommendations for implementation. Like the Regina guide, the Saskatoon strategy suggests a helpful document structure, key issues to consider, and a useful description of neighbourhood character.

## Winnipeg

Winnipeg is currently undertaking a residential infill strategy. This strategy, like those in Saskatoon and Regina, will focus on small scale low-rise residential sites. Several recent infill proposals in Winnipeg have demonstrated a lack of consensus on how and where different forms of infill should occur, and the City does not currently have a comprehensive city-wide infill strategy to serve as a blueprint for development.

To date, the Winnipeg strategy has completed a best practises review from other jurisdictions, an evaluation of local trends and needs, and additional public consultation. Next steps include establishing Council adopted policy to support decision making that will provide consistency when evaluating development proposals and incorporating infill standards into the Zoning By-law. The Winnipeg initiative will ensure that new development in established neighbourhoods is compatible in form, scale and design, and will include density and intensification criteria.

## **Portland, Oregon USA**

Portland has Infill Design projects that aim to improve design of multi-dwelling and row houses development and focuses on low to medium density developments. Portland also has an Infill Design Toolkit offering insight on how to integrate infill development onto surrounding neighbourhoods. These guidelines offer similar recommendations to the Canadian efforts, with a focus on elements such as character, site organization, height, and landscape.

### **London UK**

The Greater Toronto area is unique in having amongst the largest number of tower blocks in North America. London is also known for its mid-century towers, although most were constructed as part of 1960s-era public housing schemes.

Public housing is typically under single ownership, and many are now coming up for redevelopment. One example of this is the Barlby and Treverton housing estate, originally constructed as a mix of tri-form towers of modest height (11 storeys) and threestorey townhouses. Currently approved plans for infill include the demolition of many of the townhouses (but not all) to provide room for mid-rise infill, below the height of the existing taller buildings. This infill will firmly frame internal and external streets, somewhat like Parkway Forest in Toronto noted previously.

Barlby and Treverton is a useful precedent for it represents another example of urban repair through redevelopment, in which a largely internally focused community is turned outward to more fully engage with its surroundings. Some internal open spaces remain, but they become much smaller and more formal in nature.

Like Barlby and Treverton. Meadowvale has some larger blocks that are under single ownership with either exclusively townhouses or mix of low-rise and tall buildings. An already approved development (2700 Aquitaine) proposes to replace townhouses with more intense forms with others likely to follow a similar path in time. With these types of larger redevelopment schemes comes the opportunity to not only increase density and make better use of local infrastructure. but to also improve the quality of the public realm.

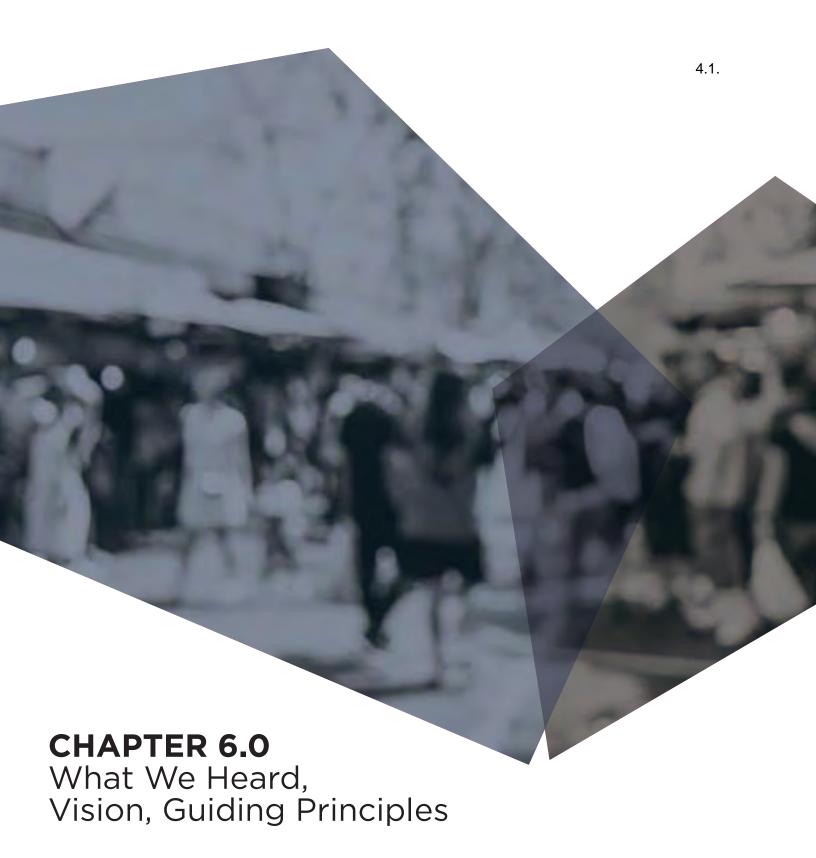
## 5.2 Key Lessons Learned

A Best Practices Review is a useful exercise to understand how other places have responded to similar issues, but it does not provide all the answers. Meadowvale is a distinct place with characteristics that people understand and appreciate.

Following this review, a few key lessons come through that can inform the Study process and recommendations:

- Cities and neighbourhoods change over time. This is unavoidable and healthy.
   Other municipalities are faced with the same questions about how they should evolve and change, and how to reinforce the best qualities of their neighbourhoods as they mature.
- Master planned communities often have qualities and characteristics that residents' value, while some aspects are well suited for rethinking. A statement of neighbourhood character is necessary to define these components.
- Public engagement is essential to define character, inform the guidelines, and to confirm that the guidelines are clearly understood and respond to a shared vision.
- Local guidance should build upon city wide policies but customize and refine them for a smaller more specific geography.

- Guidelines should provide enough direction to ensure sympathetic built form but not restrict creativity or limit potential outcomes.
- Implementation recommendations could include changes to primary policy documents such as the Official Plan or an update to Zoning By-laws, and or simply use design guidelines in the review of development proposals. The degree and intensity of development pressure in a neighbourhood may influence the direction a municipality ultimately takes.



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#### 6.0 WHAT WE HEARD, VISION, GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Informed by the Phase 1 Background Report and what we heard through the engagement activities, a vision statement and guiding principles was presented to the public for input and confirmation. Together, these study components provide clarity regarding what is important about Meadowvale today and what is anticipated of future projects.

#### 6.1 What We Heard

Following is a high-level summary of the key messages from our conversations with residents and other stakeholders throughout the study. A full account of all public engagement events and the messages received are contained within the Appendices of this Report.

# Maintain appropriate transitions to adjacent land uses.

Participants greatly value the primarily low-rise residential scale and sense of openness of Meadowvale. These qualities should be retained and reinforced with redevelopment.

Controls such as setbacks and landscape buffers were suggested to promote positive transitions between commercial and residential properties, as well as between various types of residential development (ie. townhouses, towers, and detached houses).

Additional controls such as building stepbacks and podiums within mid-rise and tall building designs were recommended to ensure appropriate transitions to lower density development, to parkland and green areas and, in some cases, to the street.

Further, there was a clear preference for new buildings to transition up away from the street to the middle of the site and back down to any adjacent existing lower density residential uses, and that heights should always transition away from adjacent parkland and green areas.

#### Maintain consistency with existing setbacks and separation distances between buildings.

Following from an appreciation for the open and green character that is partially informed by the broad landscape setbacks between buildings and the streets, participants desired consistency with existing setbacks and separation distances between buildings to maintain access to sky views and to limit shadow impacts.

# Minimize shadow impact of all new development on existing development and open spaces.

Participants appreciate the amount of sunlight that they current enjoy and would like to minimize the amount of new shadow on streets, parks and open spaces, and adjacent properties to the highest degree possible with the understanding that some additional shading is likely at some point of the day and year.

#### Maximize access to sky views.

Today Meadowvale enjoys great access to sky between buildings. Most of the tall buildings in the neighbourhood are a substantial distance from one another. For future development, participants expressed preference in maintaining this quality and not to have tall buildings as close together as City Centre or other tall building neighbourhoods.



Figure 6.1 What We Heard- Summary

# Maintain, protect, enhance and expand existing network of open spaces and trail network.

Participants highly value the amount of green open space they have and the trail network throughout the Neighbourhood. When new development is being considered, additional open space and an expanded trail network are desirable. Participants recognize that with redevelopment some of the on-site open, green areas will be lost. As a result, the remaining open space should be high quality, useable space, that adds value to the site and the neighbourhood.

# Improve pedestrian and cycling connections throughout Meadowvale.

Participants want to ensure safe pedestrian and cycling access to and through the parks and trail system. They noted that the priority should be to enhance pedestrian and cycling access to residential and commercial properties and public amenities, and to incorporate pedestrian friendly designs that are accessible. Cycling infrastructure should be improved and expanded (e.g. new connections, bicycle parking)

# Encourage mixed use development of commercial properties.

In the redevelopment of commercial properties, participants suggested that developments be designed with retail/office at grade and residential above. Maintain some of the retail function of the site in order to continue to provide goods and services to the local community.

### Reduce the size and impact of parking.

Participants noted the visual and physical impact that parking has on the character of the Neighbourhood. Suggestions to improve this condition include adding underground parking for residents whenever possible. Although, surface parking is unattractive, it was acknowledged that some spaces should be maintained to provide access for visitors and for those with accessibility issues/mobility needs. It was also noted that if above grade parking structures are necessary, they should be screened from view. Further, it was stated that all developments should have enough parking but that surface parking lots could be potential sites for infill development.

# Incorporate sustainable, green site and building features in all new developments such as green roofs, permeable paving, bio-swales and terraces.

Participants were keen to see more responsible development in Meadowvale, where the environmental impact of projects is reduced and can become more sustainable.

### Improve access to affordable housing.

One of the primary issues raised by residents during the engagement activities for this study was related to housing affordability, the ability to age-in-place and housing opportunities for young families. People enjoy living in Meadowvale but are challenged as their households and lifestyles evolve and needs change. Participants noted that affordability requires a range of unit types and sizes, and different forms of tenure.

#### 6.2 Vision

Informed by the Phase 1
Background Report and
what we heard through the
engagement activities, a
vision statement and guiding
principles was written presented
to the public for input and
confirmation. Together, these
study components provide
clarity regarding what is
important about Meadowvale
today and what is anticipated of
future projects.

Meadowvale is a vibrant and complete community founded on the principles of generous and well-connected open spaces, a diversity of housing types, safe and convenient means of moving about, and access to sunlight and open skies.

New development shall respect, fit within, and reinforce the qualities that make Meadowvale a unique and special place to live, work and play.









#### 6.3 Guiding Principles

### 1. Strengthen Meadowvale's Identity

With every project seek to improve and reinforce the unique qualities and characteristics of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood as a special community in Mississauga.

As part of a master planned community, the Meadowvale Neighbourhood has a special identity that residents understand and appreciate.

Largely constructed as originally envisioned, the study area enjoys a well-established neighbourhood structure supported by an extensive parks and open space network.

Buildings are generously set back from streets, with an open green landscape character to properties. Taller buildings are situated in limited and well-defined locations to reinforce neighbourhood structure, and with a logical distribution of height.

Future redevelopment should carefully consider how to best fit within and reinforce what makes the Meadowvale Neighbourhood distinct.

It is understood that with infill and redevelopment the addition and arrangement of new buildings and other site elements will reduce the amount of available open space. It is in this condition that it becomes increasingly important that the remaining open space is of high quality, usable, and provides a positive contribution to the character of the site and the neighbourhood.

### 2. Foster a Walkable Complete Community

Every project should contribute to and reinforce the Meadowvale Neighbourhood as a complete community with walkable destinations along routes that are safe, accessible, comfortable and connected.

Walkable and complete communities provide choice, have safe and convenient pedestrian networks, and include a mix of uses, services and destinations such as retail commercial areas, schools, and community facilities that people can access and enjoy without the use of a vehicle. They have places where people can meet and celebrate, and that support and enhance social connections.

An important aspect of reinforcing Meadowvale as a complete community is to retain and strengthen the mix of uses in both the Community Node and Neighbourhood. The Meadowvale Community Node is the central location for retail and community







services—such as libraries, community centres and social services—and will continue to serve this function as future redevelopment takes place.

New public streets and spaces in the Community Node are anticipated to accompany new built form and a broader set of land uses.

Within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood, uses such as schools, parks, convenience retail and places of worship contribute to the walkability and completeness of the community.

As redevelopment takes place on non-residential properties, retaining a varied land use mix that includes retail and community supportive activities will ensure that the study area will continue to support and improve walkability and completeness.

# 3. Create Green, Safe and Attractive Streets and Public Places

Buildings and other works in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood must contribute to an active, animated, attractive, green and climatically comfortable public realm that includes streets, parks, and other public places.

The public realm, simply defined as the space between buildings, is the primary setting for public life in cities. A wellproportioned, connected. comfortable, safe and attractive public realm contributes to the quality of life for all. The relationship of buildings to streets, parks and other public spaces help to shape and provide containment to the activities within. The design of the public realm should focus on creating places to support a range of uses, provide physical and visual relief in an urban setting, and elevate environmental quality.

The Meadowvale
Neighbourhood has an overall
green character with an
enviable parks and open space
network. New development

provides the opportunity to introduce new green spaces and an improved streetscape to encourage comfortable and pleasurable walking and enhance the aesthetic quality of the neighbourhood.

New development should respect the broad landscape frontages between buildings and streets, with a soft planted character to provide privacy for grade related residential uses and as an important character defining element for nonresidential uses. New buildings should also be arranged and designed to maintain sunlight access at grade and skyviews, and provide comfortable wind conditions for streets, sidewalks, parks and open spaces. Further, the Meadowvale Neighbourhood has an intentional structure that thoughtfully situated parks and open spaces with buildings to create specific views and vistas.







New development should maintain, enhance and if possible introduce new views from the public realm to parks, open spaces, and other local landmarks.

The public realm of cities should also help to address the realities of climate change, making places like the Meadowvale Neighbourhood more sustainable and resilient. All projects, no matter the scale or location, should seek to minimize the effect of more frequent and intense storm events by managing stormwater in creative ways. Introducing green street techniques such as Stormwater Best Management Practices to surface parking areas and open spaces will encourage infiltration and groundwater recharge, improve water quality and reduce the load on municipal servicing infrastructure.

### 4. Improve Community Connections

Improve connectivity by expanding pedestrian and cycling networks within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood and ensure that circulation for new development is permeable and complete.

Like many communities that were planned and developed during the 70's and 80's, the Meadowvale Neighbourhood anticipated that most trips would take place by private automobile. The pedestrian and cycling networks are extensive but currently highly reliant on the paths and trails within the parks and open space system. These active forms of transportation are well connected throughout most of the study area but there are gaps and cycling network expansions that future development and public capital projects can help to resolve.

Current approaches to street design emphasize safety, equity and access for the most vulnerable users. Streets are now thought of as places as well as functional routes. This approach should inform future

thinking about streets and networks in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood as well as the entire City of Mississauga.

With redevelopment and street reconstruction, there is an opportunity to provide an expanded and safer pedestrian network, improve intersection design, introduce safe cycling facilities, improve transit access and operations, and introduce measures to manage congestion. An integrated approach to transportation that works together with public health and climate change initiatives will lead to more livable and resilient cities and create better connected and self-contained communities.

With the redevelopment of the Meadowvale Community Node and the nearby Meadowvale GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA), it is anticipated that transit service will improve. The design of Meadowvale streets and public realm should ensure that active transportation connections to transit are convenient, comfortable and equitable.







### 5. Develop a Context Sensitive Built Form

New development should respect, complement and be compatible with adjacent buildings and spaces and contribute to a strong sense of place within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

The Meadowvale
Neighbourhood contains
distinct patterns and forms that
contribute to a clear local area
character. This neighbourhood
structure is the result of a
comprehensive master plan that
considered the framework of
streets and blocks, composition
of buildings and open spaces,
and distribution of land
uses and building height.

New development should consider and respect its setting within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood and respond to the prevailing built form character and building design. Not all parts of the study area are the same, and neither should all future buildings be of identical type, form, or style.

New development should avoid disrupting coherent sections of the study area and respond respectfully to the existing built resources around it. Every project should improve and enhance the Neighbourhood, no matter the scale or intensity.

Furthermore, taller buildings have a greater responsibility to achieve design excellence given the attention that they attract and the locations where they exist now and in the future.

# 6. Transition Between Adjacent Neighbourhoods, Parks and Open Spaces

All new development in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood should be sensitive to surrounding established parts of the community and minimize impacts to Neighbourhoods, Parks and Open Spaces.

Most of the potential opportunity sites are adjacent to well-established low-density residential neighbourhoods or closely related to parks and open space features such as Lake Aquitaine.

For many of the opportunity sites, development will come in forms more intense than what currently exists. These







larger buildings should relate to their surrounding context, with a sensitive and graceful transition in scale to adjacent uses, especially to existing lowrise and mid-rise residential buildings, and public spaces.

New development should mindfully transition down in scale and intensity by applying angular planes from adjacent property lines and providing ample setbacks from existing low-density residential neighbourhoods and existing parks and open spaces. The tallest buildings should locate the furthest away from the adjacent uses, with all mid-rise and tall buildings subject to height limits and angular plane controls.

### 7. Provide Diverse Housing Choice

New development should improve the offer of housing to support independent living, a range of income and household types, and aging in place within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood was originally planned and developed to include a range of housing types, including single detached, semi-detached, townhouse and low and high-rise apartments. Meadowvale also offers a broad range of tenure options from freehold, condominium, rental, cooperative and other forms of assisted and non-profit housing. As the Neighbourhood evolves, the types and offer of housing should respond and adapt, to further improve access to affordable housing.

One of the primary issues raised by residents during the engagement activities for this study was related to housing affordability, in particular the ability to age-in-place and

housing opportunities for young families. This is a message heard throughout the city and across Canada. To address the issue of housing that impacts everyone, "Making Room for the Middle: A Housing Strategy for Mississauga" is an effort that aims to foster a supportive housing environment that is affordable for all. It is a bold. innovative, and practical undertaking prepared with the assistance of experts from all levels of government and the private and non-profit sectors. Future development should contribute to this initiative to strengthen the Meadowvale Neighbourhood as a complete community.





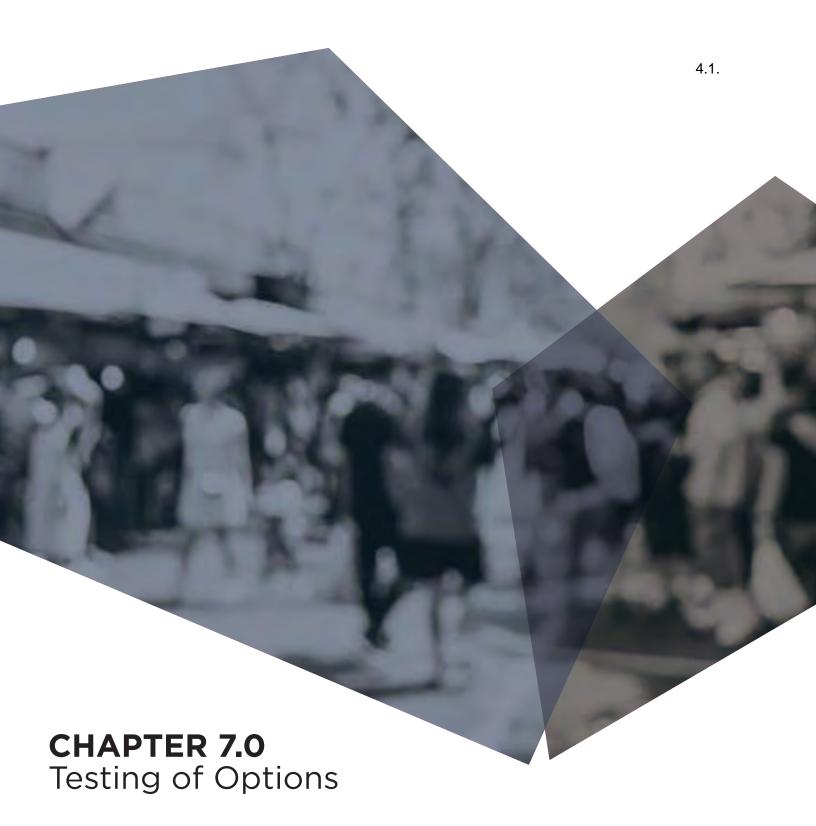
### 8. Enhance Parking Environments

Diminish the impact of parking on the quality of the built environment in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood by encouraging its location behind buildings and in structures above or below ground, including more planting, and providing pedestrian amenities in surface lots.

Overall, the Meadowvale
Neighbourhood was planned
and developed with the
private automobile as the
primary means of getting
around. As a result, it was also
planned to accommodate their
storage. Some of the current
parking supply is provided
in at-grade surface lots that
occupy, in some instances, a
substantial amount of the site.

Future development in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood should always seek to minimize the impact of vehicle movements and parking to create a more pedestriansupportive environment. improve microclimate, mitigate environmental impacts, and more efficiently use available land. When surface parking is provided it should be located behind or to the side of developments, include safe and equitable pedestrian routes, and incorporate trees and other vegetation along with Stormwater Best Management Practices.

As Meadowvale evolves, a lesser amount of parking supply is anticipated as transit service improves and transportation trends continue towards reduced individual car ownership. Other uses such as enhanced planting and improved outdoor amenity spaces can benefit from these changes and contribute to the entire community.



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#### 7.0 TESTING OF OPTIONS

The study team tested a range of potential development options. These explorations were informed by the identification of opportunity sites, analysis of existing conditions, public engagement activities, and the development of the vision and guiding principles.

#### 7.1 Recommendations Process

Following the identification of opportunity sites, an analysis of existing conditions, public engagement activities, and the preparation of the vision and guiding principles, the study team tested a range of potential development options. This exercise helped to visualize how the draft recommendations could impact various sites. It involved comparing existing conditions to as-of-right zoning permissions, as well as to context-sensitive approaches specific to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood, informed by the City of Mississauga's design guidance and by best practices.

For discussion purposes, focus was put onto four opportunity sites, representing different Official Plan land use designations. Different types of redevelopment were tested on each opportunity site including comprehensive and infill. These included options to convert commercial sites to mixed use and to infill areas around existing towers. Two development options for each of the four selected opportunity sites were prepared and demonstrated using 3-D modelling.

Key factors in defining the development options included where the sites were located in the study area, the relationship of existing and potential built form to streets, parks and open spaces, and the different rear and side transition conditions.

The development options, presented to the public at the February 2019 Community Meeting, was an exercise to visualize how the first draft of the recommendations could impact various sites and provide an opportunity for staff and community feedback.

Based on feedback received, the study team considered and refined the design parameters to better reflect the vision and guiding principles. These investigations were useful to confirm that opportunities for modest intensification and change is possible within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. They demonstrate ways in which new development can be successfully inserted through context-sensitive built form and good site design.

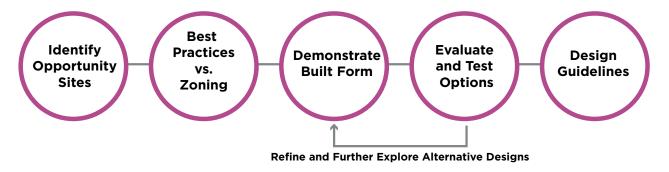


Figure 7.1 Recommendations process

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Three examples of varied development options are illustrated to the right. The more detailed demonstrations are part of the appendix.

It is important to note that this process was not meant to be exhaustive. The development options are only examples of how the planning framework might be applied to individual sites. It could also be applied in a number of different ways, while still achieving the overall vision. As such, the options are meant for illustrative purposed only. Through the site development and review process, greater detail around building and public realm design will be determined.

The study team gained considerable insight through this iterative process. The need for a capacity study to provide guidance on overall height and density limits was identified, in addition to refining the urban design considerations. As a result of the process, the recommended Design Guidelines and changes to Official Plan policies are more detailed and advanced in nature, more context sensitive, and better reflect contemporary best practices.

Figure 7.2 The Demonstrations to the right shows new development within some of the selected opportunity sites as an example. It is presented for illustrative purposes only and are not the only potential outcome of the recommendations, which give flexibility for a number of different approaches.







#### 7.2 Capacity Study

Following the initial testing of the design considerations on selected opportunity sites, a capacity study was undertaken to test servicing impacts on municipal and community infrastructure by the potential redevelopment of properties within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. Potential impacts on the following infrastructure and services were examined: schools, water and wastewater, parkland, library, recreation, fire and transportation capacity.

Two scenarios considering moderate and high growth scenarios were tested. In order to consider a full built-out scenario, the redevelopment of the Meadowvale Community Node and all locations within the Neighbourhood that have potential for intensification (Opportunity Sites) was explored.

The study concluded that capacity is available for the majority of infrastructure and services under the moderate and high growth scenarios. In some cases, minor adjustments may be required such as school boundary changes and

additions, upsizing or realigning existing local water mains and upgrading local sanitary sewers.

Both testing of the development options and the Capacity Study led to the final recommendations which resulted in additional height and FSI recommendations and the massaging of various urban design considerations.

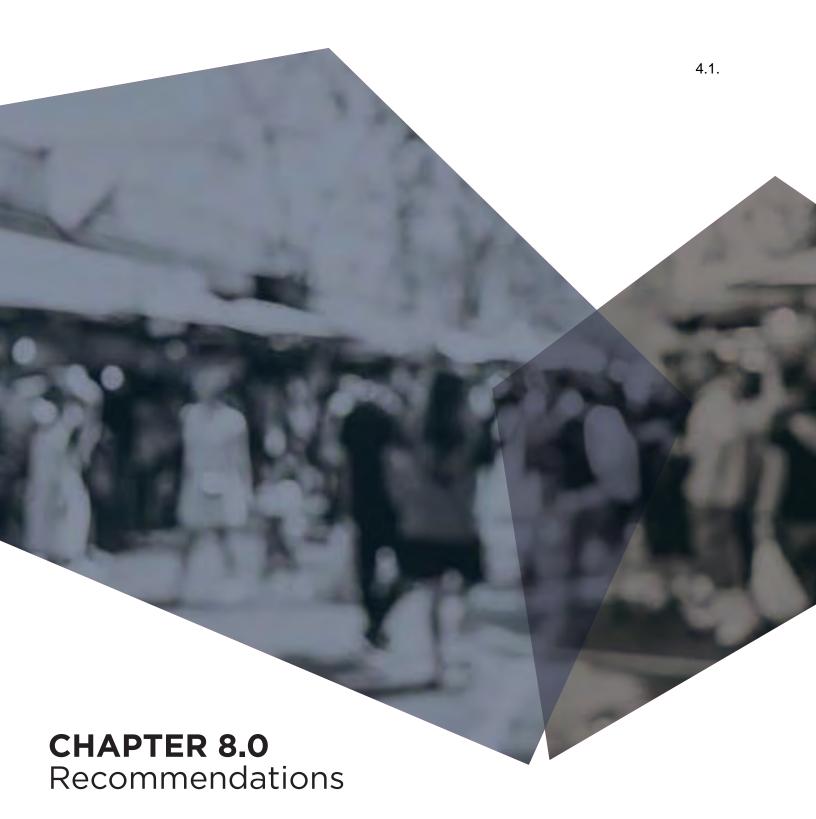
Infrastructure T	ype	<b>Moderate Growth Scenario</b>	High Growth Scenario
Peel District School Board	Elementary	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
		Boundary changes and additions may be necessary.	Boundary changes and additions may be necessary. In worst case situation, one new elementary school site may be needed within Community Node.
	Secondary	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Region of Peel	Water	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
		Upsizing or realigning some existing local water mains may be necessary to address localized pressure issues.	Upsizing or realigning some existing local water mains may be necessary to address localized pressure issues.
	Waste Water	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
		Sewer capacity sufficient within the Neighbourhood. For the Community Node, local sanitary sewer upgrades to may be required.	Sewer capacity sufficient within the Neighbourhood. For the Community Node, local sanitary sewer upgrades to may be required.

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	for additional parkland will be assessed	d additional parkland will be assessed
	on a site-by-site basis to improve	on a site-by-site basis to improve
	connectivity and ensure adequate	connectivity and ensure adequate
	access to parkland and park facilities.	access to parkland and park facilities
Libraries		An investigation into the need and
	<b>✓</b>	community demand for additional
		library services would be triggered.
Recreation	<u> </u>	
Fire	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
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	at an acceptable level of service.	at an acceptable level of service.
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	morning peak and 4 in the afternoon	morning peak and 6 in the afternoon
	peak are projected to experience high	peak are projected to experience
	delays. In the afternoon peak, three	high delays. In the afternoon peak,
	out of the four intersections which	three out of the 6 intersections which
	are projected to experience high	are projected to experience high
	delays are as a result of traffic growth	delays are as a result of traffic growth
		occurring in areas outside the study
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	Libraries	The Neighborhood exceeds the standard parkland provision with a surplus of 11.78 hectares under the moderate growth scenario. The need for additional parkland will be assessed on a site-by-site basis to improve connectivity and ensure adequate access to parkland and park facilities.  Libraries  Majority of intersections will operate at an acceptable level of service. 37 intersections analyzed - 1 in the morning peak and 4 in the afternoon peak are projected to experience high delays. In the afternoon peak, three out of the four intersections which are projected to experience high delays are as a result of traffic growth occurring in areas outside the study area, development of the three sites

Figure 7.3 Assessment Summary from Infrastructure Providers (August 2020)

7.0 Testing of Options	City of Mississauga   Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study		
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#### 8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The policies resulting from this study will apply to the entire Neighbourhood, although change is not anticipated to take place on all sites.

### What Change Means for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood, similar to other neighbourhoods throughout Mississauga, will experience a modest degree of change over time, such as infill, modifications to existing buildings, and comprehensive redevelopment at some locations. As defined in the City of Mississauga Official Plan, Neighborhoods differ from Intensification Areas (such as the Meadowvale Community Node), which speaks to where intensification and growth should occur. The policies resulting from this study will apply to the entire Neighbourhood, although change is not anticipated to take place on all sites. A few selected sites, called Opportunity Sites, were identified to evaluate the magnitude of change and the impact of proposed policies on development, where change was more likely to occur.

The Opportunity Sites were identified based on current land use and form of tenure These sites include apartments (rental and condominium), townhouses and low-rise apartments (rental and co-operative), places of religious assembly, and large and small commercial sites. Although these sites represent locations where development could most reasonably occur, it is important to note that many of these locations are not expected to redevelop due to other considerations such as economic viability, multiple ownership or other conditions.

Most of the change is anticipated on rental apartment and townhouse properties and larger commercial sites.

#### Where is Change Needed?

All neighbourhoods change and mature over time, which is healthy and anticipated to some degree. Today, the Meadowvale Neighbourhood is the result of a community master plan developed and built out over several years with clear design principles and a range of building types. The resulting built form contributes to an overall green and open character with generous sky views. It is currently made up of mostly low-rise buildings with tall buildings in specific locations in the study area and no mid-rise buildings. Recent development activity suggests infill and replacement of existing buildings with more compact forms in certain areas are possible.

















**Figure 8.1** The intent of this Study is to ensure that all development contributes to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character.

Mississauga's Zoning By-law and existing design guidelines provide adequate guidance for low and, for the most part, mid-rise buildings. Further, advice regarding creating a more sustainable, comfortable, safe and complete community is also available through existing design guidelines.

As Meadowvale continues to grow from its beginnings as a master-planned community, there is a need to define the next step in Meadowvale's evolution as a Neighbourhood with clear guidance on where and how change should occur. Updated and contemporary guidance for mid-rise and tall building design is important to ensure that taller and more compact building types positively contribute to the

character of Meadowvale with minimal impact. Further, additional guidance is also required for subjects such as site design, pedestrian and cycling connections, and green design.

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#### 8.1 Character Sub-Areas

Meadowvale is identified as a Neighbourhood Character Area in the City's Official Plan, but it is not a singular, uniform place. It has a distinct neighbourhood structure with areas of differing densities and attributes. A deeper understanding of these areas' existing context and character will inform the recommendations. This study has identified sub-areas that establish a more fine-grained understanding of Meadowvale. In all, five sub-areas were identified through this study, as described to the right.

#### **Central Meadowvale:**

Properties located along
Aquitaine and Battleford
adjacent to the Meadowvale
Node. Many of the existing
buildings in this character
sub-area are tall buildings with
considerable setbacks from
the street to create green,
landscaped frontages. This
sub-area is one of the most
intensely developed parts of the
Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

#### Parks and Lake Aquitaine:

Includes properties located on the park and lakeside of Aguitaine, Battleford, and Montevideo. This character subarea includes mainly low-rise apartments and townhouses with four existing tall buildings on their own or mixed within low-rise developments. The low-rise buildings help to define street edges and frontages along with parks and green spaces. Taller buildings in this area are generously set back from both the lake and streets and substantially separated from one another.

#### **Battleford/Montevideo:**

Includes properties associated with the Performing Arts Centre and School as a civic focal point. Buildings are low-rise townhouses or institutional with no tall buildings at present.

#### **Glen Erin North and South:**

Includes properties associated with the intersections of Glen Erin Drive and Derry Road to the north and Glen Erin Drive and Britannia Road to the south. The built form includes lowrise residential, as well as tall buildings. Like the other subareas, low-rise buildings are closer to the street than the tall buildings. In both the north and south sub-areas, single-storey commercial plazas with a large amount of surface parking can be found.

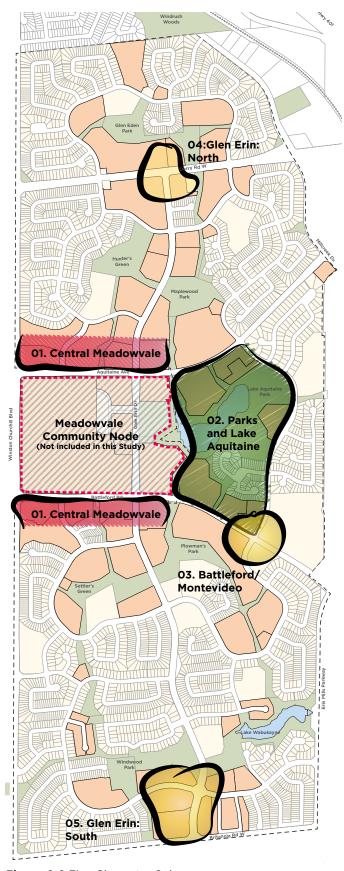


Figure 8.2 Five Character Sub-

#### 8.2 Site Organization

Organize the parts of each development—no matter the scale or complexity—to function well, respect the character and values of the Meadowvale community, and conform to the Official Plan and other plans and policies approved by the City.

#### **Background**

The site organization is the foundation for much of a project's design quality. This is evident in the existing arrangement of buildings and site elements in Meadowvale. Thoughtful relationships of built form to parks and open spaces, the placement of site access, surface parking, pathways, and the transition of built form towards green spaces all contribute to the character of Meadowvale that the community values highly. In addition, it is important to remember that Meadowvale is not a homogenous place, and the prevailing site organization conditions differ between subareas of the Neighbourhood.

The City should expect all proponents to conduct a thorough analysis of any development proposal, leading to a set of site-specific intentions or objectives upon which the scheme is based. These will cover such aspects as the project's fit within the Meadowvale context, environmental sustainability, microclimate (improving wind, rain, snow, and sun-shade comfort), parking standards, minimizing paved surfaces, best green practices, storm water management, and vehicular, cycling, and pedestrian circulation linkages of all types to, and through, the site.

- Position buildings to define and enhance the public realm.
- Organize buildings and other elements on a site to respect adjacent land uses and public open spaces and encourage, provide, and improve pedestrian and cycling linkages.
- Reduce the visual impact of surface parking and servicing entrances so that they do not dominate the street frontage of any development.
- Locate primary pedestrian entrances, so they are visible and easily accessible from the public sidewalk.
- New development should incorporate buildings with a front-facing orientation to public spaces.
- Encourage the location of entrances to grade-related units and lobbies along public streets.
- Discourage backyards and private areas facing streets and parks.
- Encourage well-planted landscape buffers between buildings and other buildings, streets, parks and open spaces.
- Introduce publicly accessible pedestrian and cycling connections from and through sites to adjacent parks and open spaces.
- Provide frequent mid-block pedestrian and cycling connections through infill and redevelopment sites where possible.

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#### 8.3 Built Form

Redevelopment within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood should reinforce the best qualities of the community.

#### **Background**

The original plan for Meadowvale envisioned a mix of building types and sizes. Where permitted, any new low-rise, mid-rise and tall building will help to shape the public realm, respect existing land uses and scale, and incorporate the most recent advances in sustainable building.

The design guidelines are intentionally not specific regarding architectural style to allow for the widest range of architectural flexibility and creativity. All new buildings should adhere to the City of Mississauga urban design and building design guidelines.

