



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

AAC 3-2021

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held by electronic participation only

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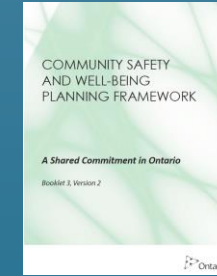
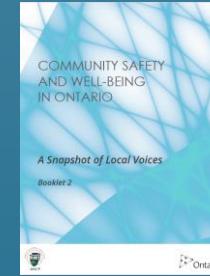
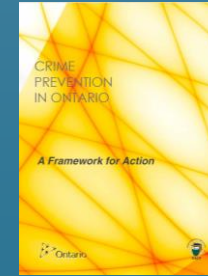
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Community Consultation

Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

June 1, 2021

Background



Beginning
in 2009

- MCSCS identified that police services were frequently responding to crisis situations that were non-criminal in nature + identified a need for a more collaborative service delivery model which prioritizes the local risks and needs of a community.
- **2012: Crime Prevention in Ontario: A Framework for Action**

2013 to
2016

- MCSCS engaged with pilot communities across Ontario to test components of the Community Safety and Well-Being Framework
- **2014: Community Safety and Well-Being in Ontario: A Snapshot of Local Voices**

2017

- **Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario**

2018

- Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act passed which included section 187 (1) under the *Police Services Act*: “Every municipal council shall prepare, and by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan.”

2019

- ***Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*** passed in March (however, has not yet been enacted), with the continued municipal requirement to complete a CSWB Plan.

Community Safety and Well-Being Framework

Objectives

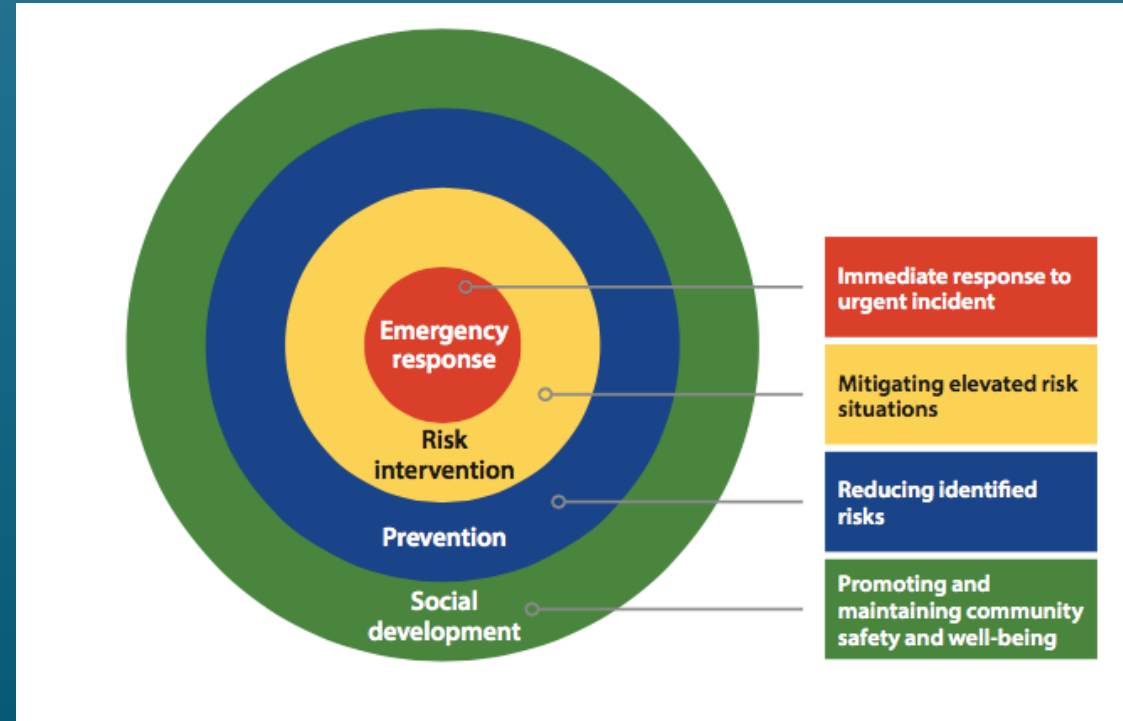
- Create communities whereby individuals are able to access the services they need, when they need them, in an efficient and effective way.
- To accomplish this, this Framework is designed to coordinate an innovative, multi-sector approach to community safety and well-being that focuses on social development, prevention and risk intervention strategies, thereby:
 1. Reducing harm, crime or victimization of individuals by meeting their needs before escalation to crisis, and;
 2. Preventing more costly emergency response interventions