- Careful consideration of a building's massing; articulation of the façade, scale and proportion of elements; and selecting appropriate building materials are essential contributions to a successful public realm.
- The design and scale of building façades and sidewalks should be visually attractive, active, and comfortable to enhance the pedestrian experience at the ground level.
- Ensure design excellence in building design, including through the choice of materials, proportion and massing, colour and lighting.

- Use materials with a scale and finish appropriate to their use and location, especially for at-grade elements. Achieve a cohesive, finished appearance throughout building elevations.
- The scale, articulation, rhythm, proportion, pattern, colour, texture, and building's materials should complement adjoining buildings, existing and new.
- New buildings should represent their time, avoid nostalgia, and respond to their context in a sensitive manner.

#### 8.4 Setbacks

New development should locate to frame and give shape to the public realm and reinforce the green and open landscape character of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

#### **Background**

Setbacks from property lines help to position buildings and other elements within their site and to improve the pedestrian experience. They can enhance the quality of the public realm or buffer ground level uses from the street. The use of setbacks increases the perceived public realm, provides the opportunity to improve landscape character and augments the sense of place when well designed.

As such, setbacks reinforce the vision for the study area, strengthen the green and open landscape character of Meadowvale, enhance retail uses (where permitted) and encourage pedestrian and cycling activities. Currently, properties within the study area enjoy generous and relatively consistent setbacks. which contribute to the charm of the Neighbourhood. Future development should respect and reflect this broad setback regime to reinforce a comfortable fit within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

- New development should build to the established setback/build-to line defined by the City of Mississauga Zoning By-law while also relating to its context and neighbouring buildings.
- Build-to lines should generally be 7.5m from the public right-of-way to allow for residential landscaping and retail commercial uses to make use of the street frontage for seating and displays.
- Buildings taller than 4 storeys (approximately 13.0m) in height, as referenced in the guidelines for mid-rise and tall buildings later in this chapter, may require deeper setbacks
- The setback for properties with residential uses at-grade should have a predominantly green landscape character.
- The setback for properties with retail commercial uses at grade should have a combination of hard surfaces and landscape plantings with direct pedestrian access to the building from the public sidewalk.
- All setbacks should be unencumbered with no below grade structures so that trees and other plantings can grow to a mature size.
- No parking or drive aisles are permitted within the front yard setbacks.

### 8.5 Vehicular Access, Parking and Servicing

Minimize the impact on the public realm of surface parking, vehicular circulation and access routes to parking and servicing.

#### **Background**

Future modest intensification of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood is an opportunity to reconsider the role of the private vehicle and the space it consumes. New development must balance the need for vehicle parking with the requirements of an active and healthy community.

Moving forward, new development should minimize surface parking and consider the design of parking and service areas as secondary to the public realm and primary site and building features. Projects should not include parking between buildings and the sidewalk. They should screen parking and service areas visible from adjacent streets or back onto residential properties with walls, fences and landscaping. Sites should provide adequate lighting to ensure safety and security. Larger parking lots should include planting islands to break up expanses of asphalt, while providing additional opportunities to introduce Low Impact Development techniques for storm water management.

- To minimize conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians:
- » Provide vehicle access from a collector or local streets to the rear or side of buildings or, on large parcels, new internal streets; and,
- » On larger sites, consolidate vehicular access to serve multiple buildings. Encourage shared access lanes and interior service courts.
- Minimize and generally limit the surface parking area where possible. Where surface parking (including visitor and accessible parking) is provided, locate the main parking area within the interior of the site and to the rear or side of buildings.
- All resident parking should be provided below ground, under buildings or landscaped courtyards.
- Structured above-grade parking can be considered where it is surrounded by active ground frontages and incorporates a landscaped green roof.
- For residential properties, surface parking is not permitted within the setbacks from primary street frontages.
- For properties with retail commercial uses at grade, surface parking is not permitted within the setbacks from primary street frontages and is encouraged to be located at the rear or side of the site.
- On-street parking should be provided wherever possible on local streets and serves several purposes: to help calm traffic and to supplement the overall neighbourhood parking supply.

- To facilitate an improvement in the modal split, the City should study how to reduce parking requirement standards for redevelopment as Meadowvale becomes better served by transit.
- Adequate public bicycle parking should be provided at or near building entrances for all buildings.
- Major redevelopment applications should be required to provide a Travel Demand Management (TDM) analysis. A TDM analysis should explore opportunities for reductions in parking, indicate before-and-after trip generation, and assess TDM initiatives such as bicycle parking, shuttle bus service to higher order transit stations, bus shelters, and priority parking for carpooling.
- Parking structures should be located to improve connections between buildings. If parking structures are connected to buildings, provide sheltered walkways either above or below grade. At-grade pedestrian walkways are discouraged.
- Pick-ups and drop-offs, loading and parking activity should be encouraged within properties wherever reasonable and practical to free up curbside space.
- Screen servicing and loading access from pedestrian walkways with fencing or landscape to provide a visual buffer and reduce noise impacts on adjacent properties. Locate waste and loading areas so that they are not visible from the public street. Screen or enclose them with materials similar to those used in the main building.

### 8.6 Transitions, Angular Planes and Buffer Edges

The interface between redevelopment sites and adjacent land uses should respect the character of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood and minimize adverse impact by creating a comfortable built form transition.

#### **Background**

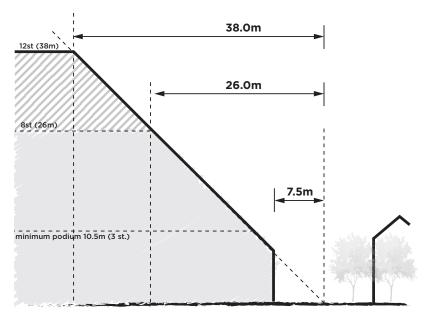
As Mississauga evolves, much of the infill and redevelopment will come in different forms than in the past few decades. Mid-rise and tall buildings will integrate with lower scale buildings throughout the city. These larger buildings should relate to their surrounding context, with a sensitive and graceful transition in scale to adjacent uses, especially to existing low-rise residential neighbourhoods and public spaces such as parks and natural areas. Transitions in the form of setbacks, buffers or the application of angular planes will ensure context-sensitive design.

As a master planned community, Meadowvale initially defined where height and more intense development would occur. This original urban structure is still largely intact and will inform what happens next.

This study applies angular planes as a tool to manage built form transition. All properties should include transitions to public rights-of-way, and sensitive adjacent uses such as low-density residential, parks and open spaces. The tallest buildings should be located the furthest away from such adjacent uses, with all mid-rise and tall buildings subject to height limits and angular plane controls that may differ with context and geography.

- Development should provide built form transition to create a more liveable environment both in the public realm and in the buildings themselves while defining and distinguishing areas of a different character, intensity and planning context.
- Transition in scale should occur through geometric relationships and design methods in various combinations, including angular planes, stepping height limits, location and orientation of the building, the use of setbacks and stepbacks of building mass, and minimum separation distances.
- Development should be required to demonstrate transition in scale when it is:
- » of greater intensity and scale than the adjacent and surrounding planned context, with consideration for front, rear and side adjacencies;
- » adjacent and nearby to lands that have a planned context that does not anticipate tall buildings; and
- » adjacent to existing or planned parks and open spaces.
- The larger the difference in scale of development, the greater the need for transition.

- Development should accommodate transition within the site.
- All new buildings within the study area should be subject to angular plane performance standards. These planes apply to the transition of built form to adjacent uses, not for establishing the overall height of buildings.
- To ensure that light, views and privacy are maintained for adjacent low-density or medium-density residential neighbourhoods, as well as for parks and open spaces, design new buildings to incorporate transitional zones consisting of:
- » A minimum 45-degree angular plane measured from the lot line of the nearest low density or medium density residential property, park or open space. The angular plane should begin at-grade along the lot line.
- » Landscape or open space buffers, including parkland, where appropriate and possible. These buffers should extend no less than 7.5m from the lot line.



**Figure 8.3** Proposed Rear Transition next to Low-Density Residential and Parks ad Open Space. Informed by Latest CoM UDG.

Note: When adjacent to Parks and Open Space, the 7.5m setback is a landscape buffer with no parking permitted above or below grade.





**Figure 8.4** Existing property abutting low density residential (left) and abutting an open space (right)

#### 8.7 Light, View, and Skyline

The massing of buildings should contribute to an interesting and varied skyline and maintain an adequate view of the sky from ground level that respects Meadowvale's traditions.

#### **Background**

The redevelopment and intensification of Meadowvale will include low-rise buildings along with mid-rise and tall buildings. Taller building forms should be designed with elegant proportions, fully integrated with their bases or podiums.

The height of mid-rise and tall buildings is only one of the dimensions influencing the ground level perception of their mass and bulk. Basic design standards are required to control buildings' spacing and proportion (width relative to height) to maintain sky views. Mid-rise buildings and podiums will step back above a street wall height informed by the prevailing low-rise built form in the Neighbourhood. Portions of tall buildings above the podium height should be designed as towers and articulated to reduce their perceived bulk and improve their contribution to the skyline. The separation between the tower elements should relate to the Meadowvale context, where existing tall buildings are spaced a greater distance apart than in other parts of Mississauga. This larger spacing contributes to the open character of the community, where views of the sky are one of the defining features.

- Locate the tallest buildings the furthest distance from low-rise neighbourhoods, parks, and open spaces.
- Orient tall buildings with elongated floor plates in a north-south alignment to reduce shadow impact.

- Locate tall buildings towards the south side of a block, so more of the shadow falls within the block than on the adjacent street.
- Where possible, stagger
  the location of tall buildings
  to minimize adverse
  environmental effects on
  adjacent development and the
  public realm, respect sunlight
  and sky view access, and
  mitigate pedestrian level wind
  speed.
- Design tall buildings with a clear and proportional articulation of podium, middle and top.
- Promote point tower—not slab tower—forms.
- Articulate the upper floors of mid-rise and tall buildings to reduce bulk and achieve a distinct skyline profile.
- Integrate the massing, articulation and materiality of rooftop penthouse elements into the overall building design to achieve a coherent architectural expression.
   Residential units may wrap the mechanical penthouse but must adhere to all built form guidelines.
- Maximum tall building height excludes the rooftop mechanical penthouse.
- The rooftop mechanical penthouse on a mid-rise or tall building should be screened from public view.
- Design visually interesting roofs and use non-reflective, low-intensity colours..

#### 8.8 Low-Rise Buildings

As the prevailing typology in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood, the needs of low-rise residential buildings should inform site organization and built form, as well as the functional, spatial and aesthetic quality of the public realm.

#### **Background**

The Meadowvale
Neighbourhood is currently
composed of mostly low-rise
residential buildings of up
to 4 storeys (approximately
13.0m) in height. This scale
of built form influences the
neighbourhood's prevailing
green and open character and
pedestrian-supportive public
realm. Low-rise residential
buildings generally range from 2
to 4 storeys and are typically of
wood frame construction.

Intensification and redevelopment in many of the potential opportunity sites will include low-rise residential building types that are compatible with more compact mid-rise and tall buildings. The City of Mississauga encourages a wide range of building types to provide diverse unit types and sizes to support a complete community. Low-rise residential uses may include singles, semis, duplexes, house-form apartments, walk-up apartments or stacked townhouses. Access to units is either directly from the public sidewalk or a central lobby, a common corridor or a shared courtyard.

Given the prevailing low-rise character of the existing neighbourhood, the current zoning related to low-rise buildings has informed what is present today. The City provides design guidance for low-rise building types, including townhouses (stacked and back-to-back), walk-up apartments, and multi-family dwellings to supplement zoning regulations.

All future buildings in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood, no matter the type or overall height, are informed by how low-rise buildings meet the ground and are organized on their site. The lower floors of mid-rise and tall buildings are subject to the same setback and transition controls as low-rise buildings. Angular planes for low-rise buildings from adjacent low-density residential areas, parks and open spaces, along with setbacks from streets, side and backyards, will apply to the lower floors of midrise buildings and tall building podiums. .

- All low-rise buildings in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood study area should adhere to the current zoning and the City of Mississauga's design guidance.
- The controls that define the placement, site organization, and massing for low-rise buildings should also inform the lower floors of mid-rise buildings and tall building podiums.

#### 8.9 Mid-rise Buildings

The design, massing and arrangement of mid-rise buildings should mediate between the prevailing low-rise character of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood and taller building types, and help to shape a comfortable, generous and green pedestrian environment.

#### **Background**

Mid-rise buildings are a building typology with an urban sensibility that will play a considerable role in the evolution and intensification of Mississauga. Today, only three mid-rise buildings exist in Meadowvale, which are located within the Community Node. However, the introduction of this comfortable scale and form of the building affords the opportunity to support and strengthen the character of the Neighbourhood, broaden the type and mix of units, and provide higher densities without the need for taller buildings.

Mid-rise buildings in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood will primarily provide residential uses but can include a mix of uses at grade where permitted, such as in the Glen Erin North and South character sub-areas. Mid-rise buildings are typically constructed from concrete or steel frame with elevators, although timber frame construction is now possible up to six storeys in height.

The Official Plan indicates a maximum building height of 4 storeys (approximately 13.0m) on all lands within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood unless otherwise permitted by Meadowvale Character Area policies. This informs the base height for streetwall portions of mid-rise buildings and tower podiums before the addition of stepbacks.

- In the Meadowvale
   Neighbourhood study area,
   mid-rise buildings are not
   appropriate for all sites.
   The siting, massing, height
   and design of a building on
   one site is not necessarily a
   precedent for development on
   an adjacent or nearby site.
- The site organization and placement of mid-rise buildings should follow the same guidelines and requirements as low-rise buildings to ensure a consistent pedestrian scale and open green character within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.
- In the Meadowvale Neighbourhood, buildings above 4 storeys (approximately 13.0m) and up to 8 storeys (approximately 26.0m) are considered midrise buildings.
- At the height of 4 storeys
   (approximately 13.0m), midrise buildings should have
   a minimum step back of 1.5
   metres to achieve a discernible
   top to the streetwall and
   minimize shadow impact on
   the public realm. An additional
   1.5 metre stepback is required
   at 6 storeys (approximately 20
   metres).

- The minimum ground floor height for all mid-rise buildings should be 4.5 metres. The maximum length for all mid-rise buildings is 60.0 metres. Buildings approaching and exceeding 60.0 metres, should either be broken up physically or visually using building articulations that sufficiently differentiate the building mass so that it appears as separate building forms. This can include stepbacks, colour and material variations, and unique building elements.
- At the ground floor level. any setback zone should be treated as an extension of the public realm to provide additional outdoor space and landscaping opportunities, allow for at-grade uses to expand outdoors, and encourage street animation. Where permitted, ground floors for retail commercial uses should be universally accessible, articulated to respond to the human scale and to provide a good visual connection between interior spaces and the public realm.
- Where permitted, residential buildings should have grade-related units directly accessible from the public sidewalk to animate the street and provide a higher sense of security and ownership.

- Ground floor residential units are encouraged to have their principal entrance from local streets where feasible.
   Frequent residential entries are encouraged to create finegrained, pedestrian-oriented streets.
- Where private courtyards and outdoor spaces are visible, these spaces should enhance and not detract from the pedestrian experience of the public realm.
- Larger buildings with shared entries, lobbies and central courtyards should face the street and be visually prominent. When viewed from the street, they should provide visual interest, orientation, and a sense of invitation.
- Provide multiple entries at street level where appropriate, if consistent with security and other concerns.
- Mid-rise buildings should be designed with a clear and proportional articulation of base, middle and top.
- Integrate the massing, articulation and materiality of rooftop penthouse elements into the overall building design to achieve a distinctive architectural expression of the upper portion of mid-rise buildings.

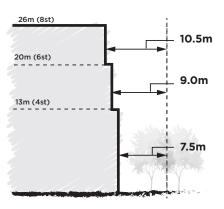
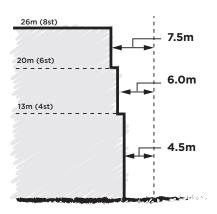
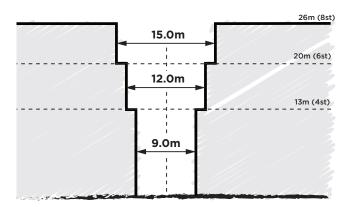


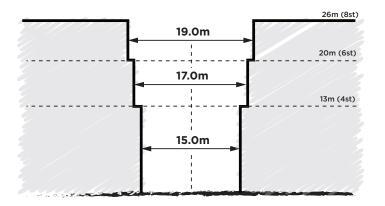
Figure 8.5 Proposed Setbacks

Note: When adjacent to Parks and Open Space, the 7.5m setback is a landscape buffer with no parking permitted above or below grade.



**Figure 8.6** Proposed Minimum Distance to Internal Streets, Walkways an Mews





**Figure 8.7** Proposed separation between Mid-rise buildings on same or adjacent sites.

(Left) Side Wall to Side Wall, with or without fenestration (Right) Front Wall to Front Wall, Front Wall to Side Wall, with or without fenestration

#### 8.10 Tall Buildings

Tall buildings have a greater responsibility to contribute positively to the community, given their scale, height and visibility. They were intended as focal points or landmarks in the original Master Plan for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood. For these reasons, it is critical that redevelopment that includes tall buildings not compromise the integrity of the City of Mississauga's Official Plan Urban Structure, have a negative impact on the surrounding public realm, or overwhelm adjacent uses.

#### **Background**

Tall buildings have always been part of the vision for Meadowvale. Their placement within the overall neighbourhood has related to the primary streets adjacent to and within the Community Node (Battleford Road, Aquitaine Avenue, and Glen Erin Drive). adjacent to Lake Aquitaine, and near the intersection of Glen Erin Drive with two major regional roads (Derry Road and Britannia Road). However, tall buildings are not appropriate for all parts of Meadowvale. The original Master Plan specifically situated tall buildings in key locations, and the City of Mississauga's Official Plan identifies the Meadowvale Node as an area of intensification, where additional tall buildings are anticipated and encouraged, more so than in the Neighbourhood.

Today in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood study area there are 14 tall buildings with an additional two tall buildings in the Meadowvale Community Node. Their height ranges from 10 to 18 storeys with an average height of 12 to 13 storeys. Over half of the current tall buildings are either 11 or 15 storeys in height. Recent development applications (approved and proposed) include new tall buildings ranging in height from 7 to 15 storeys, but only on sites where tall buildings currently exist. Beyond this recent activity, it is expected that modest proposals for additional tall buildings will come forward over time.

To ensure that new development reinforces the intent of the original Master Plan and supports Official Plan direction, all tall buildings are subject to controls for height, massing and bulk, transition and separation. The guidelines and standards that follow are informed by an understanding of the local context and neighbourhood character, City of Mississauga policy and design guidance, and best practices.

The podiums of tall buildings should serve a similar urban design purpose as a mid-rise building and include all of the qualities of mid-rise buildings by forming well-proportioned street walls that enrich the pedestrian experience and support public activities. Tall building podiums can include residential units, a mix of uses at grade (where permitted), or common amenity space. Podiums are often at the minimum mid-rise building height, but in Meadowvale may be taller to relate to the surrounding context. Tall building podiums are typically constructed from concrete or steel frame, the same as the tower portion of the tall building.

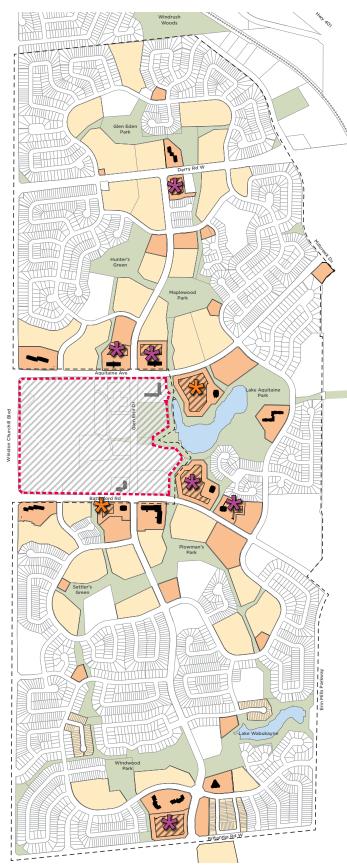
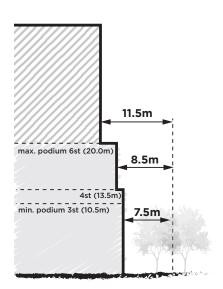


Figure 8.8 Where Tall Buildings Are Possible

Tall Buildings: Possible

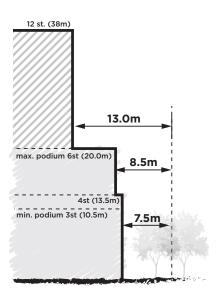
- In the Meadowvale
  Neighbourhood study area, tall
  buildings are not appropriate
  for all sites. The siting,
  massing, height and design of
  a building on one site is not
  necessarily a precedent for
  development on an adjacent
  or nearby site.
- Buildings above 8 storeys (approximately 26.0 metres) in height are considered tall buildings. Where permitted, the maximum height for new tall buildings in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood study area is 12 storeys (approximately 38.0 metres). The maximum height doesn't include the mechanical equipment.
- Tall buildings should include a podium of no less than 3 storeys (approximately 10.5 metres) and up to a maximum of 6 storeys (approximately 20.0 metres). The podium base is subject to a minimum 1.0-metre step back above 4 storeys (approximately 13.0 metres).
- Tall building podiums should follow the same guidelines and requirements as midrise buildings to ensure a consistent pedestrian scale and open green character within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.
- The tower portion of tall buildings should be set back a minimum of 3.0 metres from the podium edge in all instances except the front setbacks for the Parks and Lake Aquitaine Sub-Area, Central Meadowvale Sub-Area and Glen Erin North and South Sub-Area.
- The tower portion of tall buildings should adhere to the following minimum front setbacks from the primary streets onto which they face:
- » Central Meadowvale: 13.0m from the property line/public right-of-way.
- » Parks and Lake Aquitaine:13.0m from the property line/ public right of way.
- » Glen Erin North and South: 13.0m from the property line/ public right of way.

- The maximum floorplate for tall buildings above the base building/podium should be 750 square metres Gross Floor Area (GFA). The City may consider potential exceptions for tower floorplates slightly larger than 750 square metres if the following conditions apply:
- The height of the building is 12 storeys (approximately 38.0 metres) or less.
- The proponent demonstrates that impacts on the public and private realm in terms of wind and shadow for the building are the same as if it were to have a tower floor plate size of 750 square metres.
- The development is for senior and/or affordable housing and follows the applicable City and Regional requirements.
- All parts of a tall building should be subject to angular plane transition controls, defined as a 45-degree angular plane taken from the rear and side property lines between low-density residential, parks and open spaces.
- The tower portion of a tall building must be no less than 40 metres from an adjacent tall building, measured above the podium base.
   Measurements should be taken from exterior walls or exterior edge of balconies, whichever is closer.



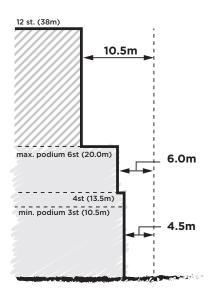
**Figure 8.10** Proposed Tower Setbacks

Note: When adjacent to Parks and Open Space, the 7.5m setback is a landscape buffer with no parking permitted above or below grade.

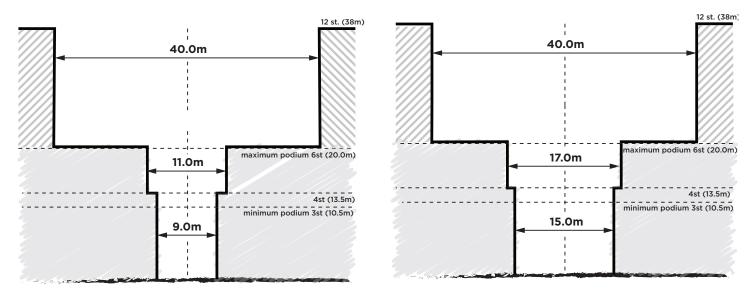


**Figure 8.11** Proposed Tower Setbacks for Parks and Lake Aquitaine, Glen Erin North+South and Central Meadowvale Sub-Areas

Note: When adjacent to Parks and Open Space, the 7.5m setback is a landscape buffer with no parking permitted above or below grade.



**Figure 8.12** Proposed Tower Setbacks: Minimum Distance to Internal Streets, Walkways an Mews



**Figure 8.9** Proposed separation between Tall buildings on same or adjacent sites. (Left) Side Wall to Side Wall, with or without fenestration (Right) Front Wall to Front Wall, Front Wall to Side Wall, with or without fenestration

#### 8.11 Density

Redevelopment densities should meet expectations for change in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood with the understanding that the City of Mississauga Official Plan identifies the Community Node as the area for intensification, not the Neighbourhood.

#### **Background**

The Meadowvale Community Node, identified as an Intensification Area by the City's Official Plan, will have a maximum density of 2.25x FSI; which is an increase over existing densities to stimulate reinvestment and redevelopment of a primarily low-rise retail commercial area. The Neighbourhood, which is not an Intensification Area, should have lower densities than the Node to ensure that the focus for redevelopment and intensification is appropriately distributed and the intent of the City's Structure is maintained.

The density recommendations are based on the results of the capacity study, built form modelling, existing precedents and context of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood in relation to the Community Node. The capacity study concluded that capacity is available for the majority of infrastructure and services (e.g. water and wastewater, roads, community facilities and parks, etc.) under the moderate (0.75x to 1.6x FSI) and high growth (1.0x to 2.0x FSI) scenarios. In comparison, recent development has generally led to a modest increase in existing densities, with approved FSI ranges between 1.4x to 2.1x FSI.

#### **Guidelines and Standards**

 A maximum overall density of 2.0x FSI is recommended for all the Residential High Density and Mixed Use within the study area.

#### 8.12 Heights

Building heights in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood shall respond sensitively to its context and minimize the impact on adjacent properties by adhering to the recommended angular planes and transitions.

#### **Background**

The study area has a mix of building heights in the form of low-rises and tall buildings. As a master-planned community, the location of tall buildings is concentrated around arterial and collector streets, and are designated as Residential High Density in the Official Plan.

The varying building heights in the Neighbourhood provide a unique relationship between the built form, streets and open spaces. As Meadowvale continues to grow and change over time, building heights that are proposed through development should respect the character and scale of the Neighbourhood.

The new built form and height should ensure sunlight and sky views, and minimize shadows on the pedestrian realm.

The building heights are not intended as a standalone guideline, and are subject to the other design standards of this document.

- The maximum height of all buildings in the study area should adhere to the recommended angular plane and transitions.
- In the Meadowvale
  Neighbourhood, the
  maximum height for new tall
  buildings shall be 12 storeys
  (approximately 38.0 metres).
  The maximum height will
  only apply to Residential
  High Density and Mixed
  Use sites. For all other land
  use designations within the
  Neighbourhood, the existing
  maximum height of 4 storeys
  in the Official Plan will
  generally remain unchanged.
- Where infill is appropriate and desirable on sites designated Residential Medium Density in the Official Plan, explore opportunities to permit midrise buildings with heights of up to 8 storeys.

### 8.13 Building Design

New buildings in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood should respect and reinforce the character of the study area, incorporate durable materials and appropriately represent their moment in time.

#### Background

Building design guidelines provide direction for the expression and articulation of built form beyond the issues of mass and bulk.

They cover ways in which a building should contribute to the public realm, and how it may appropriately respond to its immediate context and the planning policy for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood without prescribing a particular architectural style.

Future development should respect and fit within the prevailing low-density, residential character of the study area. Appropriate fit is determined by several key elements: the overall scale and design of the building, pedestrian experience at street

level, frequency of entrances, transparency at street level and above, vertical rhythm of building elements, horizontal expression of floors and how they relate to adjacent properties, blank walls and when they transition, and the scale of uses at grade.

Below are key guidelines to consider. However, this list is not exhaustive. The City of Mississauga has existing guidance for several typologies that will inform the design of buildings. For more information, please refer to the primary guideline documents.

- New buildings should adhere to existing City of Mississauga Design Guidelines, as well as those additional guidelines proposed through this study.
- A transition is encouraged through the stepping back of the upper floors from the side property line, or through a change in materials and expression above the maximum streetwall.
- Buildings should include vertical articulation at a spacing and rhythm that reflects the prevailing character of the Neighbourhood. This dimension is informed by the scale of low-rise residential buildings, and generally ranges from 5 to 8m in width.
- The architectural composition of mid-rise and tall building elevations should express distinct base, middle, and top elements on all street facades.
- Side elevations that face onto a public street should

- be compatible with the primary street facade. New developments on corner sites should orient to both street frontages.
- For mid-rise and tall buildings, the expression of the lower floors is encouraged to relate to the prevailing low-scale residential character of the Neighbourhood.
- Buildings at view termini and corner sites should provide additional architectural emphasis. To emphasize the importance of these sites, modest exceptions to massing restrictions should be permitted to encourage designs that highlight their visual prominence.
- Materials used for additions should consider the principal materials of the existing building and present a unified design composition. Consider differentiating facade articulation between lower and upper floors.

### 8.14 Mobility Strategies

With redevelopment comes the opportunity to improve mobility in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood by creating a transportation system that shifts dependence away from the automobile, encourages active and healthy living, and supports a more accessible and equitable community.

## **Background**

Like many master planned communities of its time, the Meadowvale Neighbourhood was designed for the automobile as the primary means of transportation. Streets were largely intended for cars, while an extensive network of paths through parks and green spaces was developed to encourage walking and cycling away from the arterial and collector roads.

As Meadowvale changes, it is important to support active transportation, especially for local neighbourhood trips that can easily be done by bike or on foot. This, in turn, will help to alleviate vehiclular congestion and support transit operations at the same time. To encourage walking and biking, the public realm must include safe and inviting facilities on streets, not only in the parks and open spaces.

Transit is another essential component in the creation of a walkable, sustainable community. As the Node becomes the focus for redevelopment, the Neighbourhood will benefit from improvements to transit frequency and number of routes. Further, future planning for the Meadowvale GO Major Transit Station Area may lead to better regional transit service; and upgraded connections for walking and cycling to the GO station should be considered.

The focus of the study was on land use and built form issues, and as such as comprehensive transportation review was out of scope. However, the City of Mississauga has several current and planned initiatives related to street planning and design which address the issue. The City's Vision Zero Plan, Changing Lanes and Transit and Road Infrastructure Plan will collectively provide direction for how to create a safe, accessible, equitable and beautiful road network in Meadowvale and throughout Mississauga.

- Introduce new pedestrian paths and walkways into development sites that connect to adjacent parks and open spaces.
- Introduce additional and enhanced signalized pedestrian crossings at intersections where warranted to improve pedestrian movement and safety.
- Provide clear signage for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the overall movement network.

- Introduce bike parking facilities on all public streets at key destinations to promote cycling as a mode of transportation.
- Encourage at-grade sheltered bike parking as part of every new development.
- Improve access and, where possible, service, to local and regional transit stops and stations.
- Introduce new street furniture and amenities at all transit stops in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood to support current and future ridership.

# 8.15 Housing Choice and Affordability

New infill and redevelopment should improve the quality and quantity of housing in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood with a range of unit sizes and levels of affordability to better serve a growing and evolving population.

### **Background**

One of the primary issues raised by residents during the engagement activities for this study was related to housing affordability, in particular the ability to age-in-place and housing opportunities for young families. Meadowvale is primarily a low-density community with some taller buildings, the range of unit types, sizes, and forms of ownership have not kept up with the requirements of an aging population or the challenges of affordability.

As housing costs continue to increase and the Neighbourhood evolves through upgrades to aging buildings and new infill developments, it important to maintain and create new affordable housing.

Currently more than one third of households in Meadowvale rent and almost one third of households spend more than 30% of their income on shelter costs, which is considered unaffordable. The City introduced Rental Protection By-law 0121-18 and Demolition Control By-law 45-19 preserve and/or replace the existing stock of purpose-built rental with units of comparable size and level of affordability throughout the city. Any new infill developments on rental sites within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood should strive to preserve or replace a portion affordable housing.

While substantial change is not anticipated in the broader low-rise housing community, additional housing may be provided through the development of additional second units and, as recently directed by the provincial government, the introduction of accessory dwelling units. This type of infill will utilise existing infrastructure without largely impacting the existing visual character of the neighbourhood. These units can allow residents to age in place and provide opportunities for families. The Region of Peel's second unit program may also allow homeowners to qualify for grants towards the creation of legal second units in their existing homes.

- Apply the strategies and actions identified in Making Room for the Middle Housing Strategy and Action Plan.
- Expand the range of housing options present in the community in terms of housing type, tenure and affordability.
- Preserve and/or replace affordable rental units with units of comparable size and level of affordability.
- Provide a portion of affordable housing in new infill developments.
- Gently increase density through second units and accessory dwelling units as directed by the Province.

#### 8.16 Retail Retention

Redevelopment of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood will require a balance of residential and non-residential uses to remain a complete and healthy community.

### **Background**

Neighborhood retail has a significant influence on community health. The convenient availability of goods and services is a key factor when choosing a place to live and places that lack suitable retail are at a disadvantage. Without strong retail, communities are at risk: existing residents may choose to leave, and potential new residents may choose to live somewhere else.

The original Master Plan for Meadowvale identified key locations where nonresidential uses would best serve the community. The Node, centred around the mall, is the focal point. Three other locations where retail uses are concentrated are around the periphery of the Neighbourhood, adjacent to higher order roads. Within the low-density residential area are several convenience commercial sites that offer another scale of retail within walking distance for many.

As Meadowvale changes over time, it is important to retain these areas as destinations within the community. Doing so will encourage a broader mix of retail offerings, support different types of businesses, and encourage walking and biking for shorter trips as an alternative to driving.

- Policies should require that existing non-residential floor area be replaced within each site as they redevelop.
- Preserve and strengthen the role of the Meadowvale Community Node as a focus of retail activity.
- Preserve and strengthen non-residential floor area in the redevelopment of all mixed-use and Convenience Commercial sites.
- Locate and orient new or replacement retail to contribute to the animation of streets and public spaces.
   For example, locate retail on the ground floor of mixeduse buildings along existing arterial roads or internal main streets.

# 8.17 Community and Cultural Benefits

Community services and facilities are an important part of building a complete Meadowvale. The City of Mississauga Official Plan establishes and recognizes that the provision of, and investment in, community services and facilities supports neighbourhoods that are healthy, liveable, safe and accessible.

## **Background**

In Meadowvale, community services and facilities are located throughout the Neighbourhood and within the Community Node. Schools, daycares, libraries, human services, community theatre and other public gathering spaces are important parts of the Meadowvale community. As the Node and Neighbourhood evolve, the functionality of the existing facilities will also change. The offering of services and facilities should keep in step with the needs of a growing and diverse population.

- Strengthen policies to reinforce the importance of the Community Node as the centre of Meadowvale, where intensification is accompanied with community and cultural benefits and spaces are accessible to persons of all abilities, incomes and ages. Some of these services may take place in other parts of the Neighbourhood but the focus should be on the Node.
- Ensure that redevelopment is accompanied by local benefits, such as community facilities, affordable housing, public realm improvements, civic spaces and parks, and increased connectivity.

- Schools should be planned to keep pace with changing needs by maximizing existing infrastructure and co-locating services in community hubs where possible.
- Work with the school board to identify opportunities to include child care facilities in schools.
- Pursue opportunities to colocate child care with other community facilities (such as recreation centres, places of Worship and libraries) or to secure new child care facilities that are integrated into new development as part of the planning approval process.
- As growth occurs, maintain/ preserve/replace space for community-based organizations to ensure that communities continue to have access to programs, services and places to worship
- Monitor the needs of residents as the area develops to determine the timing and delivery of new and enhanced community infrastructure.

# 8.18 Sustainability and Resilience

New development should improve the overall environmental quality of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood and minimize ecological impacts.

### Background

Of great interest in the Meadowdale Neighbourhood is the potential cumulative impacts of urban development on the integrity of Mississauga's environment.

Meadowvale's green character and its emphasis on parkland, especially around the two lakes, reflects the original master plan's intent to introduce sustainable landscape approaches into community development. Today, far more is possible to advance green design principles.

There are several opportunities to promote environmentally sustainable built form through the redevelopment process. Whether through more efficient site planning, pedestrian-focused and transit-oriented urban form, improved building materials, reduction of water usage and storm water runoff, or microclimatic amelioration, these techniques and more can influence the quality of life for everyone.

New developments are encouraged to incorporate the actions and directions outlined in the City of Mississauga Climate Change Plan, Living Green Master Plan, and the Green Development Strategy. These documents define environmental sustainability

principles that projects should follow from the early design phase through to implementation.

All new buildings should incorporate leading environmental standards for design and construction processes. These may cover energy efficiency, environmentally-friendly materials, systems and processes such as locally produced or recycled building materials, solar energy systems, heat recovery, geothermal energy, roof top gardens, zero ozone depletion refrigerants, thermally-efficient glazing, high efficiency heating systems, passive cooling systems, zonecontrolled lighting, heating and cooling, light reflective surfaces, waste control and life cycle cost consideration, to the extent that such systems and processes are required and being implemented within the City of Mississauga.

Building design should minimize the impact of wind and shadow on adjacent neighbourhoods and parks and buildings should be articulated to intercept or diffuse wind at the pedestrian level. Setbacks for high-rise buildings above the base should sufficiently mitigate negative wind down draft.

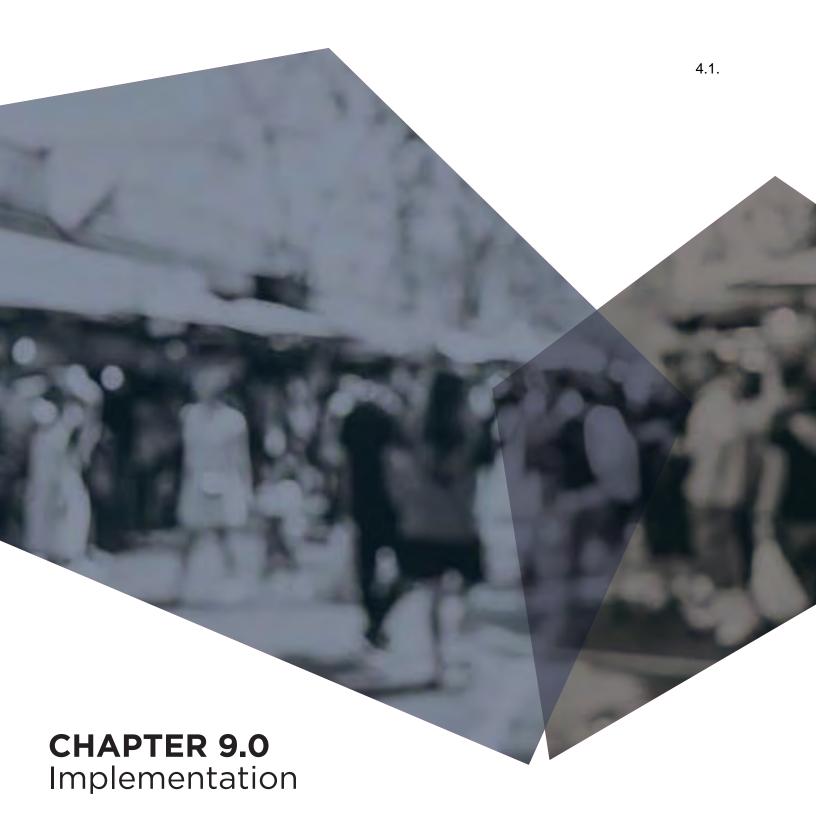
Increasing the extent of permeable surfaces in urban areas can reduce the demand on constrained infrastructure and minimize impacts on natural hydrological systems. Street trees and other landscape elements should be included in all redevelopment efforts to help regulate air temperature, intercept rainfall and minimize storm water runoff. Stormwater

should be retained on site where possible, with the inclusion of stormwater retention ponds, cisterns and detention basins. Grey water should be used for irrigation and other non-potable uses where required and permitted.

In the long term, issues such as water quality, natural heritage, energy conservation and use of sustainable materials should become integral to overall project design. Improving the street network and revisiting extensive paved surfaces served by conventional stormwater drainage systems will lead to a more sustainable and resilient Meadowvale.

- Require wind and shadow technical reports for all buildings higher than the midrise building height limit.
- Consider:
- » Advancing the City's Green Development Strategy Climate Change Plan and its Living Green Plan to ensure green building and site development standards are achieved.
- » The adoption of minimum standards for on-site energy generation from renewable sources
- » The adoption of standards for on-site stormwater retention and release.
- » The creation of a green roof strategy for new development.
- » The development of innovative techniques for stormwater management within public rights-of-way.

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## 9.0 IMPLEMENTATION

This section outlines the mechanisms and approaches to support the implementation of the recommended planning and design framework.

The previous section establishes a comprehensive set of recommendations with supporting rationale to guide change, through infill and redevelopment, in Meadowvale's built environment. This section outlines the mechanisms and approaches to support the implementation of the recommended planning and design framework, which include:

- Mississauga Official Plan
- Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area Urban Design Guidelines
- Zoning By-law 0225-2007

## 9.1 Mississauga Official Plan

The Official Plan includes general policies that address many of the issues raised by the recommendations. Section 16.16, Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area, is a part of the Plan that allows a further level of detail to be provided regarding Meadowvale's character and provides the opportunity to create a layer of Meadowvale-specific policies refined to reflect it.

The recommendations made by this study have potential to be implemented through revisions both to general Official Plan policies and policies pertaining specifically to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area.

# **General Considerations for the Official Plan**

This study was one of the first conducted by the City of Mississauga to examine the intensification potential of a Non-Intensification Area. Although its recommendations were made with the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area in mind, many have broader applicability to other Neighbourhoods or the city as a whole. The City of Mississauga should use the opportunity of its Official Plan Review to consider the right place for the implementation of the study's recommendations: general Official Plan policies, Meadowvale-specific Official Plan polices, or Urban Design Guidelines.

An example of how the study might lead to a broader reconsideration of the Official Plan's policies follows. Many of the Official Plan's more detailed policies on tall buildings are included in Section 9.2.1 Intensification Areas, Section 9.2.2 Non-Intensification Areas has a policy that tall buildings will generally not be permitted, while establishing requirements for new development and development along Corridors. Mid-rise buildings are not specifically addressed in the Official Plan. A particular focus of this study has been

the conditions under which tall or mid-rise buildings can be developed in a Non-Intensification Area in a way that respects neighbourhood character. In considering how the recommendations of this study should be implemented, it is likely that some of the existing policies that pertain to tall buildings in Intensification Areas should pertain to tall buildings in Non-Intensification Areas. Some of the policies that pertain to tall buildings also pertain to mid-rise buildings. Restructuring some of policies and their organization within the Official Plan might mean that some of the study's recommendations can be addressed in the Plan's general policies, rather than those policies applying only to the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area.

## Considerations for Meadowvale-specific Official Plan Polices

The Official Plan includes broad-stroke policies of general applicability. The Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area policies of Section 16.16 allow for policies that respond specifically to local context.

There are a number of instances, where the study's recommendations have been tailored to the Meadowvale context and should apply only to that area. It is recommended that Section 16.16 of the Mississauga Official Plan be amended to reflect the findings and recommendations of this report, taking the following into consideration:

 A "Context" section should be added, which describes

- the elements essential to the character of Meadowvale and outlines how infill and redevelopment can happen in a manner that reinforces the positive qualities of the neighbourhood, while ameliorating those aspects that need improvement.
- While the recommendations address all forms of infill and redevelopment in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area, a particularly important contribution is clarifying the development potential of lands designated Residential High Density and Mixed Use. The height and density limits included in the recommendations for these designations should be included as policy.
- The recommendations also include other standards that are important in ensuring that built form in the Residential High Density and Mixed Use designations respect the character of the area and transition to surrounding lower density uses and the public realm. These policies address setbacks, angular planes, step backs, minimum ground floor height, maximum building length and minimum building and tower separations. In determining the level of detail to be included the Official Plan's Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area policies, the planning framework must be considered as a whole: general Official Plan policies, Meadowvale-specific policies, and Urban Design Guidelines.

- The Guidelines will be the most detailed and specific, but allow some interpretation due to their place outside of the Official Plan. The Official Plan policies may be more general, but, in their totality, support the Urban Design Guidelines as an implementation tool. The level of detail included within the Official Plan policies, and particularly the inclusion of specific numeric standards, must be evaluated based on the benefit of having some flexibility in the standard.
- There are certain instances in which the study's recommendations represent a higher standard or requirement than that included in the general Official Plan policies. These standards should be included in Section 16.16. An example of such a policy, is the requirement that existing non-residential floor area be replaced 1:1 within each site as they redevelop.
- Some existing policies in Section 16.16 will be superseded by new policies. These policies include: 16.16.1.1, related to built form transitions. Site specific policies and site specific densities included in Map 16-16 should be reviewed in light of the study's recommendations.

## 9.2 Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area Urban Design Guidelines

This study establishes:

- A description of character of the Meadowvale neighbourhood;
- A vision and guiding principles which establish how the neighbourhood should change over time; and
- Guidelines and standards, with a supporting rationale, for the implementation of the vision and guiding principles.

It is recommended that the content of this study be incorporated into Urban Design Guidelines for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area that provide detailed direction on how infill and redevelopment can be appropriately accommodated.

The Urban Design Guidelines should be endorsed by Council as guidance on the interpretation and implementation of Official Plan policies in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area context. Official Plan policies would in turn provide the basis in policy for the implementation of the Urban Design Guidelines.

## 9.3 Zoning By-law 0225-2007

The City of Mississauga may elect to update its Zoning By-law to incorporate the study recommendations through infill exception regulations. Alternatively, the in-force zoning could remain. Any development application that requires a Zoning By-law amendment, especially those that represent an increase in height or density, would have to demonstrate that it fulfills the intent of the Official Plan policies as further detailed in the Urban Design Guidelines.



# A. ZONING-BY-LAW

This Appendix includes:

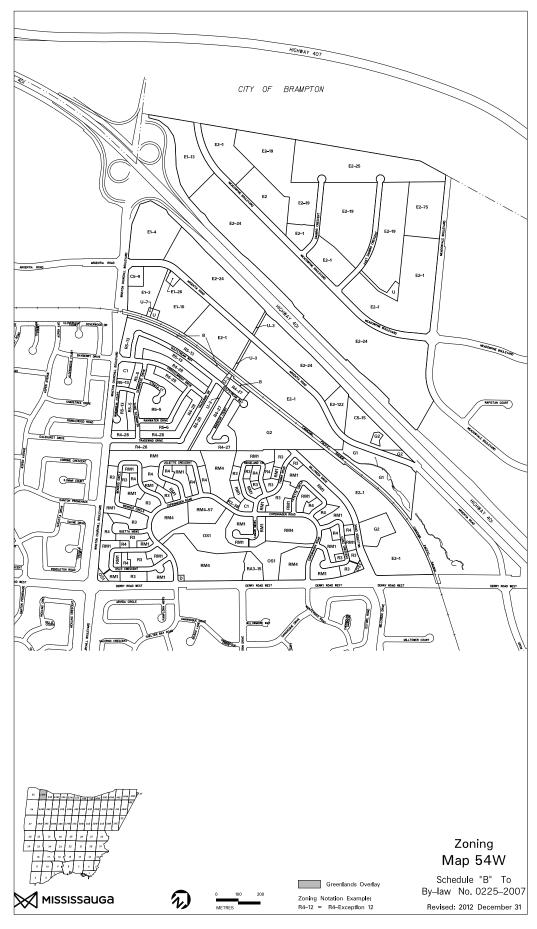
- A chart summarizing the zoning categories within the study area and the general permissions within these zones
- Zoning maps 46W and 54W, which cover the study area
- A map of the soft sites within the study area, plus an accompanying table describing the zoning for these sites
- A map of the development sites within the study area, plus an accompanying table describing the zoning for these sites.
- Natural areas (2018) within the study area.

## **Table A1: General Permissions by Zoning Category**

Zoning Category	General Permissions
R	R zoning permits detached dwellings.
RM	RM permits detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, townhouse dwellings, street townhouse dwellings, triplexes, and horizontal multiple dwellings.
RA	RA zoning permits apartments, long-term care buildings, and retirement buildings.
OS	OS zoning permits open space for passive recreational, active recreational, stormwater management, and cemetery uses.
G	G zoning permits a limited range of uses specific to the protection of people and property from flooding and erosion hazards, and the protection of natural features. In some areas, additional permitted uses include bird sanctuaries, golf courses, garden parks, art displays, and conservation areas.
С	C zoning permits a variety of retail, service, office, hospitality, motor vehicle service, entertainment/recreation, residential (apartment or dwelling unit above the first storey of a commercial building) uses.
D	D zoning recognizes vacant lands not yet developed and/or permits the use that legally existed on the date of passing of this By-law, until such time as the lands are rezoned in conformity with the MOP.



A1. Zoning By-law Maps 46W and 54W.



## Table A2: Soft Site Zoning

#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes
1	C1	Sloped roof:	Maximum GFA	Front: 4.5m	
		10.7m and 2	2,000 m2	Side (exterior): 4.5m	
		storeys		Side (interior abutting residential): 6.0m	
		Flat roof: 9.0m		Side (interior abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
		and 2 storeys		Rear (abutting residential): 6.0m	
				Rear (abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
2	D	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	
3	C1	Sloped roof:	Maximum GFA	Front: 4.5m	
		10.7m and 2	2,000 m2	Side (exterior): 4.5m	
		storeys		Side (interior abutting residential): 6.0m	
		Flat roof: 9.0m		Side (interior abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
		and 2 storeys		Rear (abutting residential): 6.0m	
				Rear (abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
4	R3-38	10.7m	Maximum lot	Front (interior lot): 7.5m	The only
			coverage: 35%	Front (corner lot): 6.0m	permitted use
				Side (exterior): 6.0m	is day care.
				Side (interior): 1.2m + 0.61m for each additional	
				storey or portion thereof above 1 storey	
				Rear (interior lot): 7.5m	
				Rear (corner lot): 3.0m	
5	C1-10	Sloped roof:	Maximum GFA	Front: 8.0m	
		10.7m and 1	585m2	Side (interior - easterly): 3.5m	
		storey		Side (interior - westerly): 3.0m	
		Flat roof: 9.0m and 1 storey		Rear: 3.0m	
6	C1	Sloped roof:	Maximum GFA	Front: 4.5m	
		10.7m and 2	2,000m2	Side (exterior): 4.5m	
		storeys		Side (interior abutting residential): 6.0m	
				Side (interior abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
				Rear (abutting residential): 6.0m	
				Rear (abutting any other zone): 4.5m	

■ Study Area

Sites with the potential for change and intensification

Apartments (Rental and Condo)

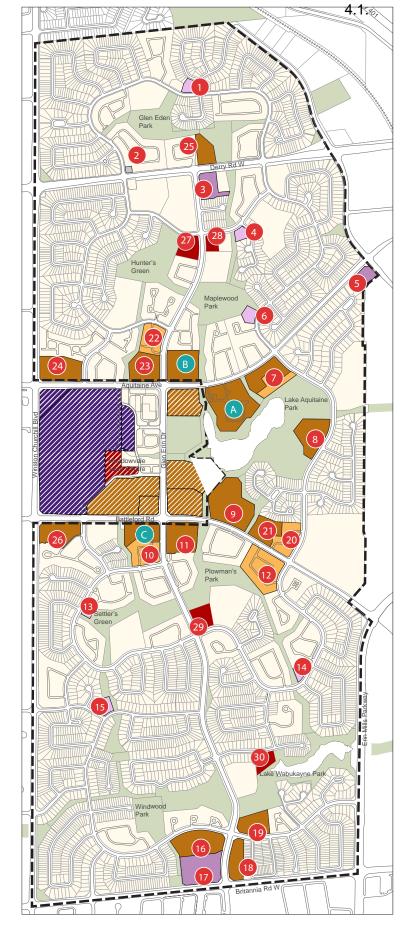
Townhouse Sites (Rental and

Large Retail Commercial Site Medium Retail Commercial Sites Small Retail Commercial Sites

Sites with Approved Development Potential sites in the Community Node, outside of Study Area

Co-operatives only)

Other Small Site Places of Worship



A2. Soft Sites in the Study Area.

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#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes 4.1.
7	RA1	13.0m and 4 storeys	0.9 FSI	Front: 7.5m Side (exterior): 7.5m Side (interior): 4.5m Rear: 7.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semi-detached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
	RM4	10.7 m and 3 storeys		From a front and/or side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road, sidewalk or visitor parking space: 4.5m  From a front garage face to an internal road or sidewalk: 6.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 3.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal walkway: 1.5m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 10.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a rear wall of another dwelling: 15.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road or walkway: 7.5m	
8	RA3-4	38.0 m and 12 storeys	1.3 FSI	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m  Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building  Rear (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m  Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	

#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes 4.1.
8	RA1- 32	13.0m and 4 storeys	0.9 FSI	Front: 7.5m Side (exterior): 7.5m Side (interior): 4.5m Rear: 7.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	Only permitted use is day care.
9	RA4- 32	56.0 m and 15 storeys	1.0 FSI	Front and side (exterior): ranges from 7.5m to 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building  Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building  Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m  Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building	Additional permitted use: Townhouse dwelling
10	RM4	10.7 m and 3 storeys		From a front and/or side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road, sidewalk or visitor parking space: 4.5m  From a front garage face to an internal road or sidewalk: 6.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 3.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal walkway: 1.5m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 10.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a rear wall of another dwelling: 15.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road or walkway: 7.5m	

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11	RA3	38.0 m and 12 storeys	1.0 FSI	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m  Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m  Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
12	RM4	10.7 m and 3 storeys		From a front and/or side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road, sidewalk or visitor parking space: 4.5m  From a front garage face to an internal road or sidewalk: 6.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 3.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal walkway: 1.5m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 10.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a rear wall of another dwelling: 15.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road or walkway: 7.5m	

#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes 4.1.
13	RM4- 61	10.7 m and 3 storeys		From a front and/or side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road, sidewalk or visitor parking space: 4.5m  From a front garage face to an internal road or sidewalk: 6.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 3.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal walkway: 1.5m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 10.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a rear wall of another dwelling: 15.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road or walkway: 7.5m	Only permitted use is day care.
14	C1	Sloped roof: 10.7m and 2 storeys Flat roof: 9.0m and 2 storeys	Maximum 2,000 m2	Front: 4.5m Side (exterior): 4.5m Side (interior abutting residential): 6.0m Side (interior abutting any other zone): 4.5m Rear (abutting residential): 6.0m Rear (abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
15	C1	Sloped roof: 10.7m and 2 storeys Flat roof: 9.0m and 2 storeys	Maximum 2,000 m2	Front: 4.5m Side (exterior): 4.5m Side (interior abutting residential): 6.0m Side (interior abutting any other zone): 4.5m Rear (abutting residential): 6.0m Rear (abutting any other zone): 4.5m	

#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes 4.1.
16	RA3	38.0 m and 12 storeys	1.0 FSI	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m  Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m  Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
17	C2	Sloped roof: 20.0m and 4 storeys Flat roof: 16.5m and 4 storeys	Maximum 12,000m2	Front: 4.5m Side (exterior): 4.5m Side (interior abutting residential): 6.0m Side (interior abutting any other zone): 4.5m Rear (abutting residential): 6.0m Rear (abutting any other zone): 4.5m	
18	RA1	13.0m and 4 storeys	0.9 FSI	Front: 7.5m Side (exterior): 7.5m Side (interior): 4.5m Rear: 7.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semi-detached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	

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19	RA3	38.0 m and 12 storeys	1.0 FSI	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m  Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m  Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
20	RM4	10.7 m and 3 storeys		From a front and/or side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road, sidewalk or visitor parking space: 4.5m  From a front garage face to an internal road or sidewalk: 6.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 3.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal walkway: 1.5m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 10.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a rear wall of another dwelling: 15.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road or walkway: 7.5m	

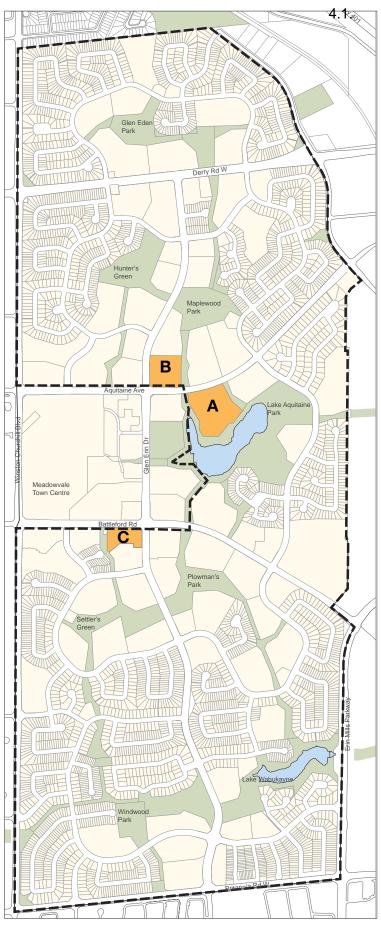
#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes 4.1.
21	RA4-4	56.0 m and 18 storeys	Minimum FSI 1.0 Maximum FSI 1.3	Front and Side (exterior): ranges from 7.5m to 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear: ranges from 4.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment or Utility: 4.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semi-detached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
22	RM4	10.7 m and 3 storeys		From a front and/or side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road, sidewalk or visitor parking space: 4.5m  From a front garage face to an internal road or sidewalk: 6.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 3.0m  From a side wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal walkway: 1.5m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a side wall of another dwelling: 10.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to a rear wall of another dwelling: 15.0m  From a rear wall of townhouse dwelling to an internal road or walkway: 7.5m	

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23	RA3	38.0 m and 12 storeys	1.0 FSI	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
24	RA3	38.0 m and 12 storeys	1.0 FSI	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	

#	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes 4.1.
25	RA3- 15	10 storeys	Minimum FSI 0.5 Maximum FSI 1.0	Side (exterior): ranges between 7.5m and 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear or interior side lot line (abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment, or Utility Zone): 4.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
26	RA4-4	56.0 m and 18 storeys	Minimum FSI 1.0 Maximum FSI 1.3	Front and Side (exterior): ranges from 7.5m to 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear: ranges from 4.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear abutting Apartment, Institutional, Office, Commercial, Employment or Utility: 4.5m Any interior lot line abutting detached or semidetached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	
27	RM4- 58 (PRA)	10.7m		Minimum setback of a parking area to Residential Zone/to an abutting lot in a Residential Zone is 4.5 m	Lands zoned RM4-58 shall only be
28	RM4- 58 (PRA)	10.7m		Rear: 7.5m Front: 18m Side: The lesser of the height of the building or 15% of the width of the lot.	used for the following: 1. Places of Religious Assembly 2.Day Care
30	R3 (PRA)	10.7m			
30	(PRA)	1U./M			

# **Table A3: Development Sites Zoning**

#	Address	Zone	Height	Density	Setbacks	Notes
A	2700 Aquitaine Avenue	RA4-47	56.0m and 18 storeys	1.6 FSI	Front and side (exterior): ranges from 7.5m to 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semi-detached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building	Additional permitted use: Horizontal multiple dwelling
В	6719 Glen Erin Drive	RA4-45	56.0m and 18 storeys	Maximum GFA 25,300 m <sup>2</sup>	Front and Side (exterior): ranges from 7.5m to 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Rear: ranges from 4.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semi-detached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m	Additional permitted uses: Townhouse dwelling, Horizontal multiple dwelling All lands zoned RA4-45 considered one lot.
C	6550 Glen Erin Drive	RA4-1	56.0m and 18 storeys	1.0 FSI	Front and side (exterior): ranges from 7.5m to 10.5m depending on height of that portion of the building Side (interior): ranges from 4.5m to 9.0m depending on height of that portion of the building Any interior lot line abutting detached or semi-detached: 7.5m + 1.0m for each additional 1.0m of building height exceeding 10.0m to a maximum setback of 25.5m Rear: ranges from 7.5m to 15.0m depending on height of that portion of the building	



A3. Development Sites in the Study Area.

## **B. DEMONSTRATION PLAN**

To visualize the intention of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Area recommendations, the Study Team developed Demonstration Plan massing model. The Demonstration shows new development within some of the selected opportunity sites as an example, but not necessarily

for all individual sites. The demonstrations were developed as a way to understand the implications of the urban design on the context.

The Demonstration Plan is not a Master Plan. It is presented for illustrative purposes only and not the only potential outcome of the recommendations, which give flexibility for a number of different approaches.

Further, we want to stress that a demonstration on a particular property does not provide any greater permissions that those not tested.

The built form tests takes an aggressive approach to not underestimate potential change; not every site tested will necessarily redevelop.

# **Demonstration Model: Site 1 Infill Around Existing Tower**

This site is a rental 18-storey apartment building with a 2-storey parking structure and surface parking. It is next to parkland, low density residential and townhouses. Vehicle access is from Battleford Road. The site includes a landscape buffer from streets and adjacent uses.

The demonstration explores possible infill opportunities for the site with combination of a tall building and townhouses fronting the street, with the assumption that parking would relocate below grade. Built form is shaped to respect the adjacent uses and strengthen the relationship with the streets and open spaces.



## Demonstration Model: Site 2 Commercial to Mixed-Use Redevelopment

This neighbourhood retail centre is one of the two medium sized commercial properties within the Study Area. It includes a grocery store and other services with surface parking. It is adjacent to parkland and high-density residential properties and address two major streets.

A tall building is across Britannia Road to the southeast. The demonstration explores possible comprehensive mixeduse redevelopment with a range of building types and heights. Given its location at the Glen Erin South Sub-Area, tall buildings are considered appropriate. Retail uses would be retained.



## **Demonstration Model: Site 3**

## **Comprehensive Redevelopment**

This townhouse development is currently a rental property with surface parking. Its location across from the Meadowvale Theatre and West Credit Secondary School make it an attractive site for potential redevelopment and intensification. Given its location on the southside of Battleford east of the Community Node, it is not an appropriate site for tall buildings.



# C. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

This Appendix includes three reports that summarize the engagement summary with the community in each study phase.

It also includes the four demonstrations, which illustrated how the recommendations could be applied to various site typologies.

# Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study Phase 1 What We Heard Summary

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# Introduction

## Overview

From September to October 2017, the City of Mississauga conducted the first phase of a community engagement process that involved hundreds of Meadowvale residents, visitors and stakeholders about the future of the Meadowvale neighbourhood.

The goal of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study (the study) is to develop a policy framework that will guide future growth and compatible development in the area. Stakeholders were asked about their experiences within the area and about what physical features were important to them to maintain or enhance as their community evolves.

# How we engaged?

Over a period of two months, people were able to learn about the study and provide feedback through a community workshop, an online survey, an online idea forum and interviews within the community.

The Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study team used various techniques to build awareness of and promote input into the project. Some techniques used included door-to-door mail drop, on-street mobile signs, posters in prominent locations within the community, and a digital engagement platform featuring a suite of digital tools, including social media, digital signage, e-blasts and media advisory.





Community Workshop, September 13th 2018

## **Townhouse, Apartment and Retail Areas**

We received feedback from over 200 people. Participants were asked about two topics:

- **1. Experience:** How do you experience the Meadowvale study area (what do you do in the area; how do you get around; what are the key physical features in the area)?
- **2. The Future:** What features in the area are important and should be maintained? Which physical features could be enhanced?

Participants were provided with aspects of the neighbourhood to consider when answering the questions:

- **Public Places:** Streetscapes, parks, open spaces, lakes, gathering spaces, vegetation (trees and shrubs)
- Land Uses: Residential, commercial (Meadowvale Town Centre and small plazas), community services and facilities (community centre, library, school, theatre)
- Access and Connectivity: Trails, pathways, local streets, arterial roads, midblock connections, connections to other areas outside of the neighbourhood)
- **Built form:** Building typologies: houses, townhouses, apartments, heights, densities





Interviews in the Community, September 13th and October 24th, 2018

# **Snapshot of What We Heard:**

What participants love about Meadowvale:

- The 'village' feel
- The natural beauty of the parks and open spaces
- The openness between buildings
- The interconnected trail system
- The people and community

# What participants think could be improved:

- More affordable housing types for young families and for residents to 'age in place'
- Increased gathering spaces for social activities
- Enhanced community services and facilities as intensification occurs
- Improved transit connectivity and separated bike lanes

# What We Heard

## Themes

Feedback centered around four key themes:

## **Built Form**

- The openness and sky-views between buildings should be preserved and considered for new development;
- Excellent architectural design of new housing should be ensured;
- Heights and densities around parks and open spaces should be limited to maintain beauty and openness;
- New developments should incorporate greening opportunities, such as rooftop gardens and community gardens;
- Adequate parking for all uses should be provided.

#### **Townhouse, Apartment and Retail Areas**

#### **Public Places**

- The natural beauty of the parks and trail system is greatly valued and should be maintained and enhanced;
- The mature trees are identified as important and an aspect that should be maintained in the neighbourhood;
- The community centre and library are well used and valued and should be maintained and/or enhanced.
- There should be opportunities to incorporate more places to gather and host activities/events.

#### **Land Use**

- There is desire for mixed housing types and affordability that can accommodate mixed communities, with options for young families and seniors to 'age in place.'
- The City must ensure the appropriate supports for schools and community services with intensification.
- Small-scale retail should be enhanced within the retail plazas.

#### **Access/Connectivity**

- Improved lighting and winter maintenance is needed for the trail system;
- Separated cycling lanes (separate from pedestrian paths) are needed within the trail system;
- Parking is greatly valued and should be maintained;
- Improved walkability by widening sidewalks and providing midblock connections should be a priority;
- Increased connectivity to the GO station is needed.

## **Next Steps**

On November 3, 2018, the City of Mississauga in partnership with consultants DTAH and Gladki Planning Associates are leading a bus tour and design charrette to workshop how the draft vision and guiding principles can be applied to the areas within the Meadowvale neighbourhood which could be intensified: townhouse, apartment and retail area sites.



# Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study Phase 2 What We Heard Summary

January 2019

## **Townhouse, Apartment and Retail Areas**

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## Introduction

#### Overview

The goal of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study (the study) is to develop a policy framework that will guide future growth and compatible development in the area. The study is being conducted in three phases:

**Phase 1** - Understand Meadowvale/Establish Guiding Principles

**Phase 2** - Explore and Confirm Ideas

Phase 3 - Synthesis and Final Report

In Phase 1, the study team conducted background research regarding the Meadowvale area which included extensive public engagement. Through Community Workshop #1, an online survey and interviews with the community, we spoke with over 200 people about their experiences within Meadowvale and what they value about the area.

In November and December 2018, the City of Mississauga completed Phase 2 of the study. Using information gathered in Phase 1, the study team developed draft guiding principles and identified four site typologies representative of the Meadowvale neighbourhood that could be considered for redevelopment. In Phase 2, participants were asked to comment on the draft guiding principles and to explore various redevelopment possibilities for the four site typologies.



Community Workshop #2 participants on the walking tour, November 3, 2018

## **How We Engaged in Phase 2**

On November 3rd, 2018, approximately 30 residents participated in Community Workshop #2 which included a guided bus and walking tour of the Meadowvale area, a presentation, and a design charrette. Subsequent to the Community Workshop, seven residents contributed feedback via an online survey.

## **Draft Guiding Principles:**

- 1. Strengthen Meadowvale's Identity
- 2. Build a Compatible Built Environment
- 3. Encourage a Context Sensitive Built Form
- 4. Create Green, Safe and Attractive Streets and Public Spaces
- 5. Transition to Adjacent Neighbourhoods, Parks and Open Spaces
- 6. Provide Diverse Housing Choice
- 7. Improve Connectivity
- 8. Improve Parking Environments

## **Typologies under consideration:**

- Townhouse
- Retail
- Mixed Townhouse and Tower
- Tower in the Park

## **Summary of What We Heard**

## 1. Maintain appropriate transitions to adjacent land uses

- Setbacks and landscape buffers should be used to promote positive transitions between commercial and residential properties, as well as between various types of residential development (ie. townhouses, towers, and detached houses)
- Incorporate building stepbacks and podiums within mid-rise and tall building designs to ensure appropriate transitions to lower density development, to parkland and green areas and, in some cases, to the street
- Preference for new buildings to transition up away from the street to the middle of the site and back down to any adjacent existing lower density residential uses
- Heights should always transition away from adjacent parkland and green areas

# 2. Maintain consistency with existing setbacks and separation distances between buildings

 Consistency with existing setbacks and separation distances between buildings were seen as important to maintain access to sky views and to limit shadow impacts

# 3. Minimize shadow impact of all new development on existing development and open spaces

## 4. Maximize access to sky views

# 5. Maintain, protect, enhance and expand existing network of open spaces and trail network

 When new development is being considered, additional open space and an expanded trail network are desirable

## 6. Improve pedestrian and cycling connections throughout Meadowvale

- Provide safe pedestrian and cycling access to and through the parks and trail system
- Prioritize pedestrian and cycling access to residential and commercial properties and public amenities
- Incorporate pedestrian friendly designs that are accessible
- Cycling infrastructure should be improved and expanded (e.g. new connections, bicycle parking)

#### 7. Encourage mixed use development of commercial properties

- In the redevelopment of commercial properties, developments should be designed with retail/office at grade and residential above
- Maintain some of the retail function of the site in order to continue to provide goods and services to the local community

#### 8. Reduce the size and impact of parking

- Provide underground parking for residents whenever possible
- Surface parking is unattractive, however some spaces may be maintained to provide access for visitors and for those with accessibility issues/ mobility needs
- If above grade parking structures are necessary, they should be screened from view
- Ensure developments have sufficient parking
- Surface parking lots could be potential sites for infill development

# 9. Incorporate sustainable, green site and building features in all new developments such as green roofs, permeable paving, bio-swales and terraces

## **Community Workshop #2 Overview**

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, the City of Mississauga, DTAH, and Gladki Planning Associates (the consultant team) hosted the second community workshop for the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study. The day consisted of a guided bus and walking tour, a presentation, and a design charrette. Approximately 30 residents participated in the day. Councillor Saito also attended, provided welcoming remarks and contributed to table discussions.

The purpose of the workshop was to:

- Present findings from Phase 1 (including What We Heard)
- Re-introduce elements defining the existing character (through the presentation and the bus and walking tour)
- Present and collect feedback on a draft set of guiding principles
- Introduce principles of good design and a menu of built form precedents
- Explore how these ideas apply to particular typologies: townhouse, retail, mixed townhouse and tower, and tower in the park
- Explore a variety of redevelopment options



Community Workshop #2 participants on the bus tour, November 3, 2018

## **Bus and Walking Tour Summary**

In the morning, the project team led a bus and walking tour of different locations in Meadowvale that are representative of the focus of this study: apartment, townhouse and retail sites. Brent Raymond from DTAH provided an overview of the locations, highlighting key characteristics and conditions to be considered in assessing redevelopment potential.



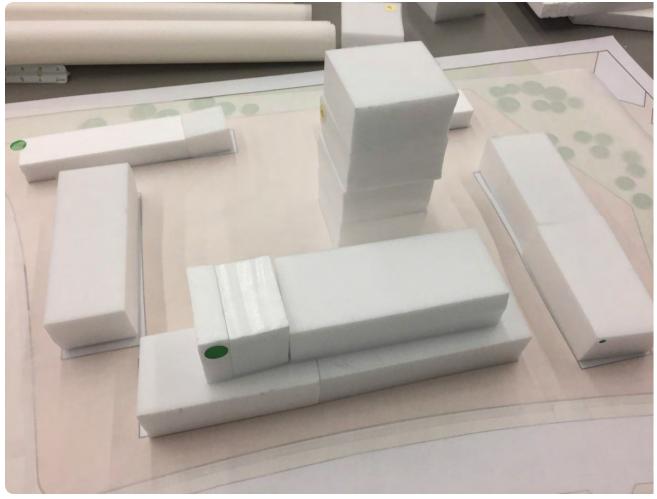
Community Workshop #2 participants walking around and discussing key locations, November 3, 2018

## **Design Charrette Summary**

In the afternoon, participants contributed their ideas in a design charrette. The design charrette consisted of five stations that the participants rotated through. Station 1 included boards outlining the draft guiding principles and opportunities for participants to provide feedback. Stations 2 to 5 included typologies which are representative of existing development in Meadowvale that could possibly be considered for redevelopment:

- Station 2: Townhouse Typology
- Station 3: Retail Typology
- Station 4: Mixed Townhouse and Tower Typology
- Station 5: Tower in the Park Typology

Each typology station included a physical model to allow testing of various intensification options.



Community Workshop #2 Design Charrette typology station with various shapes and sizes of styrofoam blocks, November 3, 2018

## **Online Survey Overview**

Subsequent to Community Workshop #2, an online survey was posted and completed by seven (7) residents. The survey consisted of questions related to the draft guiding principles. Participants were asked to read the guiding principle and click on the following answer that best represented their response to the principle:

- 1. Love it don't change a thing!
- 2. Like it it's good, but can be improved.
- 3. Dislike it it doesn't reflect what was heard from the community.

Participants were further invited to provide feedback on how to improve the principles.

## **Detailed Summary of Feedback**

The detailed summary of feedback below is based on the ideas shared and explored during the design charrette. The feedback has been organized by station. The feedback provided on the guiding principles from the survey is also incorporated below.

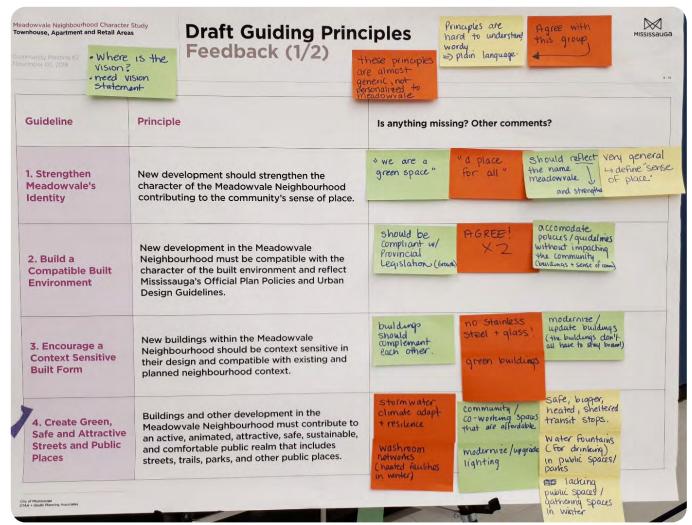
## **Station 1-Guiding Principles**

The eight (8) draft guiding principles were illustrated on two boards at the charrette. Participants were asked to review the principles and identify if they had any comments or anything to add.

The following general comments were provided at the design charrette:

- A vision statement is needed
- Principles are hard to understand, wordy
- Some of the principles are too generic, not personalized to Meadowvale

The specific comments on each principle and verbatim responses are included below:

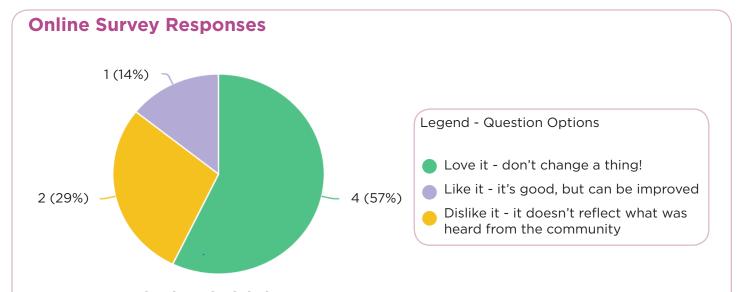


Guiding Principles #1 to #4 Feedback Board at the Design Charrette, November 3, 2018

**Principle 1-Strengthen Meadowvale's Identity:** New development should strengthen the character of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood contributing to the community's sense of place.

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- We are a green space
- A place for all
- Should reflect and strengthen the name "Meadowvale" (Specifically, the idea is that the 'Meadowvale' name consists of two parts: Meadow a piece of grassland and Vale a valley)



#### How can we make the principle better?

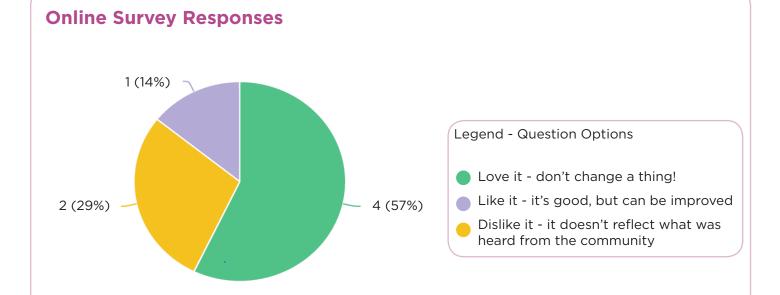
Verbatim comments:

- Introduce Farmers Markets in the area
- Get rid of Principle 1
- Develop site lines from streets to parks
- Higher design and material standards for new and redeveloped buildings - a more traditional appearance is desirable (For example, the Chartwell building on Battleford is an example of unacceptable design/material standard - mostly plain concrete with crude balcony design)

**Principle 2-Build a Compatible Built Environment:** New development in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood must be compatible with the character of the built environment and reflect Mississauga's Official Plan Policies and Urban Design Guidelines.

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- Should be compliant with Provincial Legislation (Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe)
- Accommodate policies/guidelines (growth) without impacting the community (buildings + sense of community)
- Two groups stated they agree with this vision statement as is
- Public services need to be expanded with growth
- Consider all utilities and services (e.g. power capacity, sewers, storm drainage, water, when reviewing new development applications in the area)

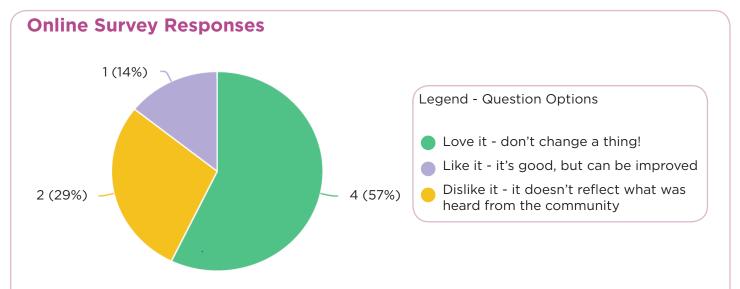


- Could elaborate on what exactly is meant by 'compatible with the built environment' - Sounds too political
- Fix the grammar (eg. Build a Compatible Environment or Offer Compatibly Built Environment)
- There is not much character to many of Meadowvale's buildings. There is room for improvement in design and materials. A bit more traditional appearance would be a big improvement. Develop a reasonably consistent design standard across the ward.

**Principle 3-Encourage a Context Sensitive Built Form:** New buildings within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood should be context sensitive in their design and compatible with existing and planned neighbourhood context

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- Buildings should complement each other
- · No stainless steel and glass
- Green buildings
- Modernize and update buildings (the buildings don't all have to stay brown)



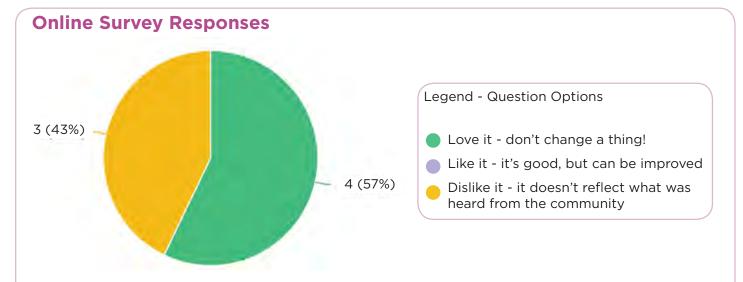
- Would like to see more of a commitment about how exactly buildings should be compatible with existing design. For example: make a commitment to preserve the space between buildings, commitment to low rise building design and no blockage of skyline views.
- This is quite suitable to Meadowvale possibly described as a bit rustic stone cladding, etc. Fits in great with parkland locations. So far, there is way too much brick in Meadowvale.

Principle 4-Create Green, Safe and Attractive Streets and Public Spaces:

Buildings and other development in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood must contribute to an active, animated, attractive, safe, sustainable, and comfortable public realm that includes streets, trails, parks and other places.

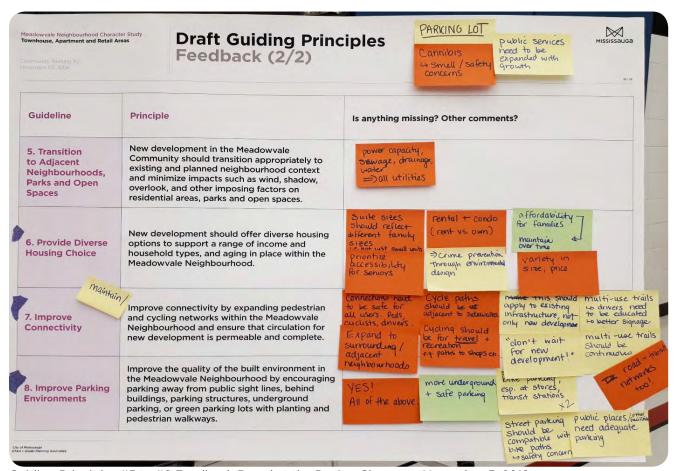
#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- Washroom networks (heated facilities in winter)
- Stormwater facilities should be climate adaptive and resilient
- Modernize and upgrade lighting
- Community and co-working spaces that are affordable
- Lack of public and gathering spaces in the winter
- Provide water fountains in parks
- Provide safe, bigger, heated transit stop shelters



- It's good. Meadowvale already has a lot of park space. When redeveloping the tower in the park buildings (or adding a podium in those buildings), I would not want such an action to be against this guiding principle.
- Create site lines from streets to parkland. Much has already been said about bike lane improvements. A few streets may benefit from becoming more developed Winston Churchill Blvd as a 6 lane road does not work for me as a "tree-lined suburban street." It would be more consistent with the road to have more 3 to 4 storey townhouse development or similar. On the other hand, Glen Erin could benefit greatly from more greenery, maybe even pedestrianise it in front of the community centre. This would create an interesting contrast to the busy Winston Churchill Blvd.

#### **Townhouse, Apartment and Retail Areas**

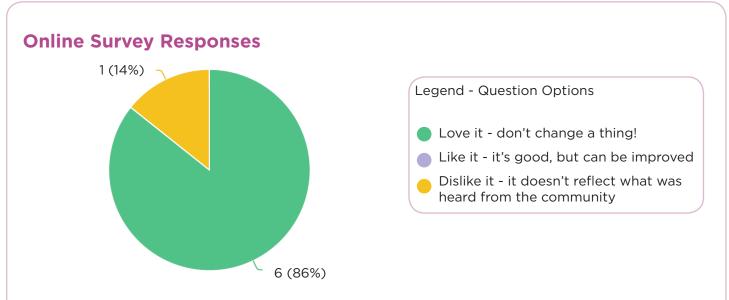


Guiding Principles #5 to #8 Feedback Board at the Design Charrette, November 3, 2018

**Principle 5-Transition to Adjacent Neighbourhoods, Parks and Open Spaces**: New development in the Meadowvale Community should transition appropriately to existing and planned neighbourhood context and minimize impacts such as wind, shadow, overlook, and other imposing factors on residential areas, parks and open spaces.

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

 Consider all utilities and services (e.g. power capacity, sewers, storm drainage, water, when reviewing new development applications in the area) - Comment moved to Guiding Principle #2

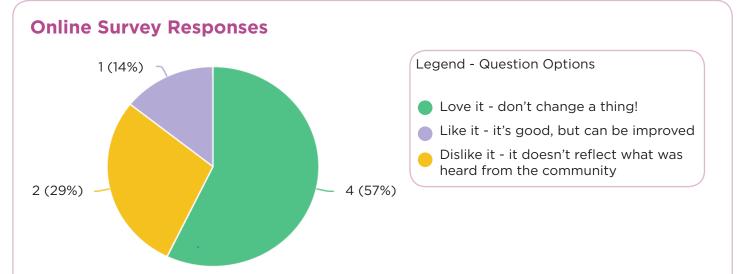


How can we make the principle better? *Verbatim comments:* 

 With increased density of development, I would expect and accept more issues (related to density) but with careful planning, it is possible to improve the overall parkland ambience. The 'tower in a park' is my preferred arrangement (instead of townhouses next to a park). The towers offer more privacy for residents and park users. **Principle 6-Providing Diverse Housing Choice**: New development should offer diverse housing options to support a range of income and household types, and ageing in place within the Meadowvale Neighbourhood.

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- Prioritize accessibility for seniors
- Suite sizes should reflect different family sizes (not just small units)
- Provide both Rent and Condo (rent vs. own)
- Use Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design concepts
- Provide variety in size/price
- · Affordability for families should be maintain over time

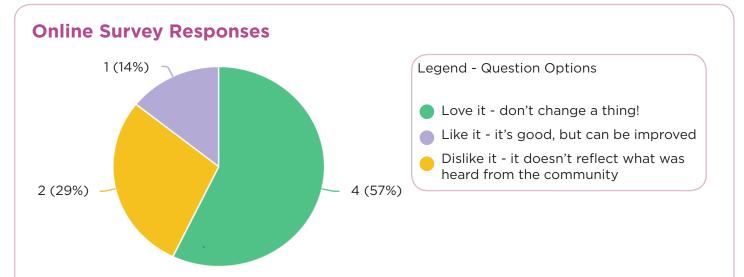


- I agree with this and the wording is found in the PPS (Provincial Policy Statement). I think however the Meadowvale area and overall Mississauga has a large supply of low density housing (single and semis). Perhaps this guiding principle can acknowledge that and promote more growth in middle density (townhouse, stacked townhouse, midrise) or promote residential development types that the area is currently lacking.
- Change wording: Provide Diverse Housing Choices or Provide Each Resident With a Diverse Housing Choice (grammatical change)
- This example shows a little more design quality which would add much to the built character of Meadowvale as well as providing for diverse needs. The design appearance of new developments should have high-quality professional oversight (all cities should) to help develop the character of individual regions. It is unprofessional not to. Your average resident expects their car, furniture, etc., to be designed to a professional standard and appropriate for use. We should all expect the same from our neighbourhoods and cities. Cars and household goods come and go, but cities are around for generations.

**Principle 7-Improve Connectivity**: Improve connectivity by expanding pedestrian and cycling networks within the Meadowvale Neighourhood and ensure that circulation for new development is permeable and complete.

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- Connections need to be safe for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers
- Cycle paths should be adjacent to sidewalks
- Cycling should be for travel and recreation, e.g. paths to shops etc.
- Multi-use trails. Drivers, both cyclists and car, need to be educated. Better signage required
- Multi use trails should be continuous both within the Meadowvale neighbourhood and connecting to the surrounding communities
- "Don't wait for new development"
- This should apply to existing infrastructure, not only to new development
- Road and transit networks need improved connectivity too



How can we make the principle better?

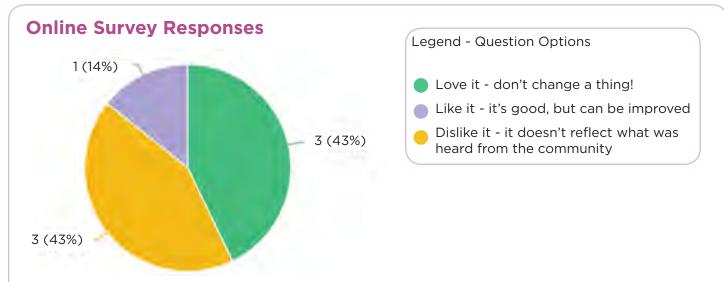
Verbatim comments:

- Perhaps this is a good opportunity to also mention what exactly we want to connect to whether that's the GO station, Meadowvale Town Centre, Community Centre, etc.
- I think you mean access, not connectivity. (I am also questioning the appropriateness of the adjective "permeable" in this context)
- May need a little more parkland to facilitate the process.

**Principle 8-Improve Parking Environments:** Improve the quality of the built environment in the Meadowvale Neighbourhood by encouraging parking away from public sight lines, behind buildings, parking structures, underground parking, or green parking lots with planting and pedestrian walkways..

#### **Design Charrette Comments:**

- Yes!
- More underground and safe parking
- Secured (covered) bike parking, especially at stores, transit stations
- Street parking should be compatible with bike paths safety concern
- Public places and other facilities need adequate parking



- This is a good improvement in the way we park. However, this conflicts with our earlier guiding principle on sustainability with our current parking by-laws being extremely high comparing to the rest of the GTA. We should not allow so much parking, specifically surface. Structured parking should be provided where feasible (e.g, high density developments). Public lands also have way too much parking (e.g, Meadowvale Town Centre and Meadowvale GO). If there are structures ever created e.g at Meadowvale Town Centre, the land could be a different use to make the neighbourhood more lively (such as a commercial use).
- Would prefer not to have underground parking structures
- Address safety concerns for 'hidden' parking bock lots, underground garages, etc. This is a high density area with lots of vandalism and criminal activity in secluded spaces.
- The amount of asphalt surface parking in Meadowvale is a bit of an eyesore. Research the cost of automated underground parking. It is not that expensive when you subtract the value of the land liberated and the development that can be built on it.

## **Design Stations**

Each typology station was facilitated by an urban designer who guided a discussion about what redevelopment could look like on the site. Key messages of these discussions are summarized below by station.

## **Station 2-Townhouse Typology**



Option emerging from Station 2

Many participants would like to see new development maintain or enhance the relationship with open space. They felt new development should provide access to open space on the site, and connect to nearby open spaces such as parks and trail systems. To maintain the views from within parks and trails, density is preferred to be on major streets and not adjacent to the parks and trails.

For the most part, participants were not opposed to midrise or taller developments if there is opportunity to maintain or enhance open space. There was general consensus that infill development of townhouse sites could be designed to provide adequate space from neighbouring houses while also providing a courtyard or another form of open space on site.

Participants indicated that new development should minimize shadows and promote sky views. To reduce shadows, a point tower was viewed as more desirable than a slab building form. Participants also suggested that minimizing shadows and encouraging sky views could be achieved with stepbacks at higher levels of midrise developments. The narrower the building is at higher levels, the more access there is to sky views. In addition, there will be less of a shadow impact at the ground level.

There was interest in placing taller buildings on major streets and/or adjacent to commercial sites, instead of on local streets.

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#### Many participants discussed the need for accessible design within residential developments.

Seniors, young parents, and those with disabilities were noted as potential residents who would benefit from elevators and other accessible design features. Development that supported the use of an elevator was therefore preferred over housing options that only allowed stairs (e.g. walkups).

## **Station 3 - Retail Typology**



Options emerging from Station 3

**Participants desired green space and green connections on retail sites.** They felt that commercial sites should incorporate setbacks with green space and that landscaping be maintained on the commercial properties. They also commented that pedestrian access should be provided through greenways that connect through the site. In addition, to ensure privacy, green space should be used to separate retail sites from neighbouring residential properties.

Many participants suggested that mixed use development is preferred rather than standalone commercial development. They felt that retail on the first floor of mixed use buildings, visible from the street, would provide good access to shopping. The second floor could be used for office, while the remaining upper floors should be used for residential.

**Participants felt that most parking should be underground.** They felt underground parking would maintain good access to the site, and elevators would allow parking to be more accessible. They also felt some surface parking may be required for persons with disabilities.

#### Participants felt design was an important component to successful commercial development.

They suggested the redevelopment of commercial sites could incorporate 3-14 storey buildings with retail at ground level and residential on top. Different suggestions and opinions about layout were explored:

• Some felt that the existing "L" shaped retail plazas are undesirable, and instead liked "C" shaped buildings with an internal courtyard.

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- Some discussed that they would like to see a taller building in the centre of the site, with a low podium (rather than tall buildings on the edge).
- Many said they do not want to see blank walls facing the street. Instead, they favour glass or other ways to ensure "eyes on the street".

## Station 4 - Mixed Townhouse and Tower Typology



Options emerging from Station 4

Most participants supported density "if done right", while few were opposed to tall buildings all together.

Most participants felt density should be concentrated in the middle of a site. New buildings should transition up away from the street and up away from any existing adjacent low rise development. Generally people enjoyed the setbacks and wanted buildings to transition up towards the middle of the site. They further suggested that the placement of and distance between towers should maintain existing sky views.

Other participants felt townhouses could be placed around tall buildings. They suggested that new townhouses maintain a setback from the street, and include a buffer of landscaped space between them and existing detached houses.

**Landscaping/greening is promoted.** Many suggested green roofs to contribute to greening and sustainability. To provide transition between towers and detached houses, many suggested additional landscaping as a buffer between the two housing types.

Many participants would like surface parking to be reduced or removed. They suggested that some surface level parking should be maintained for visitors and those with accessibility needs, however, most parking is preferred to be located underground.

## **Station 5 - Tower in the Park Typology**



Options emerging from Station 5

Many participants suggested there is excess surface parking for the sites and most of the time, the spaces are empty. While many would like to maintain some surface parking spaces, they also indicated the excess space could be used for new development of townhouses and more open space.

Many participants also supported the accommodation of midrise developments on infill sites (between 5-12 storeys). They would like buildings to be stepped back to maintain access to light and sky views. They also felt the townhouses should maintain a setback from the street as well as from the existing tall buildings.

Many participants would like the placement of new development closer to the street edges, instead of near the parks or trail system.

Most participants felt that the setbacks of any new development from the streets and adjacent sites is important so that the new development is not imposing on the context.

Many identified the need to enhance or add connections to the existing trail systems through these sites.

Participants would like new development to include designs that maintain open spaces on the sites. They felt that setbacks, appropriate separation distances between buildings and buildings designed to step back should be used to accomplish this.

## **Next Steps**

The team is reviewing the feedback from Phase 2 of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study to incorporate it into a draft recommendations and demonstrations report. A third community workshop will take place in early 2019 and provide an opportunity for the community to review and comment on revised guiding principles and the draft recommendations and demonstrations report.



City of Mississauga staff facilitating conversations about options for the typologies



## **Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study**

Phase 3 What We Heard Summary (Draft Recommendations Review)

April 2019

## Townhouse, Apartment, Retail Commercial and Place of Worship Areas

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## Introduction

#### Overview

The goal of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study (the study) is to develop a policy framework that will guide future growth and compatible development in the area. The study is being conducted in three phases:

**Phase 1** - Understand Meadowvale/Establish Guiding Principles

Phase 2 - Explore and Confirm Ideas

**Phase 3** - Synthesis and Final Report

In Phase 1, the study team conducted background research regarding the Meadowvale area which included extensive public engagement. Through Community Workshop #1, an online survey and interviews with the community, we spoke with over 200 people about their experiences within Meadowvale and what they value about the area.

In Phase 2, the study team developed draft guiding principles and identified four site typologies representative of the Meadowvale neighbourhood that could be considered for redevelopment. Approximately 40 participants attended a bus and walking tour and design charrette or responded to an online survey to comment on the draft guiding principles and to explore various redevelopment possibilities for the four site typologies.

In Phase 3, the study team developed recommendations based on the vision and guiding principles resulting from the public engagement process, the team's professional expertise and an undertanding of all existing policy context of all levels of government.

## **How We Engaged in Phase 3**

## **Community Workshop**

On February 28, 2019, the City of Mississauga, with DTAH and Gladki Planning Associates, hosted a community workshop as part of Phase 3 of the Meadowvale Neighbourhood Character Study.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- present the final vision, guiding principles, and draft recommendations;
- communicate how the recommendations reflect community feedback, policy directions, urban design best practices;
- test the draft design recommendations by illustrating their impact on four different typical sites in Meadowvale; and
- collect feedback on the draft recommendations from participants.

Approximately 30 people were in attendance. To start the meeting, Councillor Pat Saito welcomed participants. Brent Raymond of DTAH gave a presentation outlining the process to date, the policy background, the draft vision and guiding principles, the recommendations and test sites. This was followed by a Question and Answer period facilitated by Sara Udow.

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Participants were then invited to visit six (6) different stations to delve deeper into the recommendations. Four (4) of the stations included demonstrations which illustrated how the recommendations could be applied to various site typologies. Sites were chosen to ensure examples of a varied built form type and context. The fifth station included a projector with 3D sketch-up modelling software. This technology allowed the impact of the various design recommendations to be illustrated from various perspectives for all four test sites. The last station titled "Making Room for the Middle Housing Strategy" provided information to participants on the City's housing strategy as affordability was a key theme discussed throughout the process.

#### **Stations at Community Workshop**

- 1. Demonstration site: Partial/Full Redevelopment
- 2. Demonstration site: Infill around Tower
- 3. Demonstration site: Commercial to Mixed-Use
- 4. Demonstration site: Apartment and Townhouse Redevelopment
- 5. 3D Sketchup Model
- 6. Affordable Housing

A comment feedback sheet was also provided to participants for any additional remarks. Thirteen (13) participants submitted feedback sheets.

#### Online Feedback

In addition to the community workshop, the City provided an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the recommendations online.



Community Workshop #3, Station 5, "Making Room for the Middle Housing Strategy", February 28th 2019

#### What We Heard

Overall, participants believe the recommendations reflect the guiding principles and what was heard throughout the process.

"I'm happy with the integration of residents' input for the guiding principles and the involvement opportunities for Meadowvale residents throughout the process."

## Many participants appreciated the consideration of the Meadowvale context in the recommendations.

- This includes the rationale for the separation distances between buildings and the setbacks to enhance and preserve the green and open spaces and skyviews.
- Participants also indicated that the heights of the new tall buildings should be reasonable.
- Lastly, many participants also liked the placement of parking below grade, to maintain the green and open spaces as much as possible.

"I appreciate this design process - it feels like the uniqueness of our neighbourhood is being seen and incorporated into the plans. I understand there is a need for population intensification, but it's so important not to destroy what makes people want to live here in the first place."

#### Preservation of existing retail uses was reiterated as a priority.

• Participants reiterated the need for a mix of uses, including the preservation of existing retail.

#### Better cycling infrastructure was discussed.

• Many participants advocated for more and safer bike lanes in the area, both on and off-street.

#### A need for family size units was a key issue discussed.

• Some participants questioned whether the 750 sqm floorplate will result in small units within the buildings. They indicated there is a need for larger unit sizes within the study area.

## There was concern that additional density could lead to constraints on Meadowvale's infrastructure (traffic, parking, community services, etc.)

 Participants expressed concern that additional density could affect the school system, community infrastructure as well as transportation.



Community Workshop #3, February 28th 2019

## **Detailed Summary of Feedback**

### **Community Workshop Stations**

At each of the four demonstration stations, participants were invited to answer the questions:

- Does the demonstration reflect the guiding principles developed?
- If so, why? If not, why not?

The community was asked to write their responses on different coloured sticky notes as follows:

- Green Yes, the recommendations reflect the Guiding Principles.
- Pink No, the recommendations don't reflect the Guiding Principles.
- Yellow Other comment.

No participants felt the recommendations did not reflect the guiding principles. They either used green or yellow stickies to respond. Responses verbatim are included below:

#### Station 1 - Infill around Tower

- Enjoy space between buildings for sunlight
- Like stepbacks at 4 storeys
- Maintain connections to park (easements)
- Angular plane is a great idea once I saw the computer model with shadow modelling, I now understand the importance and believe it must be in the plan

#### Other Comments:

- Please ensure setback from Battleford Road accommodates future usages such as cycling lanes
- Small retail convenience and grocery stores should be maintained
- All parking structures should have electric charge outlets in all parking spaces



Community Workshop #3, February 28th 2019

#### Townhouse, Apartment, Retail Commercial and Place of Worship Areas

#### Station 2 - Apartments/Townhouse Redevelopment

- At Aquitaine and Montevideo: Ensure townhomes are built on the park side
- Mixed-use reflects the nature of Meadowvale
- I like the mid-rise concept best
- This meets the guiding principles (prefer the 10+12 tower)
- Like the townhouses next to the lake and green space

#### Station 3 - Commercial to Mixed Use

• Happy with density: balance between suburban and urban

#### Other Comments:

- Importance: Easy, accessibility to retail, parking
- Concern for continuing presence of retail

#### Station 4 - Partial/Full Redevelopment

- Like underground parking. Makes the site greener, park-like
- Like back-to-back and stacked townhouses

#### Other Comments:

- Concern with common underground parking: Safety/Functionality
- Ensure accessibility to seniors
- In second option (FSI 1.24), how will new development integrate with older townhomes?
- Concern about impact of density on traffic, schools, capacity etc.
- Lack of public amenity space on site
- Bike lanes would be great

#### **Comment Sheet Feedback:**

The feedback sheets provided participants with the opportunity to comment on 1) what they are happy with; 2) what they are concerned about; 3) other comments. Thirteen (13) comment sheets were filled out. Verbatim comments are provided below

#### I am happy with....

- The suggestion of keeping the high rise building to lower levels.
- The computer modelling of the test cases. I couldn't understand the angular plane requirement until I saw the shadow casting and realized how important it is to existing buildings and residences. Please have that interactive station again if you need to explain.
- All the info shared and the staff clarification at each station.
- Everything.
- Integration of residents input for the guiding principles. The involvement opportunities for Meadowvale residents throughout the process.
- What was said.
- The envelope study to try and keep height reasonable as well as closeness to other buildings.

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- The increased setbacks and space between buildings meets the sky and open space guiding principles.
- The thought and pre-planning that is going into the changes of our neighbourhood. The opportunity to provide input.
- Heights being proposed.
- The heights, focusing a lot of the height in the node area makes a lot of sense. Height around the lake could offer more vibrancy and encourage more pedestrian traffic in the open space/trails.
- Sizes of buildings suggested seem to be modified.
- Keeping the "flavour and appeal" of Meadowvale.

#### I have concerns about...

- Realistically, I am hearing that the high-rises will likely be at least 15 20 stories as developers find it more valuable.
- Aesthetics I want to make sure the intensification works with what is already here (colors, materials, etc.).
- Too high buildings and losing the view of the sky.
- Ensuring universal design, accessibility and "aging" in place is available.
- Density and associated issues not discussed.
- Increases in density impact the areas. Concerned about the size of units in a building that is only 750 sq meters (concern about small units and affordability.)
- What the province may do to us re: development.
- It is difficult to provide family size larger units in a rental building.
- Need for large unit sizes to accommodate renters. The suggestion of a 750 m2 floor plate does not work for rental.
- A larger floor plate size allows the developer to offer a range of unit sizes. The large tower separation proposed 50 m is nothing like what any other municipality is doing, 25 30 m is more reasonable.
- Traffic, parking etc., related to increased density.
- Increased density and resulting complications (e.g. schools, traffic).

#### Other comments

- I appreciate this design process it feels like the uniqueness of our neighbourhood is being seen and incorporated into the plans. I understand there is a need for population intensification, but it's so important not to destroy what makes people want to live here in the first place.
- Thank you.
- Many thanks to all the staff for their hard work!
- See you at the next session.
- We need projects like this.
- Consider incentive of larger floor plates for purpose built rentals.
- A useful participation process.

## **Online Survey**

The online survey included two questions:

- Do the recommendations reflect the guiding principles and what we heard throughout the engagement process?
- Please explain further. How can we better reflect the guiding principles and what we heard in the recommendations?

Thirteen (13) people responded to the online survey. Nine (9) respondents felt the recommendations reflected the guiding principles and what was heard through the process. Three (3) respondents felt that the recommendations somewhat reflect the principles and process and one (1) felt that they did not reflect the principles and process at all.

#### Additional comments include:

- Concerns about congestion and development pressure; and
- Questions about certain developments outside the scope of this study.



Community members reviewing demonstation models for the Meadowvale neighbourhood at Community Workshop #3, February 28th 2019



Community Workshop #3 presentation, February 28th 2019

## Testing the Draft Recommendations Demonstration Model: Site 1



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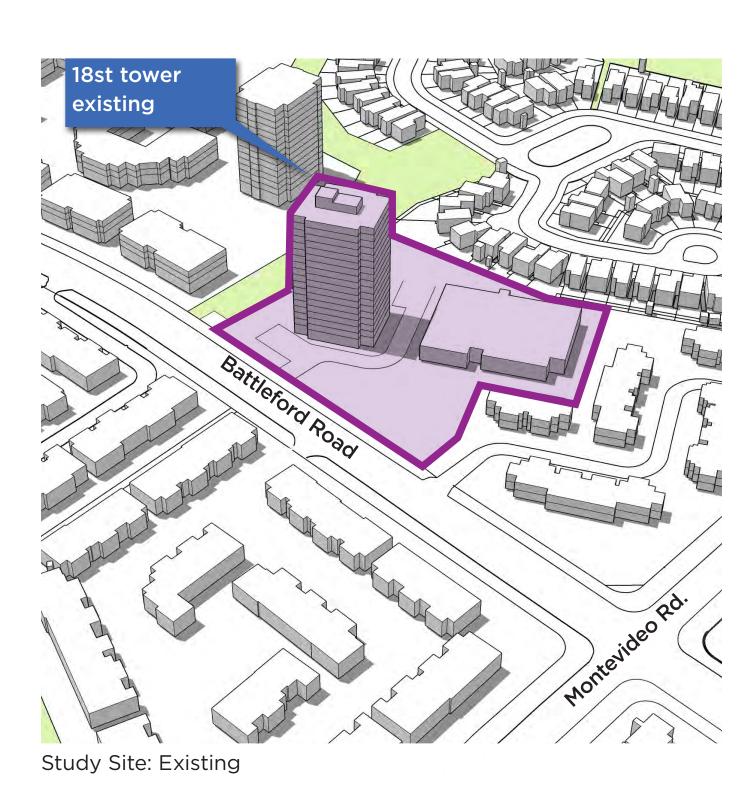
## 2645 Battleford Road Infill Around Tower

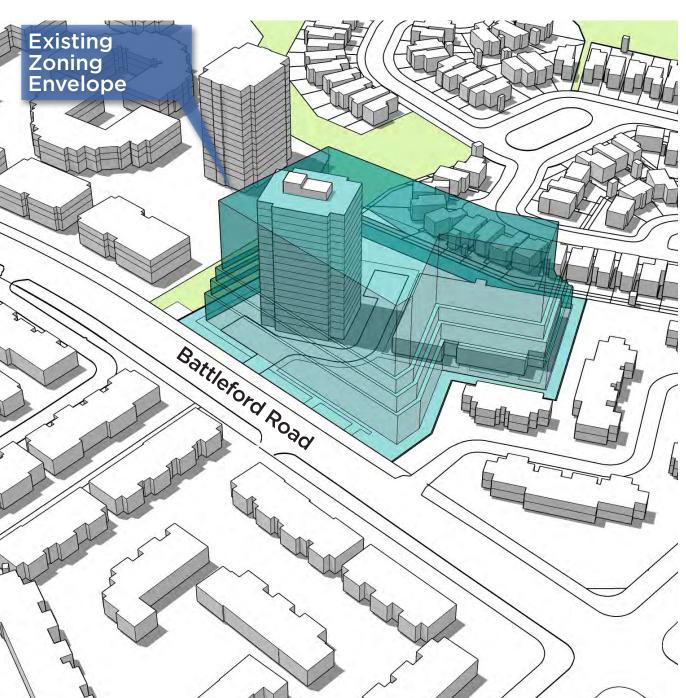
This site is a rental 18-storey apartment building with a 2-storey parking structure and surface parking. It is next to parkland, low density residential and townhouses. Vehicle access is from Battleford Road. The site includes a landscape buffer from streets and adjacent uses.

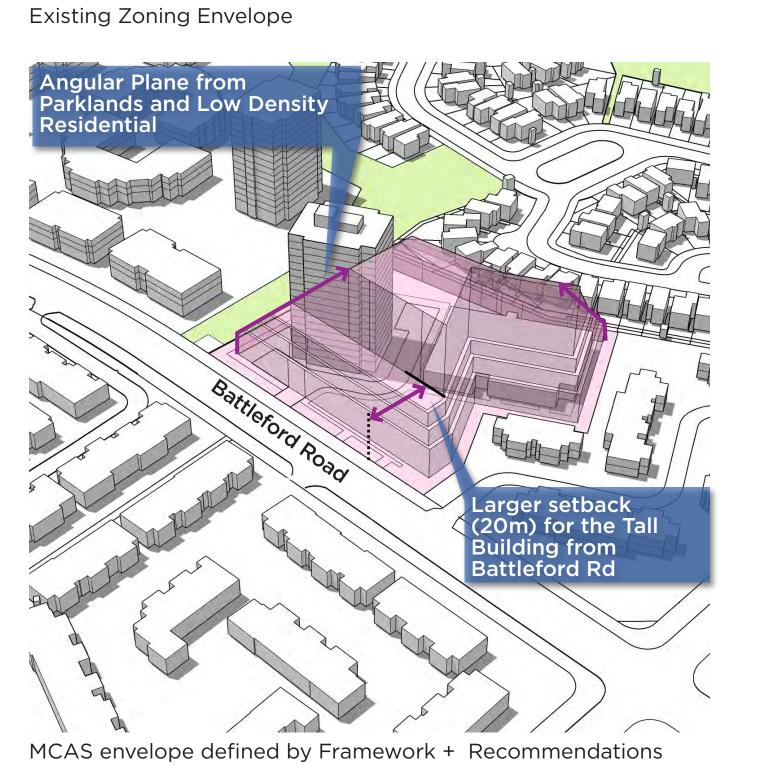
The demonstration explores possible infill opportunities for the site, with the assumption that parking would relocate below grade. Built form is shaped to respect the adjacent uses and strengthen the relationship with the streets and open spaces.

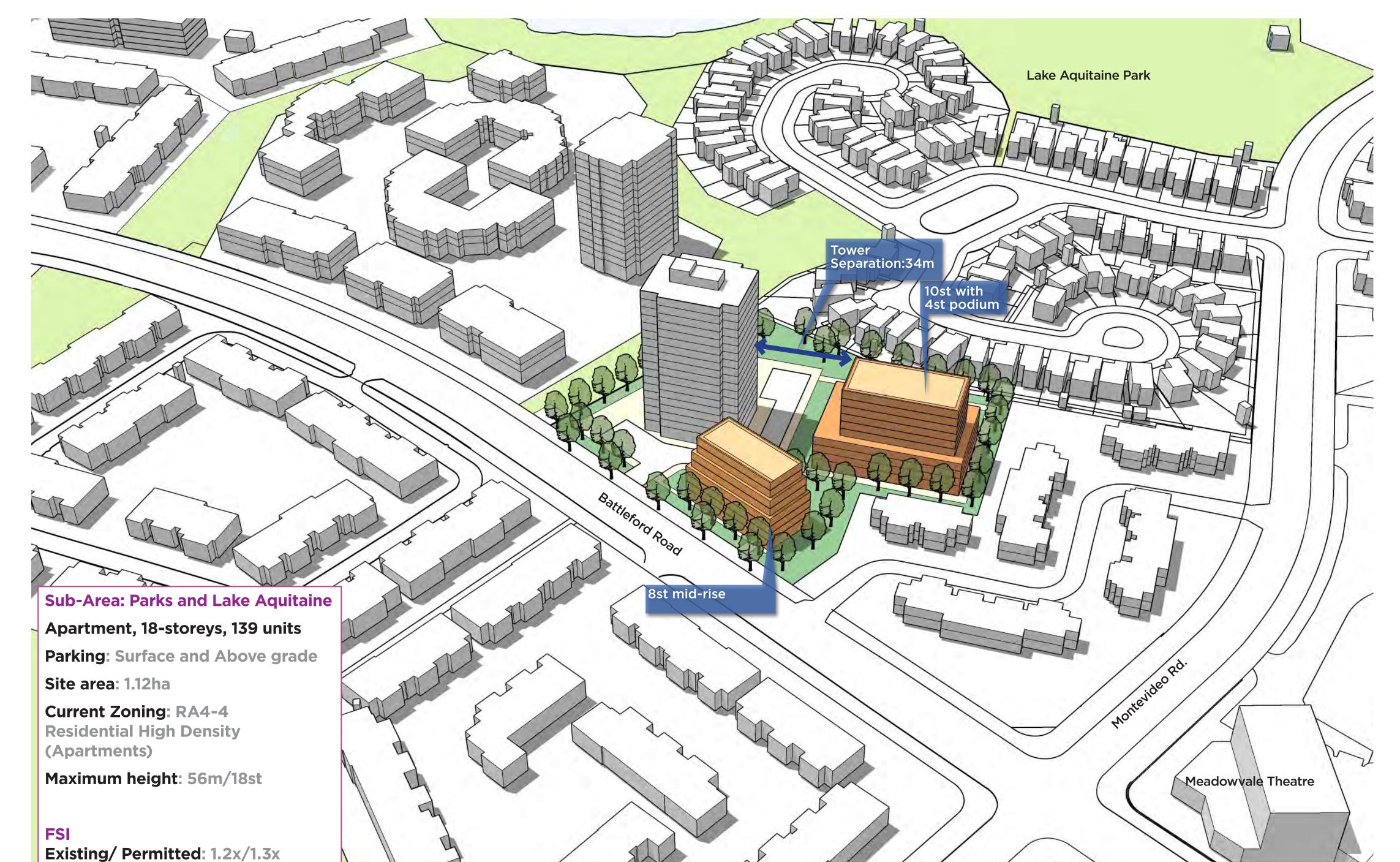
#### **Key Features**

- Deep setbacks from street and adjacent uses.
- Transition of height from property lines to minimize shadow and protect for access to sunlight and skyview.
- Entrances to grade related units and lobbies facing streets and common spaces.
- Common amenity space at grade.
- Parking is below-grade with some surface parking retained.
- Maintain and enhance connections through the site to adjacent parks.
- Demonstration illustrates different possible built form that fits within the same controls.



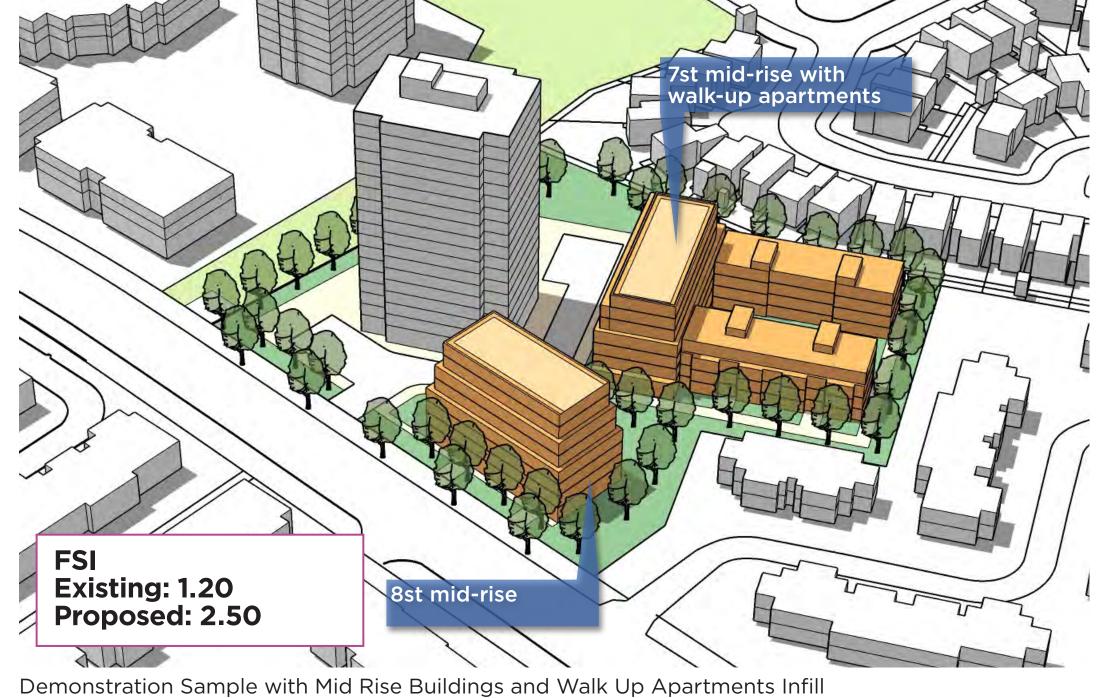


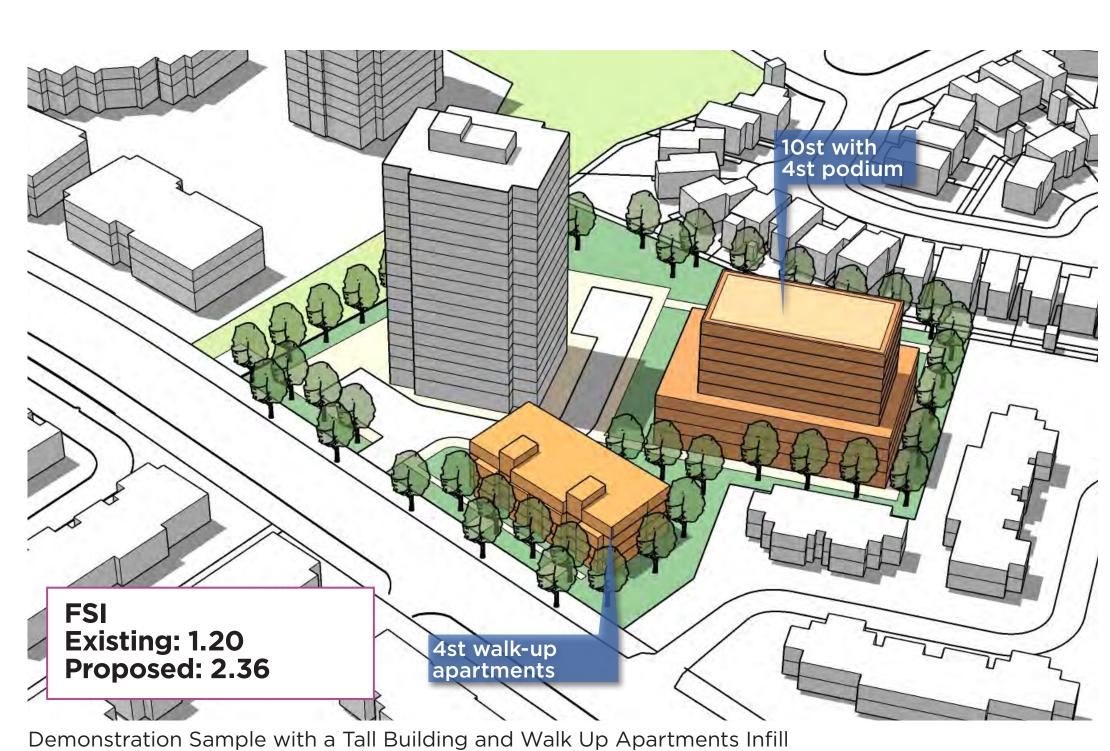




Demonstration Sample with a Tall Building and a Mid Rise Building Infill

Proposed FSI: 2.52





# Testing the Draft Recommendations Demonstration Model: Site 2



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# 2660 Aquitaine Avenue at Montevideo Road Apartments/Townhouse Redevelopment

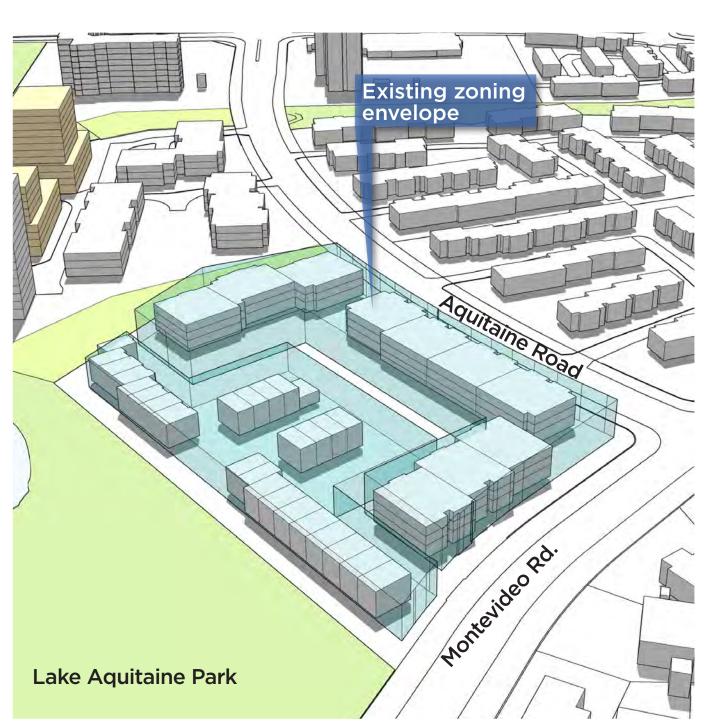
The site includes walk-up apartments and townhouses, and is a Peel Region Housing rental property and within the Parks and Lake Aquitaine Sub-Area. It has parkland on two sides and addresses Aquitaine Road and Montevideo Road. The property has entrances to grade-related units and lobbies with a generous landscaped setback from the streets. Parking is at surface and below-grade.

The demonstration explores possible comprehensive redevelopment for the site. Built form is shaped to respect the adjacent uses and strengthen the relationship with the streets and open spaces.

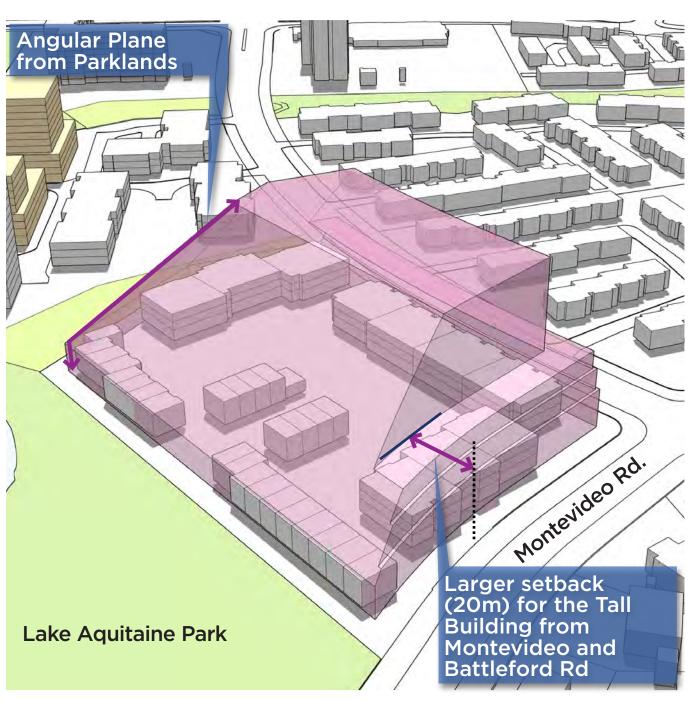
#### **Key Features**

- Deep setbacks from street and adjacent uses.
- Transition of height from property lines to minimize shadow and protect for access to sunlight and skyview.
- Entrances to grade-related units and lobbies facing streets and common spaces.
- Maintain and enhance connections through the site to adjacent parks.
- Common amenity space at grade.
- Parking is below-grade with potential for some at surface.
- Demonstration illustrates different possible built form that fits within the same controls.

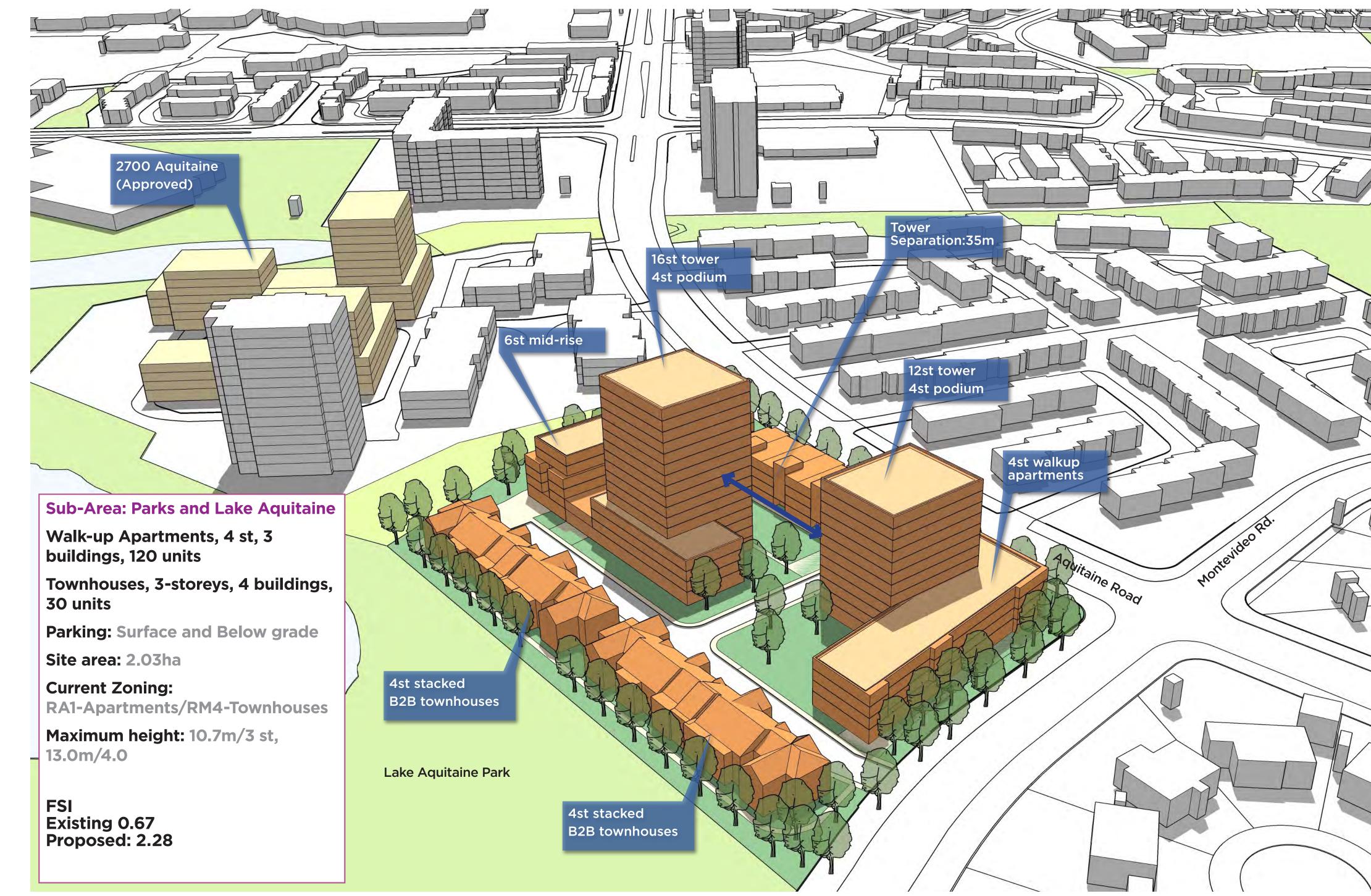




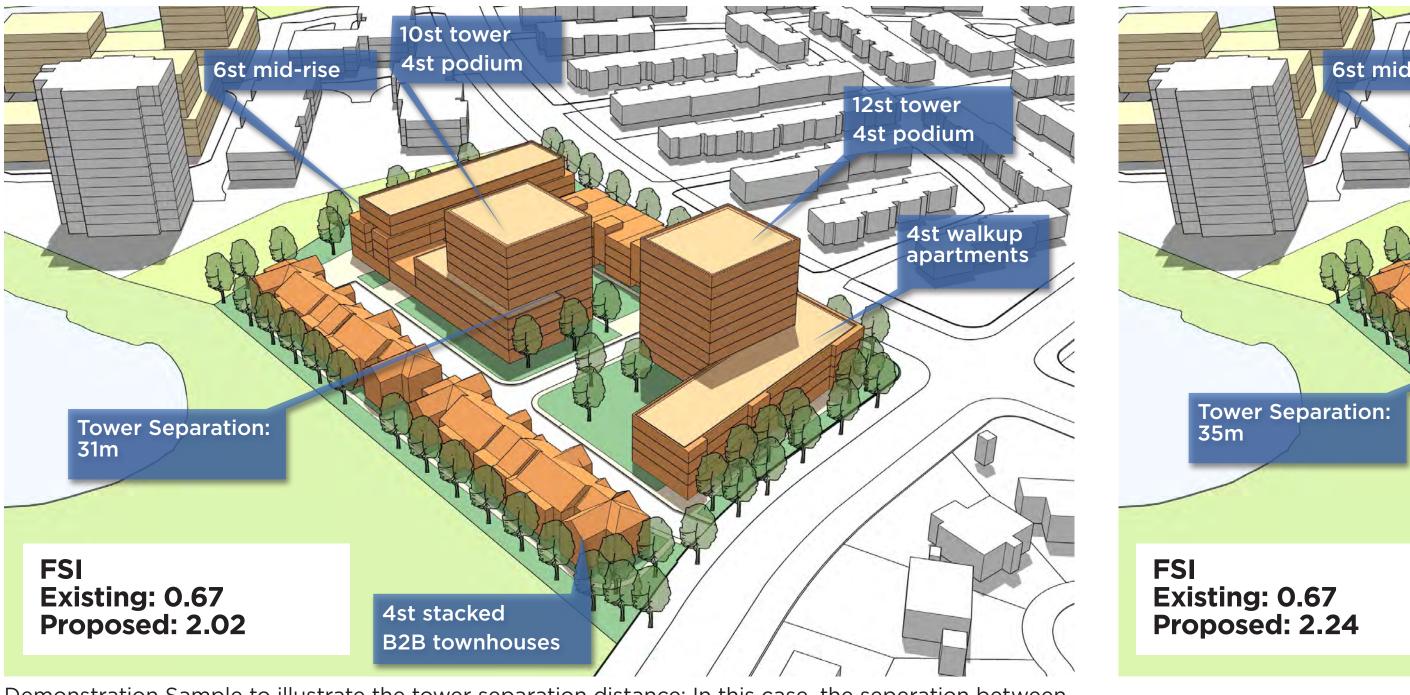
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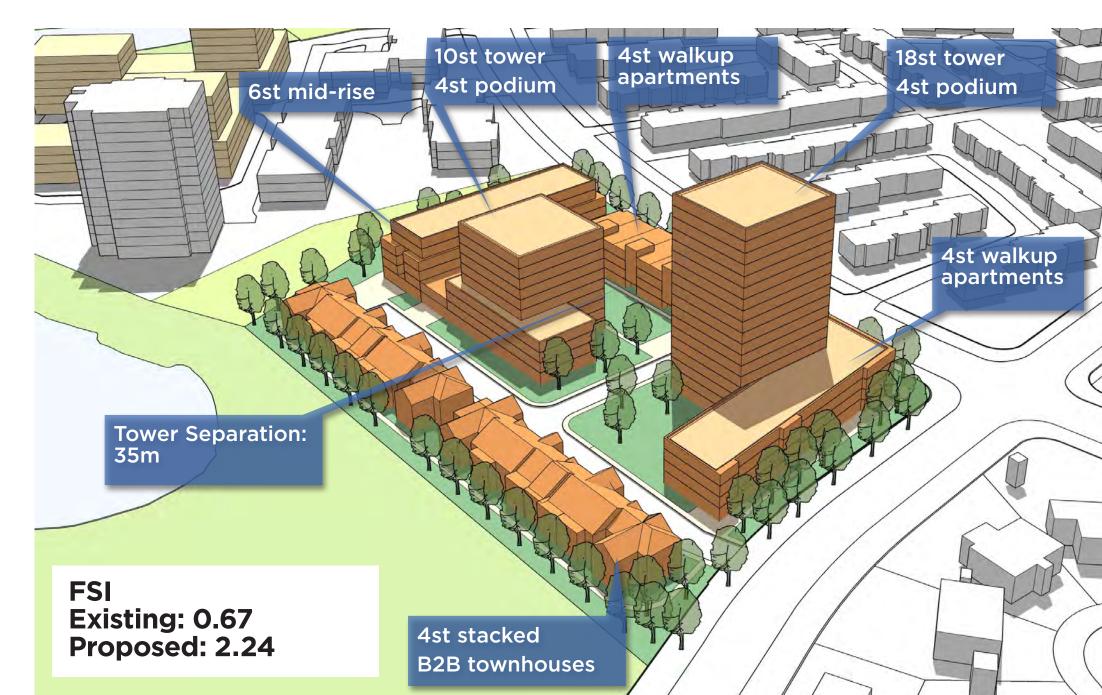




Demonstration Sample with a mix of building types where both the Tall buildings reflect the maximum number of storeys within the MCAS envelope. In this case, the 16 storey tower is in the centre of the site to minimize it's shadow impact on the streets and open spaces.



Demonstration Sample to illustrate the tower separation distance: In this case, the separation between a 10 storeys tower and 12 storey is 31m. With the increase in the number of storeys(image on the right), the separation distance increases to 35m.



## Testing the Draft Recommendations Demonstration Model: Site 3



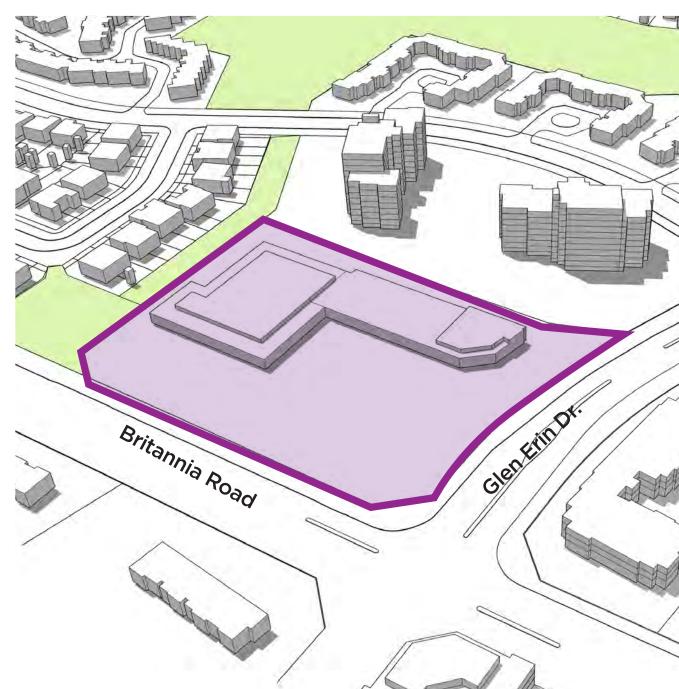
### 6040 Glen Erin Drive at **Britannia Road** Commercial to Mixed-Use

This neighbourhood retail centre is one of the two medium sized commercial properties within the Study Area. It includes a grocery store and other services with surface parking. It is adjacent to parkland and high-density residential properties and address two major streets. A tall building is across Britannia Road to the southeast.

The demonstration explores possible comprehensive mixeduse redevelopment with a range of building types and heights. Given its location at the Glen Erin South Sub-Area, tall buildings are considered appropriate. Retail uses would be retained.

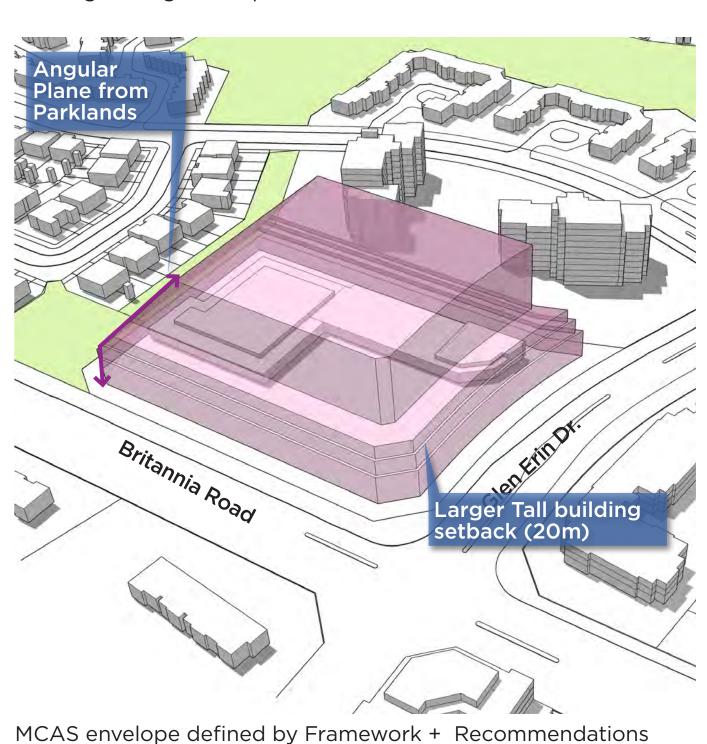
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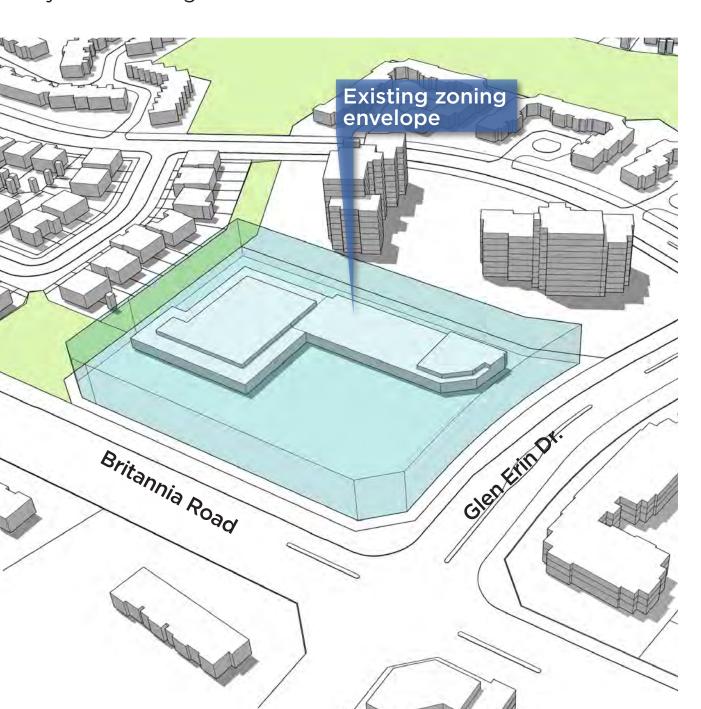
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- Transition of height from property lines to minimize shadow and protect for access to sunlight and skyview.
- Entrances to grade-related units and lobbies facing streets and common spaces.
- Maintain and enhance connections through the site to adjacent parks.
- Common amenity space at-grade.
- Parking is structured above or below grade with potential for some at surface.
- Demonstration illustrates different possible built form that fits within the same controls.

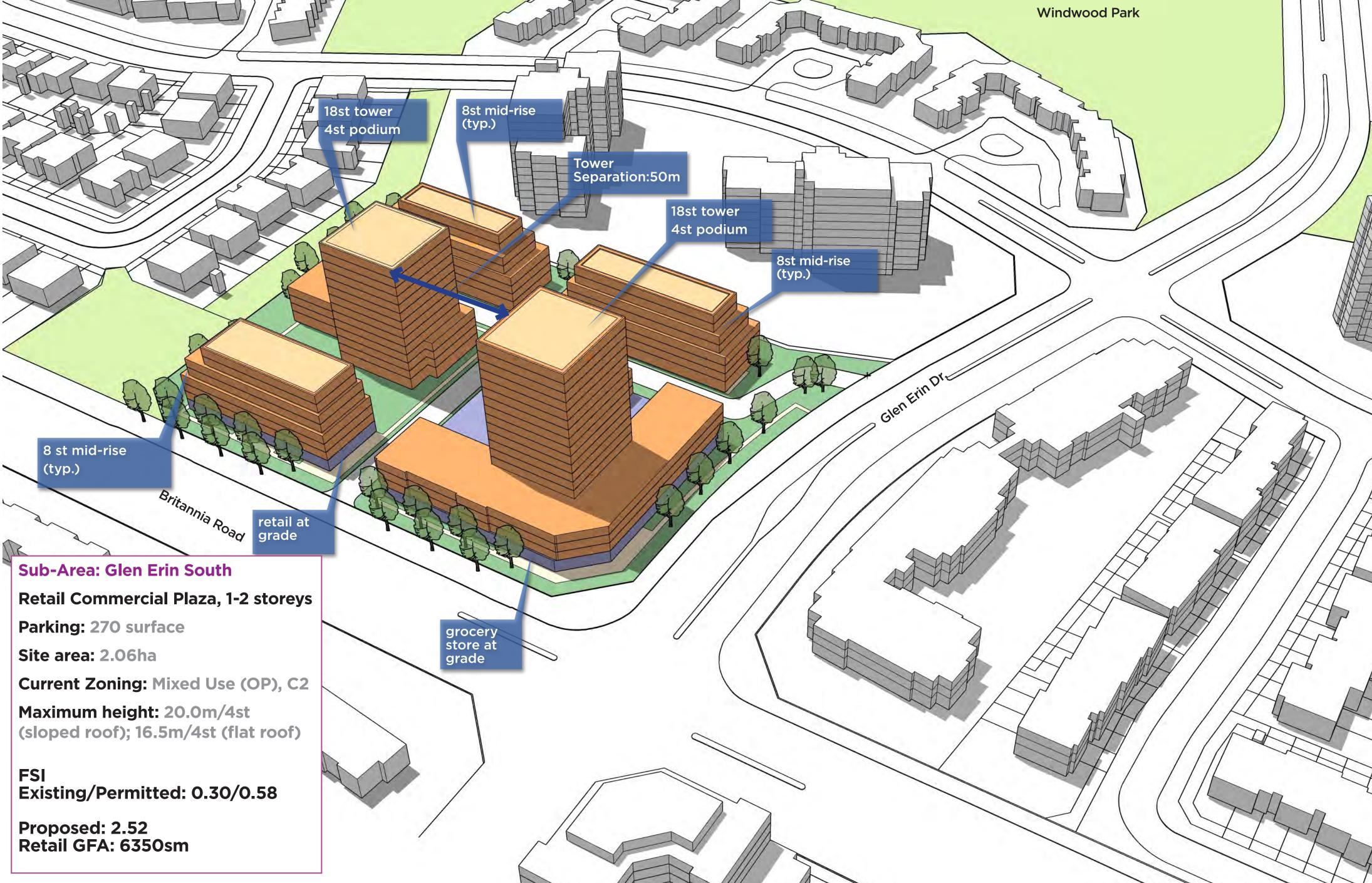


Study Site: Existing

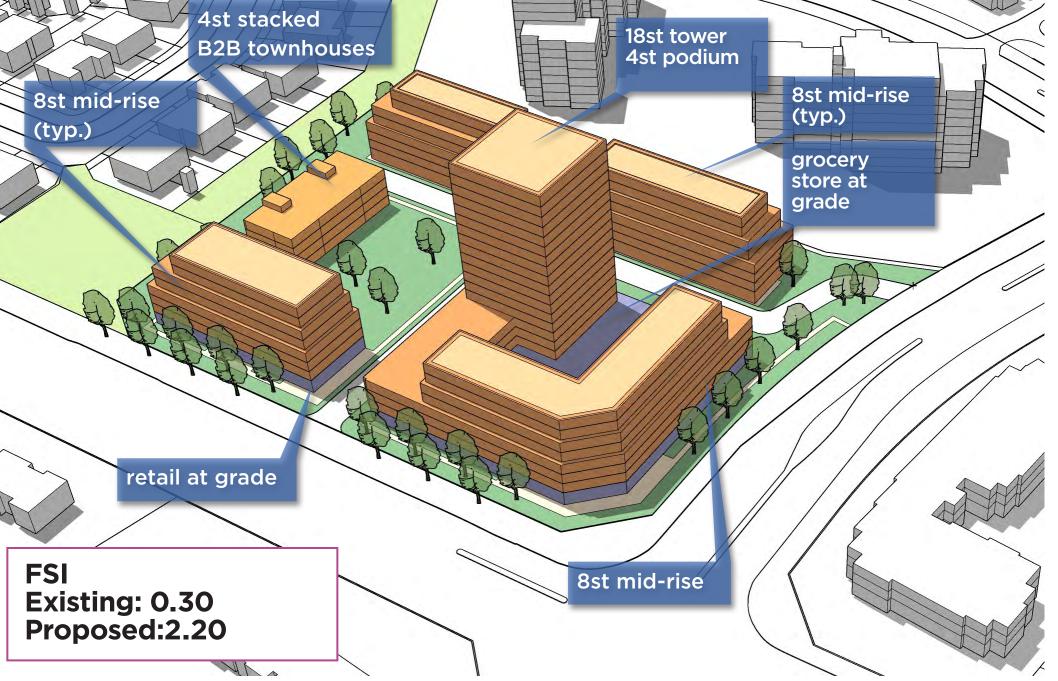
**Existing Zoning Envelope** 







Demonstration Sample illustrating two Tall buildings with a combination of other building types with at grade retail and grocery store.



Demonstration Sample illustrating a single Tall building with a combination of other building types.

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## Testing the Draft Recommendations Demonstration Model: Site 4



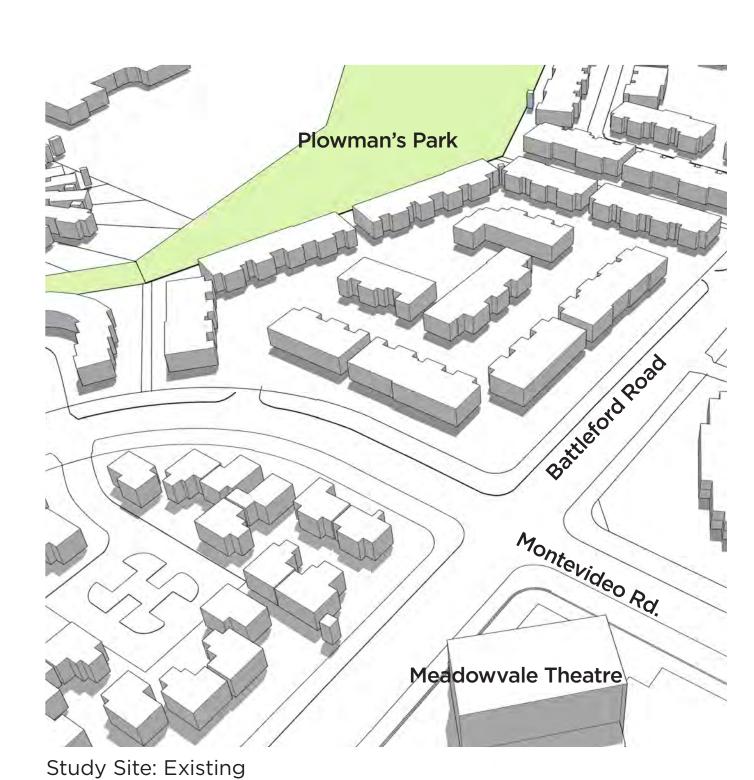
## **6260 Montevideo Road at Battleford Rd**

## Partial/Full Redevelopment

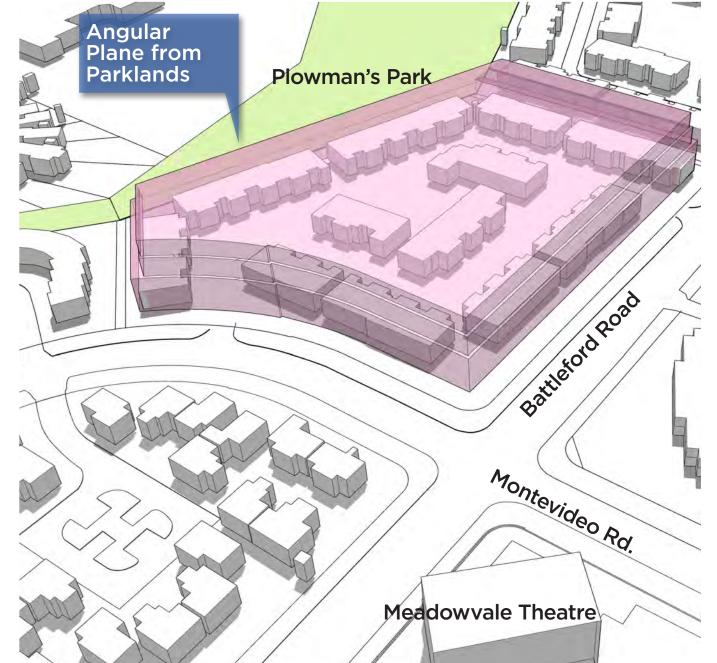
This townhouse development is currently a rental property with surface parking. Its location across from the Meadowvale Theatre and West Credit Secondary School make it an attractive site for potential redevelopment and intensification. Given its location on the southside of Battleford east of the Community Node, it is not an appropriate site for tall buildings.

#### **Key Features**

- Two options explored: partial and full (or comprehensive) redevelopment.
- Deep setbacks from street and adjacent uses, similar to the existing site.
- Transition of height from property lines to minimize shadow and protect for access to sunlight and skyview.
- Entrances to grade-related units and lobbies facing streets and common spaces.
- Maintain and enhance connections through the site to adjacent parks.
- Common amenity space at-grade.
- Parking is structured below grade with potential for some at surface.
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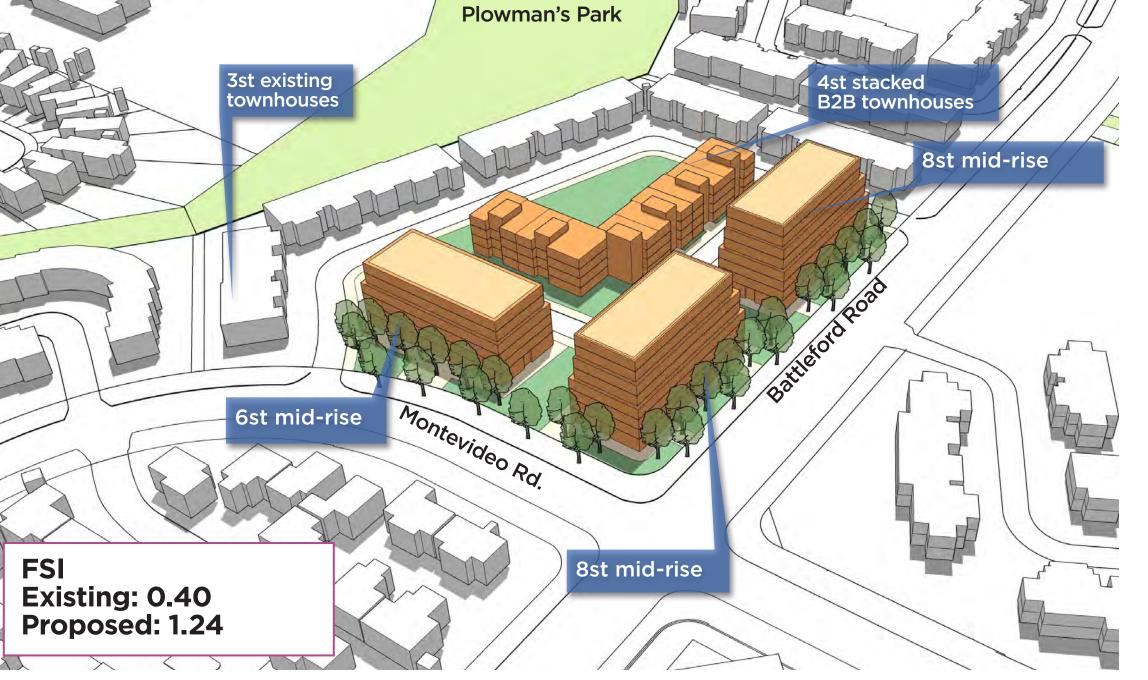
Existing zoning Plowman's Park Meadowvale Theatre



**Existing Zoning Envelope** 



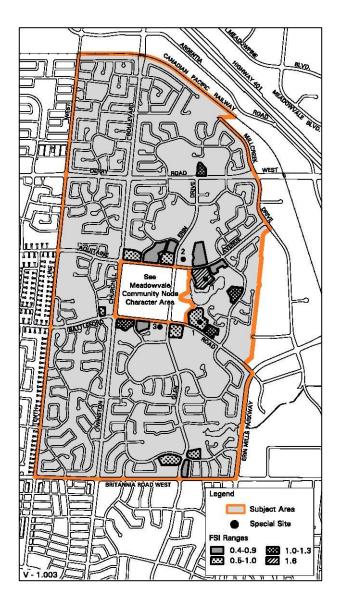




Partial redevelopment scenario: Mid-rises and stacked townhouses development closer to the streets while the existing townhouses adjacent to the park is retained.

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#### 16.16 Meadowvale



Remove FSI ranges from the map.

#### 16.16.1 Vision

Meadowvale is a vibrant and complete community founded on the principles of generous and well-connected open spaces, a diversity of housing types, safe and convenient means of moving about, and access to sunlight and open skies. As

Meadowvale grows from its roots as a self-contained, master-planned community, it will continue to provide a mix of uses and housing options – including a range of rental housing by type, unit size and affordability. New development shall respect, fit in with, and reinforce the qualities that make Meadowvale a unique place to live, work and play.

#### <del>16.16.1</del>16.16.2 Land Use

16.16.2.1 Meadowvale will maintain its attributes as a master-planned community with a mix of uses connected by a network of streets, parks, open spaces and walkways.

16.16.2.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, proposals with heights of up to 12 storeys may be permitted on lands designated Mixed Use and Residential High Density subject to the following requirement:

a. the total gross floor area of new and existing buildings does not exceed a maximum floor space index (FSI) of 2.0.

16.16.2.3 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, proposals with heights of up to 8 storeys may be permitted on lands designated Residential Medium Density subject to the following requirements:

- a. the development is located in proximity to the Meadowvale Community Node, or immediately adjacent to lands designated Mixed Use;
- b. the development continues to integrate at least one type of permitted low-rise dwelling; and
- c. the development meets the transition policies of this Plan.

16.16.1.1 In addition to the general Residential Medium and High Density development policies of this Plan, the following additional policy applies specifically to this Character Area:

a. in order to create acceptable built form transitions, buildings should be limited in height

- when adjacent to low density residential neighbourhoods. Buildings
- b. immediately adjacent to low density housing forms should be limited to three storeys. In situations where the low density housing forms are separated from high density development by a public road or other permanent open space feature, a height of four to five storeys may be compatible.

16.16.1.2 Lands designated Residential Low Density II will not permit the following uses:

a. triplexes, street townhouses and other forms of low-rise dwellings with individual frontages.

16.16.1.316.16.2.4 Lands designated Residential Medium Density will also permit low-rise apartment dwellings.

#### 16.16.3 Urban Design

16.16.3.1 The built form in Meadowvale will preserve an open and green character by:

- a. limiting the number of taller buildings above 8 storeys to appropriate locations in the neighbourhood, with a focal point near the Meadowvale Community Node;
- maintaining generous access to natural light, sky views and privacy with a minimum separation distance of generally 40 metres between portions of buildings that are greater than 6 storeys; and
- c. ensuring appropriate transitions between areas of differing planned heights and densities.

16.16.3.2 In order to maximize access to sunlight, sky views and privacy, taller buildings between 9 and 12 storeys will be required to incorporate *podiums* that are no less than 3 storeys and no greater than 6 storeys.

16.16.3.3 New buildings will be located and oriented to preserve views of the green network, with generous setbacks and transitions to parks and open spaces.

#### <del>16.16.2</del>16.16.4 Transportation

16.16.4.1 Meadowvale will build on its existing network of walkways and trails. Development will be required to consider how improvements to the network can be made to:

- a. improve access to the existing walkway and trail network; and
- b. incorporate additional pedestrian connections to existing walkways, trails, transit routes, transit stops, roads, parks and open spaces.

46.16.2.1 16.16.4.2 Prior to giving consideration to any proposal to widen Tenth Line, City Council will require a neighbourhood traffic study be undertaken. This study should examine alternatives to widening Tenth Line, including traffic management measures. In the event that a widening is required, its need and justification should be clearly documented in accordance with the requirements of the document entitled Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects.

46.16.2.2 16.16.4.3 Truck traffic will be discouraged from utilizing Tenth Line West south of the St. Lawrence and Hudson Railway in recognition of the residential character of Tenth Line West south of the railway line.

#### 16.16.5 Housing

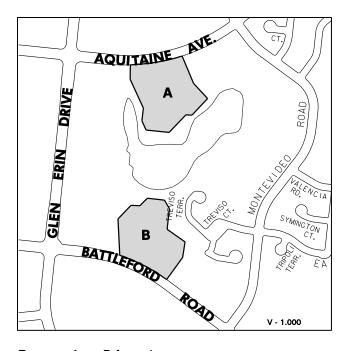
16.16.5.1 Meadowvale will expand on the range of housing options in new developments by:

- a. requiring a mix of housing forms;
- b. promoting unit sizes which address the needs of aging in place and young family households;
   and
- c. encouraging the provision of affordable housing.

#### **16.16.316.16.6** Special Site Policies

There are sites within the Character Area that merit special attention and are subject to the following policies.

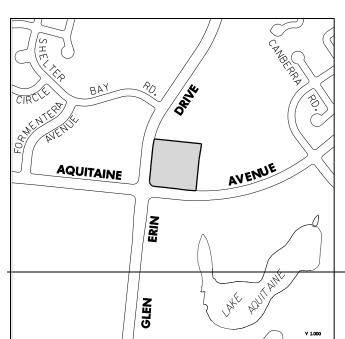
<del>16.16.3.1</del> **16.16.6.1** Site 1



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16.16.3.1.1 16.16.6.1.1 The lands identified as Special Site 1 are located on the south side of Aquitaine Avenue, east of Glen Erin Drive and on the north side of Battleford Road east of Glen Erin Drive.

16.16.3.1.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Residential High Density



designation, townhouse dwellings will be permitted for lands identified as Area B.

16.16.3.1.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the Residential High Density designation, the following additional policies will apply for the lands identified as Area A:

a. townhouse dwellings will be permitted; and

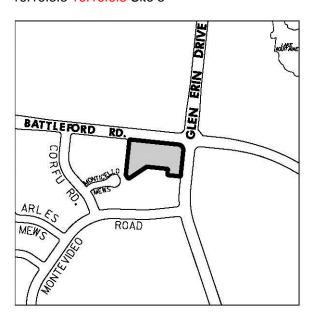
b. a. the maximum *floor space index (FSI)* will be 1.6.

16.16.3.2 16.16.6.2 Site 2

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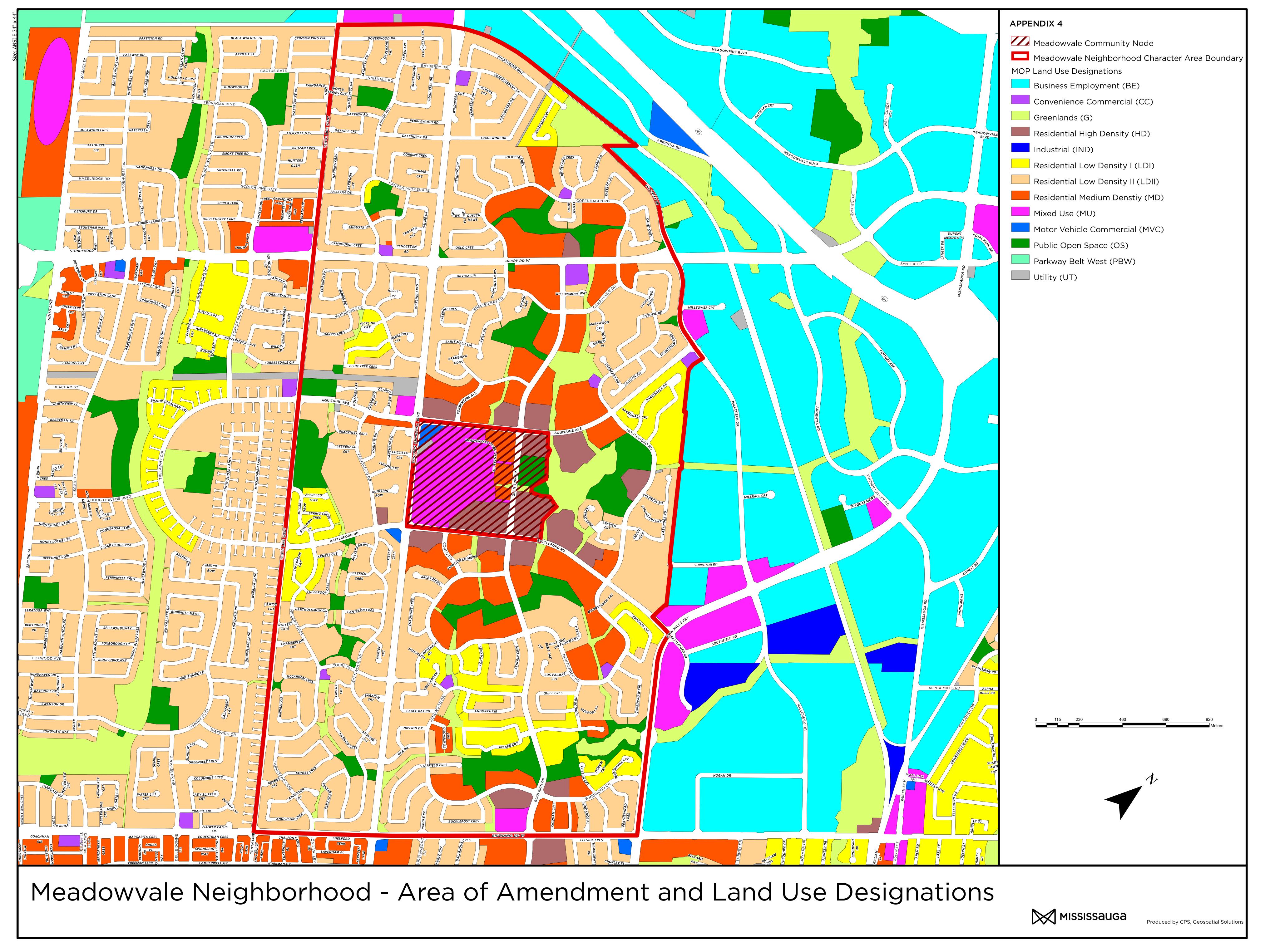
16.16.3.2.2 16.16.6.2.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, a maximum *floor space index (FSI)* of 1.4 will be permitted.

16.16.3.3 16.16.6.3 Site 3



46.16.3.3.1 16.16.6.3.1 The lands identified as Special Site 3 are located at the southwest corner of Battleford Road and Glen Erin Drive.

16.16.3.3.2 16.16.6.3.2 Notwithstanding the policies of this Plan, two apartment dwellings with maximum heights of 12 and 15 storeys will be permitted.



#### City of Mississauga

#### **Corporate Report**



Date: May 21, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Planning and Development

Committee

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of

Planning & Building

Originator's file: OZ 20/001 W4

Meeting date: June 14, 2021

#### **Subject**

#### **PUBLIC MEETING RECOMMENDATION REPORT (WARD 4)**

Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning applications to permit a 32 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial uses

1 Fairview Road East, northeast corner of Fairview Road East and Hurontario Street Owner: Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc.

File: OZ 20/001 W4

#### Recommendation

- That the applications under File OZ 20/001 W4, Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc., 1 Fairview Road East, to amend Mississauga Official Plan to Residential High Density and to change the zoning to H-RA5-Exception to permit a 32 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial uses in conformity with the provisions outlined in Appendix 2; be approved subject to the conditions referenced in the staff report dated May 21, 2021 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building.
- 2. That the applicant agrees to satisfy all the requirements of the City and any other external agency concerned with the development.
- 3. That the decision of Council for approval of the rezoning application be considered null and void, and a new development application be required unless a zoning by-law is passed within 18 months of the Council decision.
- 4. That the "H" holding symbol be removed from the **H-RA5-Exception** (Apartments) zoning applicable to the subject lands, by further amendment upon confirmation from applicable agencies and City Departments that matters as outlined in the report dated May 21, 2021, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building have been satisfactorily addressed.

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5. Notwithstanding subsection 45.1.3 of the *Planning Act*, subsequent to Council approval of the development application, the applicant can apply for a minor variance application, provided that the height and FSI shall not increase.

#### **Executive Summary**

- The applications are to amend the policies of the official plan and change the zoning by-law to allow a 32 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial uses.
- The applicant has made minor revisions to the proposal to address issues raised at the Public Meeting and by staff, including reducing building height, increasing the amount of ground floor commercial space, and including the provision of affordable housing.
- Staff are satisfied with the changes to the proposal and find them to be acceptable from a planning standpoint, and recommend that the applications be approved.

#### **Background**

A public meeting was held by the Planning and Development Committee on July 27, 2020, at which time an Information Report:

https://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/committees/pdc/2020/2020\_07\_27\_PDC\_Agenda.pdf was received for information.

Recommendation PDC-0025-2020 was then adopted by Council on August 5, 2020.

1. That the report dated July 3, 2020, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building regarding the applications by Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc., to permit a 36 storey condominium apartment building with ground floor commercial uses, under File OZ 20/001 W4, 1 Fairview Road East, be received for information.

There were some technical matters that needed to be resolved before the Planning and Building Department could make a recommendation on the applications. Given the amount of time since the public meeting, full notification was provided.

#### Comments

#### REVISED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The applicant has made some minor modifications to the proposed concept plan including:

- Decreasing the number of dwelling units from 460 to 408
- Decreasing the height of the building from 36 storeys to 32 storeys
- Increasing the non-residential ground floor area from 272.1 m<sup>2</sup> (2,928.9 ft<sup>2</sup>) to 305.4 m<sup>2</sup> (3,287 ft<sup>2</sup>)

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• Increasing the minimum amenity area from 4.3 m<sup>2</sup> (46.3 ft<sup>2</sup>) per dwelling unit to 4.6 m<sup>2</sup> (49.5 ft<sup>2</sup>) per dwelling unit.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Notice signs were placed on the subject lands advising of the proposed official plan and zoning change. All property owners within 120 m (393 ft.) were notified of the applications on February 20, 2020. A community meeting was held by Ward 4 Councillor John Kovac on December 4, 2019. Approximately 10 people attended the meeting. Three written submissions were received. Supporting studies were posted on the City's website at:

http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/development-applications.

The public meeting was held on July 27, 2020. Two members of the public made deputations regarding the applications. Responses to the issues raised at the public meeting and from correspondence received can be found in Appendix 2.

#### **PLANNING ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

The *Planning Act* allows any property owner within the Province of Ontario the ability to make a development application to their respective municipality in order to accommodate a particular development proposal on their site. Upon the submission of mandated technical information, the municipality is obligated under the *Planning Act* to process and consider the application within the rules set out in the Act.

The Province identifies through its *Provincial Policy Statement* matters that are of provincial interest, which require the development of efficient land use patterns and sustainability in urban areas that already exist. The Province has also set out the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, which is designed to promote economic growth, increase housing supply and build communities that are affordable and safe, among other items. The Growth Plan requires municipalities to manage growth within already existing built up areas to take advantage of existing services to achieve this mandate. In order to meet required housing supply projections, the *Planning Act* instructs municipalities to make planning decisions that are consistent with the *Provincial Policy Statement* and the Growth Plan.

A detailed Planning Analysis is found in Appendix 2. The applications are consistent with the *Provincial Policy Statement* and conform to the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, the Region of Peel Official Plan and Mississauga Official Plan. An official plan amendment is required to change the designation from **Office** to **Residential High Density** and a special site policy to permit a maximum height of 32 storeys. A zoning by-law amendment is required from **O** (Office) to **H-RA5-Exception** (Apartments).

The evaluation of the proposed official plan amendment and rezoning was analyzed using the following criteria:

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- Directing Growth: Is a 32 storey apartment building consistent with the Residential High Density designation in MOP?
- Compatibility with Neighbourhood Character: Is the proposed built form appropriate?
- Services and Infrastructure: Is there adequate infrastructure to support the proposal?

The proposed rezoning to permit a 32 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial uses has been found acceptable, based upon the following:

- The proposal represents intensification of an underutilized parcel of land within the Downtown Fairview Character Area.
- The proposal is compatible with adjacent uses and maintains the goals of the City Structure relating to intensification.
- The existing municipal infrastructure is adequate to support the proposed development

#### **Strategic Plan**

The applications are consistent with the Connect pillar of the Strategic Plan by contributing a choice of housing type to residents that support the principle of building complete communities to accommodate growth.

#### **Financial Impact**

All fees paid by developers are strictly governed by legislation, regulation and City by-laws. Fees are required to be paid prior to application approval, except where otherwise may be prescribed. These include those due to the City of Mississauga as well as any other external agency.

#### Conclusion

In summary, the proposed development has been designed to be sensitive to the existing and planned character of the Downtown and provides a built form that is compatible with the adjacent area. The proposed official plan amendment and rezoning are acceptable from a planning standpoint and should be approved.

#### **Attachments**

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Appendix 1: Information Report

Appendix 2: Detailed Planning Analysis

Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of Planning & Building

Prepared by: Adam Lucas, Development Planner

#### City of Mississauga

#### **Corporate Report**



Date: July 3, 2020

To: Chair and Members of Planning and Development

Committee

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of

Planning & Building

Originator's files: OZ 20/001 W4

Meeting date: July 27, 2020

#### **Subject**

#### **PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION REPORT (WARD 4)**

Official plan amendment and rezoning applications to permit a 36 storey condominium apartment building with ground floor commercial uses

1 Fairview Road East, northeast corner of Fairview Road East and Hurontario Street Owner: Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc.

File: OZ 20/001 W4

#### Recommendation

That the report dated July 3, 2020, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building regarding the applications by Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc. to permit a 36 storey condominium apartment building with ground floor commercial uses, under File OZ 20/001 W4, 1 Fairview Road East, be received for information.

#### **Background**

The applications have been deemed complete and circulated for technical comments. The purpose of this report is to provide preliminary information on the applications and to seek comments from the community. The report consists of two parts, a high level overview of the applications and a detailed information and preliminary planning analysis (Appendix 1).

#### **PROPOSAL**

The official plan amendment and rezoning applications are required to permit a 36 storey residential condominium apartment building having 460 dwelling units and ground floor commercial uses. The applicant is proposing to amend the official plan from **Office** to **Residential High Density - Special Site** and the zoning by-law from **O** (Office) to **RA5-Exception** (Apartments) to implement this development proposal.

During the ongoing review of these applications, staff may recommend different land use designations and zoning categories to implement the proposal.

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#### **Comments**

The property is located at the northeast corner of Fairview Road East and Hurontario Street within the Downtown Fairview Character Area. The site is currently vacant.



Aerial image of 1 Fairview Road East



Applicant's rendering of the 36 storey residential condominium apartment building

Originator's file: OZ 20/001 W4

#### LAND USE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

The *Planning Act* allows any person within the Province of Ontario to submit development applications to the local municipality to build or change the use of any property. Upon submitting all required technical information, the municipality is obligated under the *Planning Act* to process and consider these applications within the rules set out in the Act.

The *Provincial Policy Statement* (PPS) establishes the overall policy directions on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development within Ontario. It sets out province-wide direction on matters related to the efficient use and management of land and infrastructure; the provision of housing; the protection of the environment, resources and water; and, economic development.

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) builds upon the policy framework established by the PPS and provides more specific land use planning policies which support the achievement of complete communities, a thriving economy, a clean and healthy environment and social equity. The Growth Plan establishes minimum intensification targets and requires municipalities to direct growth to existing built-up areas and strategic growth areas to make efficient use of land, infrastructure and transit.

The *Planning Act* requires that municipalities' decisions regarding planning matters be consistent with the PPS and conform with the applicable provincial plans and the Region of Peel Official Plan (ROP). Mississauga Official Plan is generally consistent with the PPS and conforms with the Growth Plan, the *Greenbelt Plan*, the *Parkway Belt West Plan* and the ROP.

Conformity of this proposal with the policies of Mississauga Official Plan is under review.

Additional information and details are found in Appendix 1. Section 5.

#### AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Agency and department comments are summarized in Appendix 1, Section 8.

#### **Financial Impact**

All fees paid by developers are strictly governed by legislation, regulation and City by-laws. Fees are required to be paid prior to application approval, except where otherwise may be prescribed. These include those due to the City of Mississauga as well as any other external agency.

#### Conclusion

Most agency and City department comments have been received. The Planning and Building Department will make a recommendation on this project after the public meeting has been held and the issues have been resolved. The matters to be addressed include: provision of additional

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Originator's file: OZ 20/001 W4

technical information, review of reduced parking standards, ensuring compatibility of new buildings and community consultation and input.

#### **Attachments**

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Appendix 1: Detailed Information and Preliminary Planning Analysis

Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of Planning & Building

Prepared by: Adam Lucas, Development Planner

#### **Detailed Information and Preliminary Planning Analysis**

**Owner: Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc.** 

#### 1 Fairview Road East

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#### 1. Site History

- June 20, 2007 Zoning By-law 0225-2007 came into force.
   The subject lands were zoned **O** (Office). **O** permits financial institution, medical office, commercial school and veterinary clinic.
- November 14, 2012 Mississauga Official Plan came into force. The subject lands are designated Office in the Downtown Fairview Character Area.

#### 2. Site and Neighbourhood Context

#### Site Information

The property is located within the Downtown Fairview Character Area and along an intensification corridor, at the intersection of Hurontario Street and Fairview Road East. The area contains a mix of residential, commercial and community uses. The site is currently vacant of buildings and structures. The property contains a mix of high branching deciduous and coniferous trees.

The property is within 750 m (0.46 mi.) of the Cooksville GO Station and fronts onto the future Light Rail Transit line along Hurontario Street.



Subject Land – Looking northwesterly along Fairview Road East

Property Size and Use		
Frontages:		
Hurontario Street	35.68 m (117.1 ft.)	
Fairview Road East	55.16 m (180.97 ft.)	
Depth:	65.27 m (214.14 ft.)	
Gross Lot Area:	0.29 ha (0.72 ac.)	
Existing Uses:	Vacant	

#### **Surrounding Land Uses**

North of the subject land is a 10 storey apartment building with a surface parking area and children's play area. To the southeast is a one storey commercial plaza, which contains medical offices, a restaurant and retail uses. To the south is a townhouse development. To the west is a City of Mississauga Fire Station building.

The surrounding land uses are:

North: Apartment buildings East: Apartment buildings

South: Commercial building and townhomes

West: Fire station



Aerial Photo of 1 Fairview Road East

#### **The Neighbourhood Context**

The subject property is located in the Downtown Fairview Character Area. The surrounding area contains a mix of residential and commercial uses located on Hurontario Street. The character area contains a variety of residential building types, including a number of apartment buildings developed in the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

The site is located on the northeast corner of Hurontario Street and Fairview Road East. Hurontario Street is identified as part of an Intensification Corridor in the Mississauga Official Plan that has been approved for higher order transit (HLRT) Construction of the HLRT is to begin in the summer of 2020. The corridor has commercial and retail storefronts fronting Hurontario Street, with a mixture of housing types and tenures also located along the Corridor.

#### **Demographics**

Based on the 2016 census, the existing population of the Downtown Fairview Character area is 16,680 with a median age of this area being 39 (compared to the City's median age of 40). 68% of the neighbourhood population are of working age (15 to 64 years of age), with 16% children (0-14 years) and 16% seniors (65 years and over). By 2031 and 2041, the population for this area is forecasted to be 19,900 and 20,600 respectively. The average household size is 3 persons with 86% of people living in apartments in buildings that are five storeys or more. The mix of housing tenure for the area is 2,960 units (45%) owned and 3,655 units (55%) rented with a vacancy rate of approximately 0.9%\*. In addition, the number

of jobs within this Character Area is 442. Total employment combined with the population results in a PPJ for Downtown Fairview of 173 persons plus jobs per hectare.

\*Please note that vacancy rate data does not come from the census. This information comes from CMHC which demarcates three geographic areas of Mississauga (Northeast, Northwest, and South). This specific Character Area is located within the Northeast geography. Please also note that the vacancy rate published by CMHC is ONLY for apartments.

#### **Other Development Applications**

The Local Planning Appeals Tribunal has recently approved applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law at 3480 Hurontario Street to permit a 36 storey apartment building having 352 dwelling units and 400 m<sup>2</sup> of ground floor commercial area.

#### **Community and Transportation Services**

This application will have minimal impact on existing services in the community.

The area is well served by community facilities such as Stone Brook Park, a future park at the southeast corner of Kariya Drive and Elm Drive West, and the Mississauga Hanson Road YMCA Child Care Centre, all within an 800 m (2,625 ft.) radius of the subject land. The Cooksville library is located approximately 1.1 km (0.68 mi.) away. The Mississauga Valley Community Centre is also approximately 1.5 km (0.93 mi.).

The site is within 750 m (.46 miles) of the Cooksville GO station, which provides two-way peak train service and two-

way off-peak bus service. The site is also located along a future Light Rail Transit (LRT) line on Hurontario Street, with a future LRT stop approximately on the north side of Hurontario Street approximately 300 m (984 ft.) from the subject land. The following major Miway bus routes currently service the site running along Hurontario Street:

- Route 19 Hurontario
- Route 19A Hurontario-Britannia
- Route 53 Kennedy
- Route 103 Hurontario Express

There is a primary on-road bicycling route on Hurontario Street.

#### 3. Project Details

The applications are to permit a 36 storey apartment building consisting of 460 dwelling units and 272.09 m² (2928.75 ft²) of ground floor commercial floor space. The required parking will be accommodated underground. Access to the site will be from a shared access road (with the property to the north) from Fairview Road East.

Development Proposal		
Applications submitted:	Received: January 10, 2020 Deemed complete: February 5, 2020	
Developer/ Owner:	Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc.	
Applicant:	Sajecki Planning	
Number of units:	460 units	
Proposed Gross	29 680 m <sup>2</sup> (319,473 ft <sup>2</sup> )	

•	Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment
•	Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan
•	Site Servicing and Grading Plans

- Stormwater Management Report
- Trench Location Plans

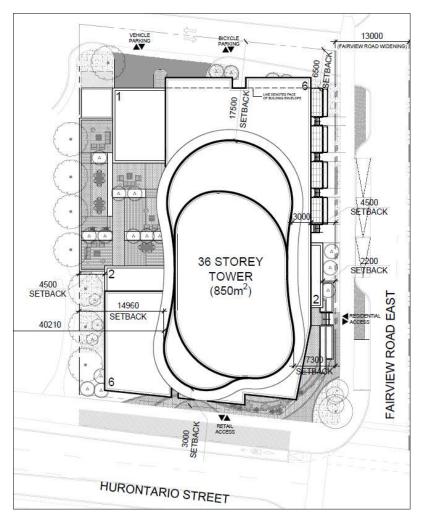
The application was reviewed by the Urban Design Advisory Panel on January 28, 2020. The Urban Design Advisory Panel is an advisory body and makes recommendations to staff for consideration. Panel's suggestions have been incorporated into staff comments.

Development Proposal		
Floor Area:		
Height:	36 storeys / 115.0 m	etres (377.3 ft)
Floor Space Index:	10.23	
Amenity Area:	4.33 m <sup>2</sup> (46.6 ft <sup>2</sup> ) /dw	velling unit
Anticipated Population:	1007*  *Average household (by type) based on the	
Parking:	Required	Provided
resident spaces	575	312
visitor spaces	92	46
Total	667	358

#### **Supporting Studies and Plans**

The applicant has submitted the following information in support of the applications which can be viewed at <a href="http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/development-applications">http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/development-applications</a>:

- Planning Justification Report
- Housing Report
- Concept Plan and Elevations
- Landscape Plan
- Urban Design Brief
- Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments
- Traffic Impact Study
- Parking Utilization Study / TDM Strategy
- Sun/Shadow Study
- Pedestrian Wind Study
- Noise and Vibration Feasibility Study
- Functional Servicing Report





**Concept Plan** 

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**Elevations** 



Applicant's Rendering

#### 4. Land Use Policies, Regulations & Amendments

#### Mississauga Official Plan

#### **Existing Designation**

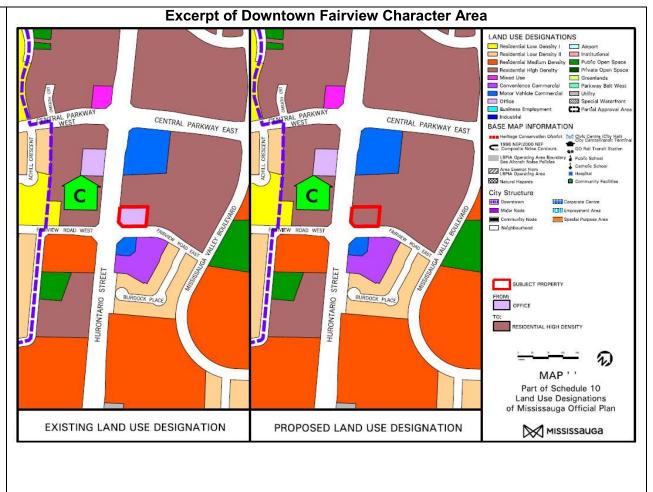
The site is designated **Office**, which permits office and secondary uses.

#### **Proposed Designation**

Residential High Density – Special Site to permit a maximum height of 36 storeys.

Through the processing of the applications, staff may recommend a more appropriate designation to reflect the proposed development in the Recommendation Report.

Note: Detailed information regarding relevant Official Plan policies are found in Section 5.



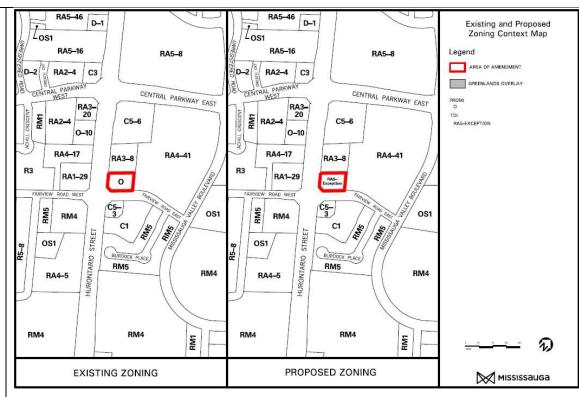
#### Mississauga Zoning By-law

#### **Existing Zoning**

The site is currently zoned **O** (Office), which permits office, financial institution, commercial school and veterinary clinic.

#### **Proposed Zoning**

A rezoning is proposed from **O** (Office) to **RA5-Exception** (Apartments), in order to permit a 36 storey and 115.0 m (377.3 ft.) residential condominium apartment building consisting of 460 dwelling units and 272.09 m² (2,928.75 ft²) of ground floor commercial floor space. Through the processing of the applications, staff may recommend a more appropriate zoning to reflect the proposed development in the Recommendation Report



#### **Proposed Zoning Regulations**

Zone Regulations	RA5 Zone Regulations	Proposed Amended RA5-Exception Zone Regulations
Maximum Floor Space Index (FSI)	2.9	10.23
Maximum <b>Height</b>	77.0 m (252.62 ft.) and 25 storeys	115.0 m (377.3 ft.) and 36 storeys
Minimum Front Yard	7.5 m (24.6 ft.)	1.7 m (5.6 ft.)
Minimum Exterior Side Yard	7.5 m (24.6 ft.)	2.2 m (7.2 ft.)
Minimum Interior Side Yard	6.0 m (19.6 ft.)	4.5 m (14.7 ft.)
Minimum Rear Yard	7.5 m (24.6 ft.)	6.5 m (21.3 ft.)
Maximum encroachment of a balcony located above the first storey, sunroom, window, chimney, pilaster, cornice, balustrade or roof eaves into a required yard	1.0 m (3.28 ft.)	2.2 m (7.2 ft.)
Maximum encroachment into a required <b>yard</b> of a porch, <b>balcony</b> located on the first storey, staircase, landing or awning, provided that each shall have a maximum width of 6.0 m.	1.0 m (3.28 ft.)	2.2 m (7.2 ft.)
Maximum projection of a balcony located above the first storey measured from the outermost face or faces of the building from which the balcony projects.	1.0 m (3.28 ft.)	2.2 m (7.2 ft.)

Zone Regulations	RA5 Zone Regulations	Proposed Amended RA5-Exception Zone Regulations
Minimum number of Parking Spaces	<ul> <li>1.25 / dwelling unit for one bedroom</li> <li>1.40 / dwelling unit for two bedroom</li> <li>0.20 / dwelling unit for residential visitor / commercial</li> </ul>	0.67 / dwelling unit  0.10 / dwelling unit for residential visitor / commercial use
Minimum setback from a parking structure completely below finished grade, inclusive of external access stairwells, to any <b>lot line</b>	use 3.0 m (9.8 ft.)	0.0 m (0.0 ft.)
Minimum landscaped area Minimum depth of a landscaped buffer abutting a lot line that is a street line and/or abutting lands with an Open Space, Greenlands and/or a Residential Zone with the exception of an Apartment Zone	40% of the <b>lot area</b> 4.5 m (14.7 ft.)	25% of the <b>lot area</b> 0.0 m (0.0 ft.)
Minimum amenity area	The greater of 5.6 m <sup>2</sup> (60.3 ft <sup>2</sup> )per <b>dwelling unit</b> or 10% of the site area	4.33 m² (46.6 ft²) per <b>dwelling</b> unit

Note: The provisions listed are based on information provided by the applicant, which is subject to revisions as the applications are further refined.

#### 5. Summary of Applicable Policies

The *Planning Act* requires that Mississauga Official Plan be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conform with the applicable provincial plans and Regional Official Plan. The policy and regulatory documents that affect these applications have been reviewed and summarized in the table below. Only key policies relevant to the applications have been included. The table should be considered a general summary

of the intent of the policies and should not be considered exhaustive. In the sub-section that follows, the relevant policies of Mississauga Official Plan are summarized. The development application will be evaluated based on these policies in the subsequent recommendation report.

Policy Document	Legislative Authority/Applicability	Key Policies
Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)	The fundamental principles set out in the PPS apply throughout Ontario. (PPS Part IV)	Settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development. (PPS 1.1.3.1)
, ,	Decisions of the council of a municipality shall be consistent with PPS. (PPS 4.1)	Land use patterns within settlement areas will be based on densities and a mix of land uses which: efficiently use land, resources, infrastructure, public service facilities and is transit supportive. (PPS 1.1.3.2)
	The Official Plan is the most important vehicle for implementation of the Provincial Policy Statement. (PPS 4.6)	Planning authorities shall identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for transit supportive development, accommodating a significant supply and range of housing options through intensification and redevelopment. (PPS 1.1.3.3)
		Planning authorities shall provide for an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities to meet projected market-based and affordable housing needs of current and future residents of the regional market area. (PPS 1.4.3)
Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan)	The Growth Plan applies to the area designated as the Greater Golden Horseshoe growth plan area. All decisions made on or after May 16, 2019 in respect of the exercise of any authority that affects	Within settlement areas, growth will be focused in delineated built-up areas; strategic growth areas; locations with existing or planned transit; and, areas with existing or planned public service facilities. (Growth Plan 2.2.1.2 c)
	a planning matter will conform with this Plan, subject to any legislative or regulatory provisions providing otherwise. (Growth Plan 1.2.2)	Complete communities will feature a diverse mix of land uses; improve social equity and quality of life; provide a range and mix of housing options; provide convenient access to a range of transportation options, public service facilities, open spaces and parks, and healthy, local and affordable food options; provide a more compact built form; mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts; and, integrate green infrastructure. (Growth Plan 2.2.1.4)
		To achieve minimum intensification and density targets, municipalities will develop and implement urban design and site design official plan policies and

Policy Document	Legislative Authority/Applicability	Key Policies
		other supporting documents that direct the development of high quality public realm and compact built form. (Growth Plan 5.2.5.6)
Region of Peel Official Plan (ROP)	The Region of Peel approved MOP on September 22, 2011, which is the primary instrument used to evaluate development applications. The proposed development applications were circulated to the Region who has advised that in its current state, the applications meet the requirements for exemption from Regional approval. Local official plan amendments are generally exempt from approval where they have had regard for the <i>Provincial Policy Statement</i> and applicable Provincial Plans, where the City Clerk has certified that processing was completed in accordance with the <i>Planning Act</i> and where the Region has advised that no Regional official plan amendment is required to accommodate the local official plan amendment. The Region provided additional comments which are discussed in Section 8 of this Appendix.	The ROP identifies the subject lands as being located within Peel's Urban System.  General objectives of ROP, as outlined in Section 5.3, include conserving the environment, achieving sustainable development, establishing healthy complete communities, achieving intensified and compact form and mix of land uses in appropriate areas that efficiently use land, services, infrastructure and public finances, while taking into account the characteristics of existing communities and services, and achieving an urban form and densities that are pedestrian-friendly and transit supportive.

#### **Relevant Mississauga Official Plan Policies**

The policies of Mississauga Official Plan (MOP) implement provincial directions for growth. MOP is generally consistent with the PPS and conforms with the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, PBWP and ROP. An update to MOP is currently underway to ensure MOP is consistent with and conform to changes resulting from the recently released Growth Plan, 2019.

The subject property is located within a Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) as identified in MOP due to its proximity to the future Light Rail Transit stop on Hurontario Street. The Region of Peel and the City are currently developing specific policies that will result in further refinements to the boundaries of MTSAs.

The lands are located within the Downtown Fairview Character Area and are designated **Office**. The **Office** designation permits which permits office and secondary uses.

The applicant is proposing to change the designation to **Residential High Density** to permit a 36 storey residential condominium apartment building. The applicant will need to demonstrate consistency with the intent of MOP and shall have regards for the appropriateness of the proposed built form in terms of compatibility with the surrounding context and character of the area.

The following policies are applicable in the review of these applications. In some cases the description of the general intent summarizes multiple policies.

	Specific Policies	General Intent
Chapter 5	Section 5.1.4	Most of Mississauga's future growth will be directed to Intensification Areas. Mississauga
Direct Growth	Section 5.1.6	encourages compact, mixed use development that is transit supportive, in appropriate locations, to
	Section 5.3.1.3	provide a range of live/work opportunities. (S.5.1.4 and 5.1.6)
	Section 5.3.1.4	
	Section 5.3.1.6	The Downtown is an Intensification Area. (S.5.3.1.3)
	Section 5.3.1.9	· · ·
	Section 5.3.1.11	The Downtown will achieve a minimum gross density of 200 residents and jobs combined per
	Section 5.3.1.13	hectare. The City will strive to achieve a gross density of between 300 to 400 residents and jobs
	Section 5.4.2	combined per hectare. (S.5.3.1.4)
	Section 5.4.3	
	Section 5.4.4	The Downtown will achieve an average population to employment ratio of 1:1, measured as an
	Section 5.4.8	average across the entire Downtown. (S.5.3.1.6)
	Section 5.5.7	
	Section 5.5.8	The Downtown will develop as a major regional centre and the primary location for mixed use
		development. The Downtown will contain the greatest concentration of activities and variety of
		uses. (S.5.3.1.9)
		Development in the Downtown will be in a form and density that achieves a high quality urban

	Specific Policies	General Intent
		environment. (S. 5.3.1.11)
		The Downtown will be developed to support and encourage active transportation as a mode of transportation. (S. 5.3.1.13)
		Where Corridors run through or when one side abuts the Downtown, Major Nodes, Community Nodes and Corporate Centres, development in those segments will also be subject to the policies of the City Structure element in which they are located. Where there is a conflict, the policies of the Downtown, Major Nodes, Community Nodes and Corporate Centres will take precedence. (S.5.4.2)
		Corridors that run through or abut the Downtown, Major Nodes, Community Nodes and Corporate Centres are encouraged to develop with mixed uses orientated towards the Corridor. (S.5.4.3)
		Development on Corridors should be compact, mixed use and transit friendly and appropriate to the context of the surrounding Neighbourhood and Employment Area. (S.5.4.4)
		Corridors will be subject to a minimum building height of two storeys and the maximum building height specified in the City Structure element in which it is located, unless Character Area policies specify alternative building heights or until such time as alternative building heights area determined through planning studies. (S.5.4.8)
		A mix of medium and high density housing, community infrastructure, employment, and commercial uses, including mixed use residential/commercial buildings and offices will be encouraged. However, not all of these areas will be permitted in all areas. (S.5.5.7)
		Residential and employment density should be sufficiently high to support transit usage. Low density development will be discouraged. (S.5.5.8)
Chapter 7 Complete Communities		Mississauga will encourage the provision of services, facilities and housing that support the population living and working in Mississauga. (S.7.1.1)
		In order to create a complete community and develop a built environment supportive of public health, the City will:
		a. encourage compact, mixed use development that reduces travel needs by integrating residential, commercial, employment, community, and recreational land uses; b. design streets that facilitate alternative modes of transportation such as public transit, cycling, and walking; c. encourage environments that foster incidental and recreational activity; and d. encourage land use planning practices conducive to good public health. (S.7.1.3)
		Mississauga will ensure that the housing mix can accommodate people with diverse housing preferences and socioeconomic characteristics and needs. (S.7.1.6)

	Specific Policies	General Intent
	•	Mississauga will provide opportunities for:
		<ul> <li>a. The development of a range of housing choices in terms of type, tenure and price:</li> <li>b. The production of a variety of affordable dwelling types for both the ownership and rental markets; and,</li> <li>c. The production of housing for those with special needs, such as housing for the elderly and shelters. (S.7.2.2)</li> </ul>
Chapter 9	Section 9.1.2	Within Intensification Areas an urban form that promotes a diverse mix of uses and supports transit
Build A Desirable	Section 9.1.5	and active transportation modes will be required. (S.9.1.2)
Urban Form	Section 9.2.1.4	
	Section 9.2.1.10 Section 9.2.1.17 Section 9.2.1.21	Development on Corridors will be consistent with existing or planned character, seek opportunities to enhance the Corridor and provide appropriate transitions to neighbouring uses. (S.9.1.5)
	Section 9.2.1.23 Section 9.2.1.24 Section 9.2.1.25 Section 9.2.1.28	A high quality, compact urban built form will be encouraged to reduce the impact of extensive parking areas, enhance pedestrian circulation, complement adjacent uses, and distinguish the significance of Intensification Areas form surrounding areas. (S.9.2.1.4)
	Section 9.2.1.29 Section 9.2.1.31 Section 9.2.1.32 Section 9.2.1.37	Appropriate height and built form transitions will be required between sites and their surrounding areas. (S.9.2.1.10)
	Section 9.3.5.5 Section 9.3.5.6 Section 9.3.5.7	Principal streets should have continuous building frontage that provide continuity of built form from one property to the next with minimal gaps between buildings. (S.9.2.1.17)
	Section 9.5.1.1 Section 9.5.1.2 Section 9.5.1.3	Development will contribute to pedestrian oriented streetscapes and have an urban built form that is attractive, compact and transit supportive. (S.9.2.1.21)
	Section 9.5.1.9 Section 9.5.1.11 Section 9.5.2.2 Section 9.5.2.5	Development will face the street and have active facades characterized by features such as lobbies, entrances and display windows. Blank building walls will not be permitted facing principal street frontages and intersections (9.2.1.23, 24 and 25).
	Section 9.5.3.2	Built form will relate to and be integrated with the streetline, with minimal building setbacks where spatial enclosure and street related activity is desired. (S.9.2.1.28)
		Development will have a compatible bulk, massing and scale of built form to provide an integrated streetscape. (S.9.2.1.29)
		Development should be positioned along the edge of the public streets and public open spaces, to define their edges and create a relationship with the public sidewalk. (S.9.2.1.31 and 32)
		Developments should minimize the use of surface parking in favour of underground or aboveground structured parking. All surface parking should be screened from the street and be designed to ensure natural surveillance from public areas. (S.9.2.1.37)

Specific Policies	General Intent
	Private open space and/or amenity areas will be required for all development. (S.9.3.5.5)
	Residential developments of a significant size, except freehold developments, will be required to provide common outdoor on-site amenity areas that are suitable for the intended users. (S.9.3.5.6)
	Residential developments will provide at grade amenity areas that are located and designed for physical comfort and safety. In Intensification Areas, alternatives to at grade amenities may be considered. (S.9.3.5.7)
	Developments should be compatible and provide appropriate transition to existing and planned development by having regard for the following elements: natural hazards, the size and distribution of building mass and height, front, side and rear yards, the orientation of buildings, structures, and landscapes on a property, views, the local vernacular and architectural character as represented by the rhythm, textures, and building materials, privacy and overlook, and function and use of buildings, structures and landscapes. (S.9.5.1.1 and 2)
	Site designs and buildings will create a sense of enclosure along the street edge with heights appropriate to the surrounding context. (S.9.5.1.3)
	Development proposals will demonstrate compatibility and integration with surrounding land uses and the public realm by ensuring that adequate privacy, sunlight and sky views are maintained and that microclimate conditions are mitigated. (S.9.5.1.9)
	New residential development abutting major roads should be designed with a built form that mitigates traffic noise and ensures that attractiveness of the thoroughfare. (S.9.5.1.11)
	Developments will be sited and massed to contribute to a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians by: a. providing walkways that are connected to the public sidewalk, are well lit, attractive and safe; b. fronting walkways and sidewalks with doors and windows and having visible active uses inside; c. avoiding blank walls facing pedestrian areas; and d. providing opportunities for weather protection, including awnings and trees.(S.9.5.2.2)
	Development proponents may be required to upgrade the public boulevard and contribute to the quality and character of streets and open spaces by: a. street trees and landscaping, and relocating utilities, if required; b. lighting; weather protection elements; d. screening of parking areas; e. bicycle parking; f. public art; and g. street furniture (S.9.5.2.5)
	Buildings must clearly address the street with principal doors and fenestrations facing the street in order to: a. ensure main building entrances and at grade uses are located and designed to be prominent, face the public realm and be clearly visible and directly accessible from the public sidewalk; b. provide strong pedestrian connections and landscape treatments that link the building to the street; and c. ensure public safety. (S.9.5.3.2)

	Specific Policies	General Intent
Chapter 10 Foster a Strong Economy	Section 10.2.3	Outside of Employment Areas, secondary office development will be encouraged to locate within Community Nodes and Major Transit Station Areas and Corridors. (S.10.2.3)
Chapter 11 General Land Use Designations Chapter 12 Downtown	Section 11.2.5 Section 11.2.7 Section 12.1.1.1 Section 12.1.1.4 Section 12.1.1.6	Lands designated Residential High Density will permit an apartment dwelling. (S.11.2.5)  Lands designated Office will permit major office, secondary office and accessory uses. (S.11.2.7)  Proponents of development applications within the Downtown may be required to demonstrate how the new development contributes to the achievement of the residents and jobs density target and the population to employment ratio. (S.12.1.1.1)
	Section 12.1.2.2	Lands immediately adjacent to, or within the Downtown, should provide both a transition between the higher density and height of development within the Downtown and lower density and height of development in the surrounding area. (S.12.1.1.4)  Within the Downtown, on lands designated Mixed Use, Downtown Core Commercial, Convenience Commercial or Office, ground floor retail or office uses will be provided. (S.12.1.1.6)  Notwithstanding the Residential High Density policies of this Plan, the maximum building height for lands designated Residential High Density will not exceed 25 storeys. (S. 12.1.2.2)
Chapter 19 Implementation	Section 19.5.1	<ul> <li>This section contains criteria which requires an applicant to submit satisfactory planning reports to demonstrate the rationale for the proposed amendment as follows: <ul> <li>the proposal would not adversely impact or destabilize the following: the overall intent, goals and objectives of the Official Plan; and the development and functioning of the remaining lands which have the same designation, or neighbouring lands;</li> <li>the lands are suitable for the proposed uses, and compatible with existing and future uses of surrounding lands;</li> <li>there are adequate engineering services, community infrastructure and multi-modal transportation systems to support the proposed application;</li> <li>a planning rationale with reference to Mississauga Official Plan policies, other relevant policies, good planning principles and the merits of the proposed amendment in comparison with the existing designation has been provided by the applicant.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### Affordable Housing

In October 2017 City Council approved *Making Room for the Middle – A Housing Strategy for Mississauga* which identified housing affordability issues for low and moderate incomes in the city. In accordance with the Provincial Growth Plan (2019), *Provincial Policy Statement* (2020), Regional Official Plan and

Mississauga Official Plan (MOP), the City requests that proposed multi-unit residential developments incorporate a mix of units to accommodate a diverse range of incomes and household sizes.

Applicants proposing non-rental residential developments of 50 units or more – requiring an official plan amendment or

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rezoning for additional height and/or density beyond as-of-right permissions — will be required to demonstrate how the proposed development is consistent with/conforms to Provincial, Regional and City housing policies. The City's official plan indicates that the City will provide opportunities for the provision of a mix of housing types, tenures and at varying price points to accommodate households. The City's annual housing targets by type are contained in the Region of Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan 2018-2028 <a href="https://www.peelregion.ca/housing/housinghomelessness/pdf/plan-2018-2028.pdf">https://www.peelregion.ca/housing/housinghomelessness/pdf/plan-2018-2028.pdf</a>.

To achieve these targets, the City is requesting that a minimum of 10% (or 46 units in this instance) of new ownership units be affordable. The 10% contribution rate will not be applied to the first 50 units of a development. The contribution may be in the form of on-site or off-site units, land dedication, or financial contributions to affordable housing elsewhere in the city. The applicant has submitted a housing report to indicate how the request for affordable housing is being addressed.

# 6. School Accommodation

The Peel District School Board		The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board		
Student Yield:			Student Yield:	
31 12 6	Kindergarten to Grade Grade 7 to Grade 8 Grade 9 to Grade 12	6		indergarten to Grade 8 9 to Grade 12
School Ac	School Accommodation:		School Accommodation:	
Thornwood Public School			Canadian Martyrs Catholic School	
Enrolment Capacity: Portables:	540 579 0		Enrolment: Capacity: Portables:	472 619 0
The Valley	The Valleys Public School		John Cabot Secondary School	
Enrolment Capacity: Portables:	: 474 522 0		Enrolment: Capacity: Portables:	693 933 0
T.L. Kennedy Secondary School				
Enrolment Capacity: Portables:	: 841 1,275 0			

# 7. Community Comments

A pre-application community meeting was held by Ward 4 Councillor, John Kovac on December 4, 2019. A total of 8 people attended the meeting.

The following comments made by the community as well as any others raised at the public meeting will be addressed in the Recommendation Report, which will come at a later date.

- Fairview Road East has too much traffic and the proposed development will only make it worse.
- Given the grade change, Fairview Road East is very

- slippery in the winter time and more traffic will cause more accidents.
- Concerns that people who own parking spaces in the development may rent them out to people that are not from the area.
- Concerns that the building is too high/dense.
- Concerns that the proposed development may cause additional flooding in the area.

# 8. Development Issues

The following is a summary of comments from agencies and departments regarding the applications:

Agency / Comment Date	Comments
Region of Peel (April 2,2020)	A functional servicing report has been reviewed and revisions are required.
	Front end collection of garbage and recyclable materials will be provided to the residential units.
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District	Both School Boards responded that they are satisfied with the current provision of educational facilities for the catchment,
School Board (April 13, 2020)	and, as such, the school accommodation condition as required by the City of Mississauga Council Resolution 152-98
and the Peel District School	pertaining to satisfactory arrangements regarding the adequate provision and distribution of educational facilities need not
Board (April 2, 2020)	be applied for these development applications.
City Community Services Department – Park Planning Section (February 14, 2020)	The subject site is located within 170m (558 ft.) of Stonebrook Park which contains two unlit public tennis courts, a parking lot and a play site. The park is zoned OS1 (Open Space). The site is also located within 279 m (915 ft.) of Bella Vista Park which contains two basketball courts, multi-pad and a play site. The park is zoned OS1 (Open Space).
	Prior to the issuance of building permits for each lot or block cash-in-lieu for park or other public recreational purposes is required pursuant to Section 42 of the <i>Planning Act</i> and in accordance with the City's policies and By-laws.
City Community Services Department – Arborist (March 23, 2020)	The applicant is advised that Tree Removal Permission is required to injure or remove trees on private property depending on the size and number of trees and the location of the property. The applicant is to submit a Tree Removal application for the proposed injury and removal of trees on site. The Tree Removal application will be reviewed in conjunction with the site

Agency / Comment Date	Comments	
	plan application.  The approval of the Tree Permission application is required prior to the earliest of the Demolition Permit/the Erosion and Sediment Control Permit/Site Plan approval. The Tree Removal application is to be submitted to Urban Forestry, and will be issued when the drawings are approved, securities provided and the protective hoarding installed, inspected and approved by an Urban Forestry representative.	
City Economic Development Office (April 6, 2020)	The EDO recommends that office uses be located within the podium of the proposed building.	
City Transportation and Works Department (April 1, 2020)	The Transportation and Works Department has received drawings and reports in support of the above noted applications, as follows:  Noise and Vibration Study; Grading, Servicing and Utility Plans; Transportation Impact Study; Functional Servicing and Stormwater Management Reports; Environmental Site Screening Questionnaire and Declaration; and, Phase 1 ESA.  The above aspects will be addressed in detail prior to preparing the Recommendation Report.	
Other City Departments and External Agencies	The following City Departments and external agencies offered no objection to these applications provided that all technical matters are addressed in a satisfactory manner:  City of Mississauga Community Services – Fire and Emergency Services Division City of Mississauga Community Services – Heritage Metrolinx Canada Post Rogers Cable Enbridge Gas  The following City Departments and external agencies were circulated the applications but provided no comments: Bell Canada Trillium Health Partners Alectra Utilities	

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Based on the comments received and the applicable Mississauga Official Plan policies, the following matters will have to be addressed:

- Are the policies and principles of the Mississauga Official Plan maintained by this project?
- Is the proposal compatible with the character of the area given the project's land use, massing, density, setbacks and building configuration?
- Are the sun shadow study impacts acceptable?
- Are the proposed zoning by-law exception standards appropriate?
- What are the expected traffic impacts?
- Does the proposal help to achieve an average population to employment ratio of 1:1 in the Downtown?
- Is the provision of affordable housing being appropriately addressed?

#### **Development Requirements**

There are engineering matters including: grading, environmental, engineering, servicing and stormwater management that will require the applicant to enter into agreements with the City. Prior to any development proceeding on-site, the City will require the submission and review of an application for site plan approval.

# 9. Section 37 Community Benefits (Bonus Zoning)

Should these applications be approved by Council, staff will

report back to Planning and Development Committee on the provision of community benefits as a condition of approval.

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# **Recommendation Report Detailed Planning Analysis**

**Owner: Edenshaw Fairview Developments Inc.** 

## 1 Fairview Road East

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# 1. Community Comments

Through the community and public meetings that were held, comments from the public were generally directed toward traffic, height and density. Below is a summary and response to the specific comments that were heard.

#### Comment

The proposal will result in traffic congestion and safety concerns along Fairview Road East.

#### Response

In support of the proposed development, a traffic impact study (TIS) was submitted, which analyzed current and projected traffic volumes on the neighbouring street network as a result of the proposed development. The Transportation and Works Department has determined that the traffic volumes on the adjacent road network can be managed and accommodated within the original planned capacity. Further, a road widening is being dedicated to the City along Fairview Road East, as part of the approval of these applications.

#### Comment

The proposal is too high and too dense.

#### Response

The original application proposed a 36 storey, 460 dwelling unit apartment building. Through discussions with the applicant, the built form has been revised to reduce the height to 32 storeys and the number of dwelling units to 408. Staff are of the opinion that the proposal maintains the intent of the

official plan policies to provide for a compatible built form while intensifying an underutilized parcel in the Downtown. See Section 7 of this appendix for more detail on this issue.

#### Comment

The proposal will cause disruption when construction occurs on the project.

It is anticipated that there will be some level of disruption to the area resulting from construction activity occurring on the subject property. A Construction Management Plan may be required prior to building activities onsite. Mud tracking will be managed through the City's Lot Grading and Municipal Services Protection By-law, and construction will also be subject to the City's Noise Control By-law which regulates the period of time when construction equipment can operate in residential areas.

#### Comment

There is insufficient parking available for the proposed residential uses.

In support of the proposal, a parking supply study was submitted which reviewed the parking supply required for the proposal. Staff reviewed the study and concurred with the parking supply proposed. A review of the parking standards is located in Section 9 of this appendix.

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# 2. Updated Agency and City Department Comments

#### **UPDATED AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS**

The applications were circulated to all City departments and commenting agencies on March 9, 2021. A summary of the comments are contained in the Information Report attached as Appendix 1. Below are updated comments.

#### **Transportation and Works**

Comments updated May 3, 2021, state that technical reports and drawings have been reviewed to ensure that engineering matters related to noise, grading, servicing, stormwater management, traffic and environmental compliance have been satisfactorily addressed to confirm the feasibility of the project, in accordance with City requirements.

#### Noise

The evaluation of the noise sources that may have an impact on this development included road and rail traffic. Noise mitigation will be required, including sound barriers for outdoor living areas; the details of which will be confirmed through the site plan and building permit process. Potential noise sources that may be generated by the development, will be mitigated through the detailed design of the building at site plan stage.

#### Stormwater

The Functional Servicing Report (FSR) and Stormwater Management Report indicate that an increase in stormwater runoff will occur with the redevelopment of the site. In order to mitigate the change in impervious area from the proposed development and/or impact to the receiving municipal drainage system, on-site stormwater management controls for the post development discharge is required.

The applicant has demonstrated a satisfactory stormwater servicing concept. Re-use of stormwater on site is being pursued to achieve the water balance criteria. Further details related to the groundwater management strategy, stormwater reuse locations, as well as the overall refinement of the stormwater management report can be addressed prior to the lifting of the 'H' Holding Provision.

#### Traffic

Two traffic impact study (TIS) submissions were provided by LEA Consulting in support of the proposed development. Each submission was reviewed and audited by the City's Transportation and Works Department. Based on the second submission, dated February 2021, the study complied with the City's TIS guidelines and is deemed satisfactory. The study concluded that the proposed development is anticipated to generate 107 (23 in, 84 out) and 123 (76 in, 47 out) two-way site trips for the weekday AM and PM peak hours respectively, in 2024. The study also considered the site's close proximity to higher order transit future Hurontario LRT (HuLRT).

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Even with the additional traffic generated by the proposed development, the study area intersections and proposed vehicular access are expected to operate at acceptable levels of service with minimal impact to existing traffic conditions.

#### **Environmental Compliance**

The Phase One Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), (February 11, 2021) and Phase Two ESA (February 11, 2021), both prepared by Grounded Engineers have been received and reviewed. The Phase Two ESA indicates that site does not meet the applicable standards and site remediation is required. Site remediation will be addressed as part of the lifting of the 'H' application.

#### **School Accommodation:**

On May 27, 1998, Council adopted Resolution 152-98 which, among other things, requires that a Bill 20 development application include the following as a condition of approval:

Prior to the passing of an implementing zoning by-law for residential development, the City of Mississauga shall be advised by the School Boards that satisfactory arrangements regarding the adequate provision and distribution of educational facilities have been made between the developer/applicant and the School Boards for the subject development.

In comments, dated February 13, 2020, the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board responded that they are satisfied with the current provision of educational facilities for the catchment area and, as such, the school accommodation condition as required by City of Mississauga Council Resolution 152-98 pertaining to satisfactory arrangements regarding the adequate provision and distribution of educational facilities need not be applied for this development application.

# 3. Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) 2019 and Amendment No. 1 (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) provide policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development and directs the provincial government's plan for growth and development that supports economic prosperity, protects the environment and helps communities achieve a high quality of life.

Both the PPS and the Growth Plan recognize that the official plan is the most important vehicle for implementation of these policies as "comprehensive, integrated and long-term planning is best achieved through official plans".

Under the *Planning Act*, all planning decisions must be consistent with the PPS and conform to the Growth Plan.

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# 4. Consistency with PPS

Section 1.1.3.3 of the PPS states that "planning authorities shall identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for transit supportive development, accommodating a significant supply and range of housing options through intensification and redevelopment" and Section 1.1.3.4 of the PPS states that "appropriate development standards should be promoted which facilitate intensification, redevelopment, and compact form, while avoiding or mitigating risks to public health and safety".

The PPS is implemented through the City's official plan policies. Specifically as it relates to this proposal, Section 5.3.1.3 of Mississauga Official Plan (MOP) (Downtown) states that Downtown is an Intensification Area. Section 5.3.1.9 of MOP states that the Downtown will develop as a major regional centre and is the primary location for mixed use development. The Downtown will contain the greatest concentration of activities and variety of uses.

Section 9.2.1 of MOP (Intensification Areas) indicates that intensification areas such as Downtown are a major building block of the city pattern and, as such, will be expected to exhibit high standards of urban design that will result in vibrant and memorable urban places. They are intended to create order and a sense of place, with a scale that varies with their intended purpose and role in the urban hierarchy.

In order to achieve the vision for Intensification Areas as vibrant, mixed use areas, serviced by multi-modal

transportation, the physical form, relationship among buildings and spaces and the quality of the built environment will be critical in making these areas successful.

The applications seek to permit a 32 storey apartment building having 408 dwellings and 305.4 m² (3,287 ft²) of ground floor commercial space. The development is located along a future light rail transit line on Hurontario Street (HuLRT) and within 750 m (.46 miles) of the Cooksville GO station. The proposal will contribute to the vibrancy of the Downtown Fairview Character Area through the intensification of an underutilized parcel of land with an active façade on Hurontario Street and an attractive public realm.

## 5. Conformity with Growth Plan

Section 2.2.2.4 b) in the Growth Plan directs municipalities to "identify the appropriate type and scale of development in intensification areas". It states that intensification areas will be planned and designed to "achieve an appropriate transition of built form to adjacent areas". The PPS and Growth Plan indicate that development must be governed by appropriate standards including density and scale.

Section 9.2.1 Intensification Areas of MOP states that Intensification Areas are the principal location for future growth and include Community Nodes. They are planned areas within the municipality where the City has identified the appropriate type and scale of development. Section 9.2.10 states that appropriate height and built form transitions will be required between sites and their surrounding areas.

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The relevant MOP policies in this report conform to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The proposed development conforms to the Growth Plan as it is contributing to the neighbourhood fabric in a built up area, utilizing existing infrastructure.

# 6. Region of Peel Official Plan

The subject property is located within the Urban System within the Region of Peel. General Objectives in Section 5.3.1 and General Policies in Section 5.3.2 direct development and redevelopment to the Urban System to achieve an urban structure, form and densities which are pedestrian oriented, transit supportive and context appropriate.

Section 9.1 of MOP (Introduction – Build a Desirable Urban Form) states that urban form refers to the physical layout and design of the city. It addresses the natural and built environments and influences that lead to successful cities. This section emphasizes where growth will be directed and other areas where limited growth will occur. It envisions that growth will be directed to Intensification Areas comprised of the Downtown (among others) that will promote a desirable urban form that supports transit.

The relevant MOP policies in this report are in conformity with the Region of Peel Official Plan. The proposed development conforms to ROP as it is an appropriate development that efficiently uses land to contribute to the development of the Downtown.

# 7. Mississauga Official Plan (MOP)

The proposal requires an amendment to the Mississauga Official Plan policies for the Downtown Fairview Character Area Character Area, to permit a 32 storey apartment building. Section 19.5.1 of MOP provides the following criteria for evaluating site specific official plan amendments:

- Will the proposal adversely impact or destabilize the overall intent, goals and objectives of the Official Plan; and the development or functioning of the remaining lands which have the same designation, or neighbouring lands?
- Are the lands suitable for the proposed uses, and are the proposed land uses compatible with existing and future uses of the surrounding lands?
- Are there adequate engineering services, community infrastructure and multi-modal transportation systems to support the proposed application?
- Has a planning rationale with reference to Mississauga Official Plan policies, other relevant policies, good planning principles and the merits of the proposed amendment in comparison with the existing designation been provided by the applicant?

Planning staff have undertaken an evaluation of the relevant policies of the PPS, Growth Plan and MOP, including those found in Section 19.5.1 against this proposed development application.

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The following is an analysis of the key policies and criteria:

#### Directing Growth

The subject site is located in the Downtown Fairview Character Area and is currently vacant of buildings and structures. The anticipated population is well within the forecasted growth for the character area.

The subject site is designated **Office.** The **Office** designation permits office and secondary uses. The proposed **Residential High Density** designation permits apartments. The applications propose to redesignate the site to **Residential High Density – Special Site** to permit a 32 storey apartment building with ground floor commercial floor space. The proposal is meeting the objectives of intensification in the Downtown Fairview Character Area of the City. Although staff would like to preserve employment opportunities in the Downtown, there is no objection to the removal of the office designation as the subject property is vacant and does not contain any existing office uses. Further, the office designation is not included in the City's employment lands inventory and is not considered a conversion of employment lands pursuant to the Provincial Policy Statement.

#### Compatibility with the Neighbourhood

The site is located within the Downtown Fairview Character Area, which is an Intensification Area. A range of uses are permitted in the Downtown including residential and commercial uses. The surrounding lands include high density

residential to the north, a commercial plaza and low rise residential uses to the east, medium density residential to the south and a fire station to the west. The proposed amendment is compatible in built form and scale to surrounding development and is sensitive to the existing and planned context of the surrounding area.

#### Services and Infrastructure

Based on the comments received from the applicable City Departments and external agencies, the existing infrastructure is adequate to support the proposed development.

The Region of Peel has advised that there is adequate water and sanitary sewer capacity to service this site.

The site is currently serviced by the following MiWay Transit routes:

- Route 19 Hurontario
- Route 19A Hurontario-Britannia
- Route 53 Kennedy
- Route 103 Hurontario Express

The site is also located along a future light rail transit (HuLRT) line on Hurontario Street, with a future LRT stop on the north side of Hurontario Street approximately 300 m (984 ft.) from the subject lands.

The site is within 750 m (.46 miles) of the Cooksville GO station, which provides two-way peak train service and two-way off-peak bus service.

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The area is well served by community facilities such as Stonebrook Park, a future park at the southeast corner of Kariya Drive and Elm Drive West, and the Mississauga Hanson Road YMCA Child Care Centre, all within an 800 m (2,625 ft.) radius of the subject lands. The Cooksville library is located approximately 1.1 km (0.68 mi.) away. The Mississauga Valley Community Centre is also approximately 1.5 km (0.93 mi.) from the site.

There is a primary on-road bicycling route on Hurontario Street.

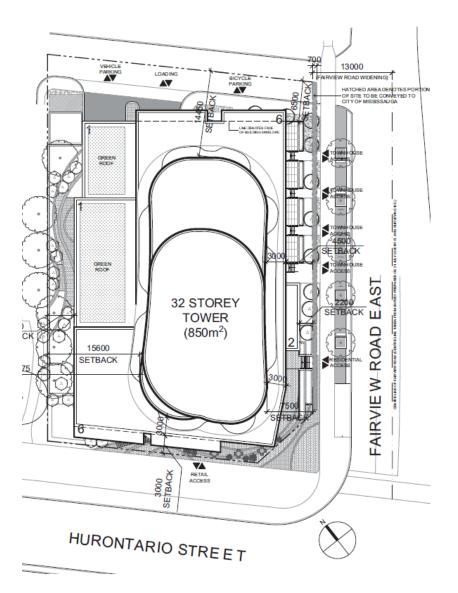
For these reasons, these applications are consistent with MOP, the Region of Peel Official Plan, the *Growth Plan for the Greater Horseshoe* and the PPS.

#### 8. Revised Site Plan and Elevations

The applicant has provided a revised rendering and site plan as follows:



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# 9. Zoning

The site is currently zoned **O** (Office). A zoning by-law amendment is required to rezone the lands from **O** (Office) to **H-RA5-Exception** (Apartments – Exception) to accommodate the 32 storey apartment building. In addition, a number of commercial uses are proposed within the podium.

The proposal is characteristic of a **RA5** (Apartments) zone. The proposed **H-RA5-Exception** (Apartments - Exception) is appropriate to accommodate the proposed development of the site.

Below is an updated summary of the site specific zoning provisions:

# **Proposed Zoning Regulations**

Zone Regulations	RA5 Zone Regulations	Proposed RA5- Exception Zone Regulations
Maximum Floor Space Index (FSI)	1.8	9.5
Space index (i Si)		
Maximum Height	77.0 m (252.6 ft.) and	103.1 m (338.3 ft.) and
	25 <b>storeys</b>	32 storeys
Minimum Front	7.5 m (24.6 ft.) to 10.5	3.0 m (9.8 ft.)
Yard	m (34.4 ft.)	,
Minimum Exterior	7.5 m (24.6 ft.) to 10.5	2.2 m (7.2 ft.)
Side Yard	m (34.4 ft.)	,
Minimum Interior	4.5 m (24.6 ft.) to	4.5 m (14.8 ft.)

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Zone Regulations	RA5 Zone Regulations	Proposed RA5- Exception Zone Regulations
Side Yard	9.0 m (29.5 ft.)	
Minimum Rear Yard	7.5 m (24.6 ft.) to 15.0 m (49.2 ft.)	5.7 m (18.7 ft.)
Maximum encroachment of a balcony above the first storey into a required yard	1.0 m (3.3 ft.)	2.2 m (7.2 ft.).
Minimum setback from parking structure completely below finished grade to any lot line	3.0 m (9.8 ft.)	0.7 m (2.3 ft.)
Minimum landscaped area	40% of lot area	17% of lot area
Minimum depth of a landscape buffer abutting a lot line that is a street line	4.5 m (14.8 ft.)	0.0 m (0.0 ft.)
Minimum amenity area	5.6 m <sup>2</sup> (60.3 ft <sup>2</sup> )	4.6 m² (49. ft²)
Minimum percentage of total required amenity area to be provided in one contiguous	50%	0%

Zone Regulations	RA5 Zone Regulations	Proposed RA5- Exception Zone Regulations
area		
arca		
Minimum amenity area to be provided outside at grade	55.0 m <sup>2</sup> (592 ft <sup>2</sup> )	0.0 m2 (0.0 ft <sup>2</sup> )
Minimum number of parking spaces	1.25 resident spaces per one-bedroom unit	0.9 resident spaces per one-bedroom unit
	1.40 resident space per two-bedroom unit	1.0 resident spaces per two-bedroom unit
	0.20 visitor spaces per unit	0.15 visitor spaces per unit
Affordable housing parking spaces	N/A	50% reduction of required parking based on unit type
Minimum number of bicycle parking	N/A	0.7 space per dwelling unit (long term)  0.08 spaces per dwelling unit (short term)  0.10 space per 100 m2 of gross floor area non-residential (long term)  0.10 space per 100 m2 of gross floor area - non-residential (short term)

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Zone Regulations	RA5 Zone Regulations	Proposed RA5- Exception Zone Regulations
Shared Parking between non- residential uses and visitor parking spaces	Not permitted to be shared	Required parking for non-residential uses shall be shared with residential visitor spaces. The greater required parking between non-residential uses and visitor parking spaces shall apply.

In addition to the regulations listed, other minor and technical variations to the implementing by-law may also apply, including changes that may take place before Council adoption of the by-law, should the application be approved.

# 10. Bonus Zoning

Council adopted Corporate Policy and Procedure 07-03-01 – Bonus Zoning on September 26, 2012. In accordance with Section 37 of the *Planning Act* and policies contained in the Official Plan, this policy enables the City to secure community benefits when increases in permitted height and/or density are deemed to be good planning by Council through the approval of a development application.

The subject lands are currently zoned  $\mathbf{O}$  (Office) which permits office, a financial institution, a commercial school and veterinary clinic. The  $\mathbf{O}$  zone allows a maximum height of 19 m

(62.3 ft.) and 6 storeys and a maximum floor space index (FSI) of 0.5. The applicant is seeking to permit a 32 storey apartment building with and FSI of 9.5. This proposal meets the minimum threshold for a Section 37 contribution.

Through the bonusing provision, the Councillor has requested that a portion of the monies secured through Section 37 will be dedicated to parkland improvements in Ward 4.

# 11. "H" Holding Symbol

Should this application be approved by Council, staff will request an "H" Holding Symbol which can be lifted upon:

- The execution of a Section 37 (Community Benefits)
   Agreement to the satisfaction of the City;
- Upgraded streetscape works;
- Execution of a Development Agreement with municipal infrastructure schedules in a form satisfactory to the City of Mississauga, the Region of Peel, or any other appropriate authority;
- Provision of any outstanding or updated technical reports, documents, drawings / plans in support of any required land dedication, easement, municipal works or servicing proposal, to the satisfaction of the City of Mississauga;
- Land dedication to achieve the ultimate 26 metre (85.3 ft.) right-of-way of Fairview Road East as identified in the official plan;
- Traffic signal upgrades including any required securities;
- A remedial action plan and clean-up report;
- Environmental confirmation related to the land dedication;

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 Confirmation of satisfactory arrangements with the owner of the property to the east (15 Fairview Road East) for any required improvements to the shared private road and its use.

#### 12. Site Plan

Staff have worked with the applicant throughout the rezoning process to design a built form that responds to the specific Hurontario Street and Fairview Street East context. The building incorporates a number of important design features that mitigates negative impacts on the surrounding uses; acknowledges the importance of the future HuLRT; meets the intensification polices of MOP; creates a pedestrian friendly podium and activates the Hurontario Street frontage with retail uses.

The tower has a slender proportion and its massing is different from the typical bulkier or slab-like buildings found in the area. A slender tower will have less shadow impacts on the surrounding residential uses east and south of the site. The tower has a curved form and incorporates a vertical alignment of balconies, which creates a slender, less visually impactful appearance.

The 5 storey podium provides a human-scaled streetwall along Hurontario Street while allowing for appropriate sun access to the amenity area on the property to the north. The tower is setback from the podium, which breaks up the building's structure, helps mitigate wind impacts and contributes to the

open sky view angle from both Hurontario Street and Fairview Road.

Retail uses are designed to spill out and activate the Hurontario Street streetscape. The main residential entrance is conveniently located at the street intersection to support and encourage transit usage. Residential units are located along Fairview Road East in a townhouse form, to continue the area's residential character east of the site. The units are designed to contribute and activate the streetscape but incorporate individual raised terraces for resident privacy.

Prior to development of the lands, the applicant will be required to obtain site plan approval. The above architectural features proposed by the applicant will be secured through the site plan approval process. A site plan application has not yet been submitted for the proposed development.

# 13. Green Development Initiatives

The applicant has identified that the following green development initiatives will be incorporated into the development:

- Reduced vehicular parking standard;
- Secure bicycle storage;
- Soil cell / Silva cells, supporting the proposed planting of at-grade vegetation on upgraded boulevards.

# 14. Affordable Housing

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In October 2017 City Council approved *Making Room for the Middle – A Housing Strategy for Mississauga* which identified housing affordability issues for low and moderate incomes in the city. In accordance with the Provincial Growth Plan (2019) and Amendment No. 1 (2020), *Provincial Policy Statement* (2020), Regional Official Plan and Mississauga Official Plan (MOP), the City requests that proposed multi-unit residential developments incorporate a mix of units to accommodate a diverse range of incomes and household sizes.

Applicants proposing non-rental residential developments of 50 units or more – requiring an official plan amendment or rezoning for additional height and/or density beyond as-of-right permissions – will be required to demonstrate how the proposed development is consistent with/conforms to Provincial, Regional and City housing policies. The City's official plan indicates that the City will provide opportunities for the provision of a mix of housing types, tenures and at varying price points to accommodate households. The City's annual housing targets by type are contained in the Region of Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan 2018-2028

https://www.peelregion.ca/housing/housinghomelessness/pdf/plan-2018-2028.pdf.

To achieve these targets, the City is requesting that a minimum of 10% of new ownership units be affordable. The 10% contribution rate will not be applied to the first 50 units of a development. The contribution may be in the form of on-site or off-site units, land dedication, or financial contributions to affordable housing elsewhere in the city.

Based on the above requirement, the applicant has committed to provide 18 affordable housing units within the development, which represents 4.4% of the total unit count or 5% of the number of units proposed over 50. The provision of affordable housing units will be secured by way of a Development Agreement, a portion through a Section 37 agreement, and voluntary statutory declaration. All of the above will be required as part of the holding symbol applied to the land.

In order to encourage applicants to provide affordable housing within their development, staff are supportive of providing a 50% reduction to the parking rate that would be required for the affordable dwelling units.

#### 15. Conclusions

In conclusion, City staff has evaluated the applications to permit a 32 storey apartment building containing 408 dwellings and 305.4 m<sup>2</sup> (3,2875 ft<sup>2</sup>) of ground floor commercial space against the *Provincial Policy Statement*, the *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*, Region of Peel Official Plan and Mississauga Official Plan.

The applications are seeking to intensify a vacant parcel within the Downtown Fairview Character Area. The proposal is compatible with adjacent uses and provides for a built form that is transit supportive and supports a mix of housing choices in the City. The proposed building will provide an active façade on Hurontario Street and upgraded boulevards that will contribute to the walkability in the Downtown area.

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Staff are of the opinion that the applications are consistent with and conform to Provincial, Regional and City planning instruments. Staff has no objection to the approval of this application, subject to the recommendations provided in the staff report.

# City of Mississauga

# **Corporate Report**



Date: May 21, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Planning and Development

Committee

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of

Planning & Building

Originator's file: H-OZ 20/001 W1

Meeting date: June 14, 2021

# **Subject**

## REMOVAL OF THE "H" HOLDING PROVISION FROM ZONING BY-LAW 0225-2007 REPORT (WARD 1)

Application to remove the "H" holding provision to permit a 22 storey apartment building with 361 units, ground floor commercial space and four levels of underground parking 78 Park Street East, 22 – 28 Ann Street, west of Hurontario Street, north of Park Street Owner: Edenshaw Ann Developments Limited

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File: H-OZ 20/001 W1

# Recommendation

That the report dated May 21, 2021, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building recommending approval of the removal of the "H" holding provision application, under File H-OZ 20/001 W1, Edenshaw Ann Developments Limited, 78 Park Street East and 22 – 28 Ann Street, be adopted and that the Planning and Building Department be authorized to prepare the by-law for Council's passage.

# **Background**

On March 25, 2020, City Council passed Zoning By-law 0054-2020 zoning the subject lands **H-RA5-53** (Apartments – Exception with a Holding Provision). Upon removal of the "H" holding provision, the by-law will allow for a 22 storey apartment building.

The "H" holding provision was to remain in effect until the following was completed:

- 1. Delivery of an executed development agreement.
- 2. Submission of satisfactory grading and servicing plans.
- 3. Submission of an updated traffic impact study and functional servicing report.
- 4. Submission of updated environmental information including a phase II environmental site assessment report.
- 5. Submission of a final remediation report and a dewatering plan.

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- 6. A record of site condition for lands to be transferred to the City.
- 7. Satisfactory arrangements with the Region of Peel with respect to waste collection.
- 8. Confirmation from the Region of Peel of satisfactory arrangements with respect to water and waste water services to the site.
- 9. A letter from the Planning and Building Department indicating satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to addressing the City's Housing Strategy.
- 10. Delivery of an executed agreement for community benefits pursuant to Section 37 of the *Planning Act*.

## **Comments**

Section 36 of the *Planning Act* provides the legislative framework for the removal of the "H" holding symbol and allows municipalities to amend a by-law to remove the "H" holding provision. A formal public meeting is not required; however notice of Council's intention to pass the amending by-law must be given to all land owners within 120 m (400 ft.) to which the proposed amending by-law would apply. Notice was given to all affected land owners by pre-paid first class mail.

Each of the conditions for removing the "H" holding provision has been fulfilled as follows:

- The development agreement is being finalized and will guide the redevelopment of the property. The agreement contains security provisions for a number of items including the amended boulevard treatment along Ann Street.
- The Transportation and Works Department has indicated that they are satisfied with the
  updated information related to the grading and servicing plans. The updated traffic impact
  study, functional servicing report and the environmental information has been reviewed by
  staff and has been found satisfactory.
- The Region of Peel has confirmed that they have finalized arrangements with the applicant for water, waste water and waste collection services for purposes of lifting the H provision.
   Further details will be finalized through the associated site plan application.
- City Planning Strategies has indicated satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to addressing the City's Housing Strategy. The property owner has agreed to provide 8 units at or below the affordable threshold market rate price point of (\$420,000) which addresses the missing middle target of the housing strategy. The property owner has also agreed to a development agreement condition that requires the developer to provide verification of the sale price at or below the affordability threshold and confirmation of the household income and principal residence of the unit purchaser upon sale of the above mentioned units.

The following provides additional details with respect to the fulfillment of the following specific condition:

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# Delivery of an executed agreement for community benefits pursuant to Section 37 of the *Planning Act*, as amended, in a form and on terms satisfactory to the City of Mississauga

Council adopted Corporate Policy and Procedure 07-03-01 – Bonus Zoning on September 26, 2012. In accordance with section 37 of the *Planning Act* and policies contained in Mississauga Official Plan, this policy enables the City to secure community benefits when increases in permitted development are deemed good planning by Council through the approval of a development application and an uplift in land value is achieved.

"Community Benefit" is defined in the Corporate Policy and Procedure as meaning facilities or cash secured by the City and provided by an owner/developer for specific public capital facilities, services or matters. Chapter 19.8.2 of the Official Plan provides examples of potential community benefits.

Following Council's approval of the associated rezoning application OZ 19/008 W1, planning staff held discussions with Realty Services on the appropriateness of requiring the applicant to incur the cost to procure an appraisal report to determine the value of uplift for the site. Based on a review of the 'as of right' Official Plan permission and considering that the approved rezoning application is consistent with what a purchaser of the lands might reasonably anticipate securing approval for, it was concluded that the Section 37 Appraisal Report will not be required as a condition to lift the Holding Provision.

It is noted that an appraisal was conducted for the recently approved and already under construction project at 21-29 Park Street East by the same developer (Edenshaw Park Developments Ltd.) where the Zoning By-law and Official Plan context surrounding the site is identical to the subject site. The appraisal analysis concluded that approval of the rezoning application for 21-29 Park Street East resulted in no uplift in value, as the site specific zoning by-law amendment carried out the height permission already allowed in the Port Credit Local Area Plan. For the subject property, the Port Credit Local Area Plan indicates a maximum height of 22 storeys. This has been applicable to the site since the approval of the Port Credit Local Area Plan in 2015. Although the previous zoning for the site allowed a height permission of 4-8 storeys, land in the Port Credit Community Node has been trading at land values reflective of the permitted heights in the Port Credit Local Area Plan. Based on the above, the recent appraisal exercise at 21-29 Park Street East, and an analysis of the policy context that indicates there will be no uplift in land value, staff have determined that an appraisal report is not required and the condition is thereby satisfied.

# **Financial Impact**

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# Conclusion

The conditions to remove the "H" holding provision have now been satisfied. The "H" holding provision can be removed once the Development Agreement has been executed.

# **Attachments**

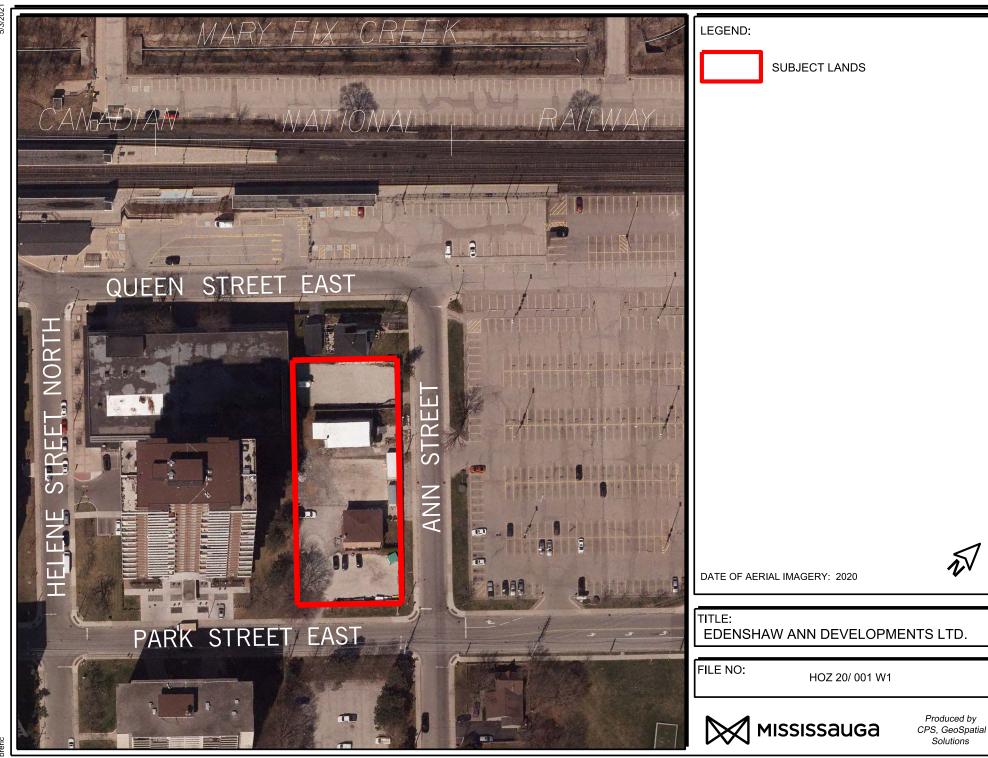
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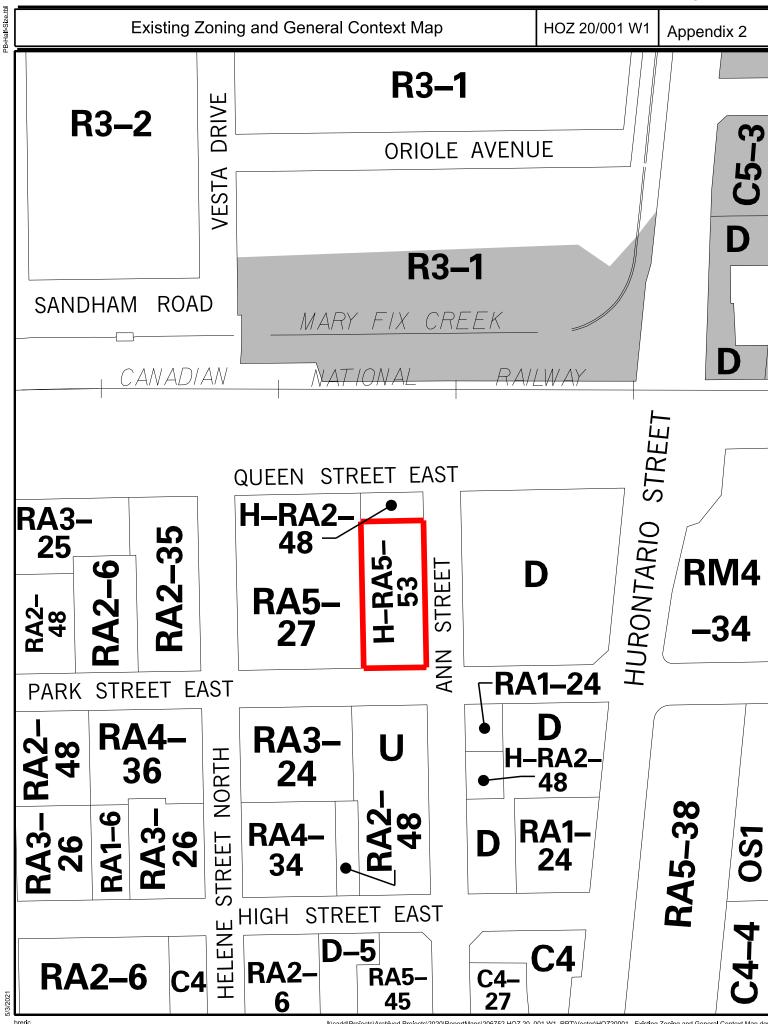
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Appendix 2: Existing Zoning and General Context Map

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# **Corporate Report**



Date: May 21, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Planning and Development

Committee

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of

Planning & Building

Originator's file: H-OZ 19/007 W2

Meeting date: June 14, 2021

# **Subject**

# REMOVAL OF THE "H" HOLDING PROVISION FROM ZONING BY-LAW 0225-2007. REPORT (WARD 2)

Application to remove the "H" holding provision to permit a 176 unit four storey stacked and back to back townhouse development and two, three storey, commercial blocks 1101 – 1125 Clarkson Road North, east of Clarkson Road North, north of Lakeshore Road West

**Owner: Clarkson Road Holdings Inc.** 

File: H-OZ 19/007 W2

## Recommendation

That the report dated May 21, 2021, from the Commissioner of Planning and Building recommending approval of the removal of the "H" holding provision application, under File H-OZ 19/007 W2, Clarkson Road Holdings Inc., 1101-1125 Clarkson Road North, be adopted and that the Planning and Building Department be authorized to prepare the by-law for Council's passage.

# **Background**

On March 20, 2017, Planning and Development Committee refused a rezoning application, under file OZ 15/003 W2, at 1101 – 1125 Clarkson Road North, to permit a 136 unit four storey stacked and back to back townhouse development and two, three storey, commercial blocks.

On March 8, 2018, the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) issued a decision that approved Minutes of Settlement between the City and the applicant. The decision included the implementation of a site specific Zoning By-law exception schedule that included Holding Provisions.

An application to lift the Holding Provision for the subject property was received by the Planning and Building Department on June 6, 2019 and circulated June 19, 2019.

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The Committee of Adjustment approved a minor variance application on August 18, 2020 to increase the maximum number of units on site from 136 to 176. The increase in the number of units was made possible by reconfiguring the unit types. The saleable gross floor area remained the same.

Upon removal of the Holding Provisions, the by-law will allow for the development of a 176 unit four storey stacked and back to back townhouse development within four blocks and two three storey commercial blocks.

The "H" holding provision is to remain in effect until the following is completed:

- 1. Execution of a development agreement
- 2. Satisfactory grading and servicing plans
- 3. Submission of phase 2 environmental site assessment, remedial action plan and letters of reliance
- 4. Arrangements with the Region of Peel with respect to water and waste water services
- 5. Arrangement with the Region of Peel with respect to waste collection
- 6. Submission of an updated functional servicing report
- 7. Submission of an updated traffic impact study
- 8. The provision of securities for the northerly access and southerly access to Clarkson Road North
- 9. The provision of securities to guarantee installation of air conditioning units and measures in accordance with the noise report
- 10. Satisfactory arrangements be made with Metrolinx regarding rail-oriented safety

#### **Comments**

Section 36 of the *Planning Act* provides the legislative framework for the removal of the "H" holding provision and allows municipalities to amend a by-law to remove the "H" holding provision. A formal public meeting is not required; however notice of Council's intention to pass the amending by-law must be given to all land owners within 120 m (400 ft.) to which the proposed amending by-law would apply. Notice was given to all affected land owners by prepaid first class mail.

Each of the conditions for removing the "H" holding provision has been fulfilled as follows:

- The development agreement has been finalized and will guide the redevelopment of the property. The agreement contains security provisions for a number of items including the access arrangement onto Clarkson Road and noise mitigation measures.
- The Transportation and Works Department has indicated that they are satisfied with the
  updated information related to the grading and servicing plans. The Transportation and
  Works Department has reviewed the updated traffic impact study, functional servicing report
  and environmental information and has indicated satisfaction with the material submitted.

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- The Region of Peel has confirmed that they have finalized arrangements with the applicant for water and waste water services based on their review of the updated functional servicing report. The Region of Peel has also indicated that the waste collection method is acceptable and will be further refined through the site plan process.
- Metrolinx has confirmed that they are satisfied with arrangements made with the applicant regarding rail oriented safety measures dealing with the crash safety wall located on the northerly limit of the property.

# **Financial Impact**

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#### Conclusion

The conditions to remove the "H" holding provision have now been satisfied. The "H" holding provision can be removed once the Development Agreement has been executed.

## **Attachments**

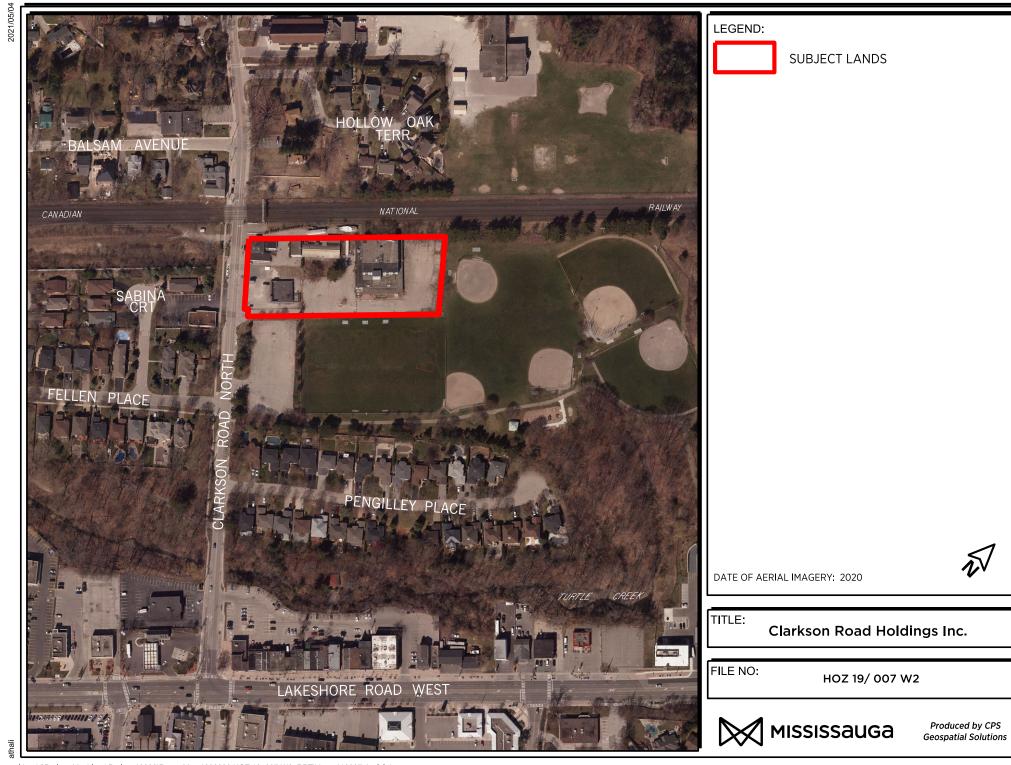
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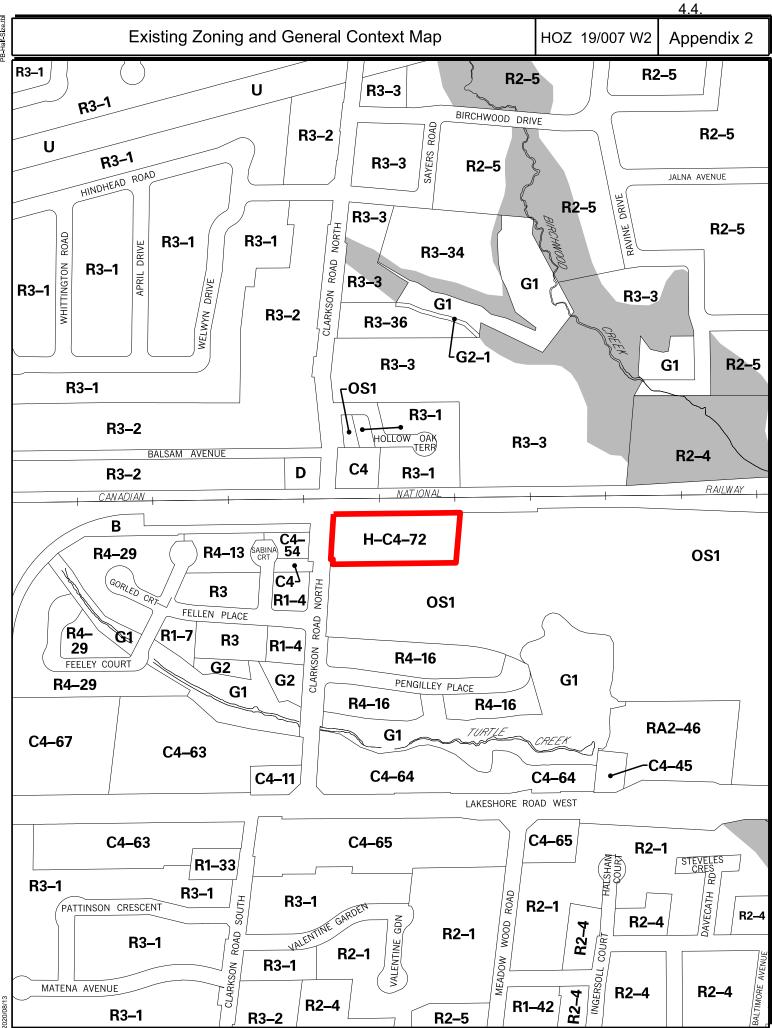
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Appendix 2: Existing Zoning and General Context Map

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# **Corporate Report**



Date: May 21, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Planning and Development

Committee

From: Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of

Planning & Building

Originator's file: H-OZ 19/008 W11

Meeting date: June 14, 2021

# **Subject**

## REMOVAL OF THE "H" HOLDING PROVISION FROM ZONING BY-LAW 0225-2007 REPORT (WARD 11)

Application to remove the holding provision to permit a six storey self-storage building 250 Derry Road West, south side of Derry Road West, east of McLaughlin Road

**Owner: Derry Storage Corporation** 

File: H-OZ 19/008 W11

**Bill 139** 

## Recommendation

That the report dated May 21, 2021 from the Commissioner of Planning and Building recommending approval of the removal of the "H" holding provision application from the text of By-law 0225-2007 and the "H" symbol from the zoning map, under File H-OZ 19/008 W11, Derry Storage Corporation, 250 Derry Road West, be adopted and that the Planning and Building Department be authorized to prepare the by-law for Council's passage.

# **Background**

On May 22, 2019, Council passed By-law 0079-2019, zoning the subject lands **H-E2-136** (Employment – Exception with a Holding Provision) and **G1** (Greenlands). Upon removal of the "H" holding provision the by-law will allow for a six storey self-storage building.

Appendices 1 and 2 identify the lands to which the by-law applies and the underlying zoning.

Council required the "H" holding provision be applied to the zone to allow time for the execution of the development agreement and the submission of technical plans. The "H" holding provision was to remain in effect until the following was completed:

1. Execution of a development agreement in a form and on terms satisfactory to the City of Mississauga.

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2. Provision of outstanding technical plans, studies and reports to the satisfaction of the City, the Region and Credit Valley Conservation.

#### **Comments**

Section 36 of the *Planning Act* provides the legislative framework for a municipality to add and remove an "H" holding provision. A formal public meeting is not required; however notice of Council's intention to pass the amending by-law must be given to all landowners within 120 m (400 ft.) to which the proposed amending by-law would apply. Notice was given to all affected landowners by pre-paid first class mail for this application.

The conditions for removing the "H" holding provision have been fulfilled as follows:

- The development agreement, which includes the dedication of lands, will be executed
- The required technical plans, studies and reports including environmental impact study, geotechnical report and slope stability analysis have been submitted and found acceptable.

# **Financial Impact**

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# Conclusion

The conditions to remove the "H" holding provision have now been satisfied. The "H" holding provision can be removed from the by-law and the "H" holding symbol can be removed from the zoning map once the Development Agreement has been executed.

# **Attachments**

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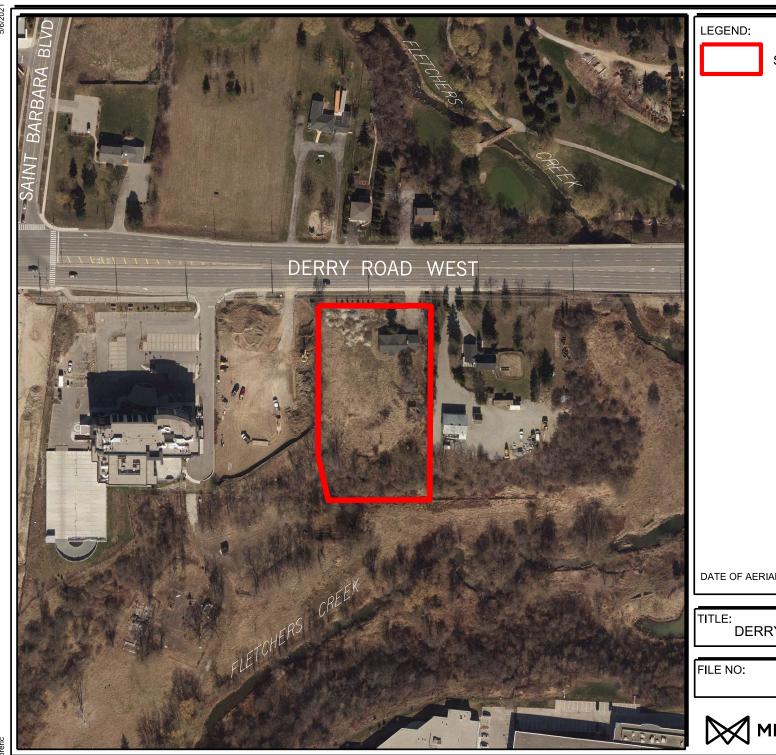
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Appendix 3: Proposed Site Plan Appendix 4: Proposed Rendering

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Andrew Whittemore, M.U.R.P., Commissioner of Planning & Building

Prepared by: Mila Yeung, Development Planner



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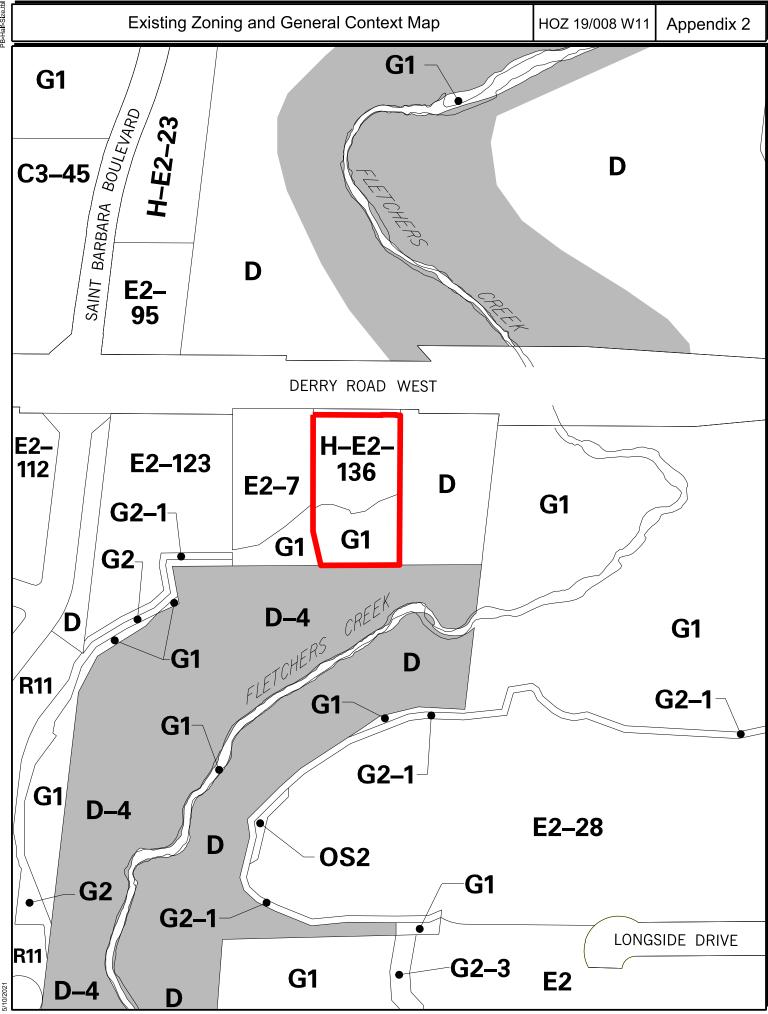


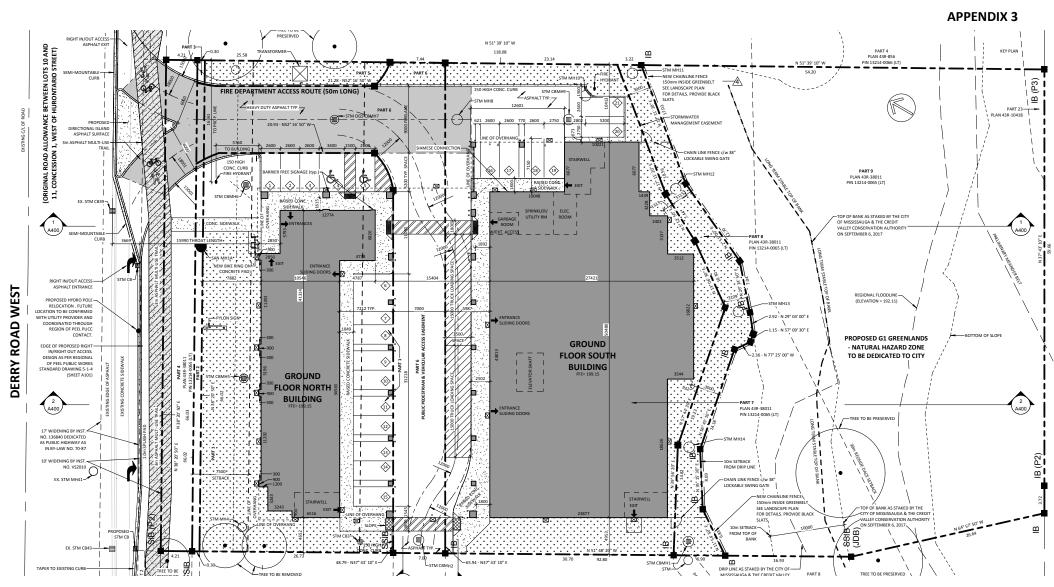
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# Appendix 4



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