Community Safety and Well-Being Framework

Pillars of Framework

1. Social Development
2. Prevention
3. Risk Intervention
4. Incident Response

Zones of Intervention for Community Safety and Well-Being Planning



Today's Session:

Accessibility Advisory Committee Consultation

- Participate
- Share your Voice
- Provide Open and Honest Feedback



Question 1

What does a “safe and well”
community mean to you?

Question 2

What are the top safety and well-being issues facing Niagara?

Question 3

What are we doing well and what opportunities do we have to improve?

Thank you!

Community Safety & Well-Being In Niagara

Phase 1: Identifying Local Priorities **INTERIM REPORT** on Community Consultation



INTERIM REPORT:

KEY OBSERVATIONS DURING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

Background

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the global outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic. Leading up to and directly following this declaration, governments around the world implemented a number of measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of infection, including restricting the movement of people and goods.

Due to these events, several in-person focus groups to gather community input to inform local safety and well-being priorities were cancelled, and community organizations urgently prioritized emergency response and business continuity planning to ensure the continued delivery of essential services. While the goal of community safety and well-being planning is to identify opportunities to enhance the health, safety and well-being of residents – during the COVID-19 pandemic, communities have strived to simply protect the existing health and safety of residents. To accomplish this, organizations have made significant changes to the allocation of resources (e.g. lay offs, reassignments and redeployments within and even across organizations) and experienced financial pressures to effectively support the prevention, identification and management of COVID-19 outbreaks.

On April 14, 2020, the Ontario provincial government also passed the Coronavirus Support and Protection Act, 2020, which included an amendment to the Police Services Act under which the requirement for municipalities to develop and adopt community safety and well-being plans was enacted. Within the amendment, the January 1, 2021 deadline to adopt community safety and well-being plans was rescinded, and it was indicated that a new deadline will be established, by regulation, at a future date.

In recognizing the current demands placed on the local human services system, restrictions to in-person focus groups, and the rescinded legislative deadline, the Advisory Committee has extended the project timeline for an initial six (6) month period and requested an Interim Report: Key Observations of Community Safety and Well-Being Consultations.

Objectives

While organizations continue to strive to protect the health and safety of staff and the residents/clients/ students they serve – and as they begin to engage in recovery planning efforts, these preliminary key observations may assist in:

- **Identifying, prioritizing and addressing issues that impact the health, safety and well-being of Niagara residents beyond the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Identifying opportunities to collaborate between organizations to coordinate services**
- **Increasing understanding of local priorities and vulnerable groups**
- **Increasing awareness of local services and system gaps**

Methods

Between February and March 2020, in-person and virtual consultations resulted in feedback from over:



150 STAFF

from across 70 different organizations



+85 CLIENTS

or advisors from across 8 lived experience or client advisory groups.

In addition to focus groups,



1,279 RESIDENTS

completed an online survey to provide input into the development of Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

As a consequence of the pandemic,

A TOTAL OF 10 FOCUS GROUPS WERE POSTPONED

Including Indigenous-specific focus groups planned in collaboration with an Indigenous-led service provider. As a result, this interim report recognizes that critical input from local Indigenous communities is still needed to ensure that priorities identified to improve safety and well-being reflect and are shaped by the voices and lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples.

FOCUS GROUPS

- A Home for All Taskforce
- Age-Friendly Network of Niagara
- Anti-Human Trafficking Protocol Group
- Business Community
- Centre de santé communautaire staff
- Chief Administration Officer (CAO) and Mayors
- Children's Services Sector Network
- Client Advisory Group
- Coalition to End Violence Against Women (CEVAW)
- Human Service & Justice Coordinating Committee (HSJCC)
- Lived Experience Advisory Network (LEAN)
- Local Immigrant Partnership
- Niagara Children's Planning Council (NCPC)
- Niagara College Student Wellness staff
- Niagara Falls Community Health Centre and Niagara Medical Group Family Health Team staff
- Niagara Region Mental Health – Client Advisory Committee
- Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN)
- Pathstone Family Advisory Committee for Engagement (FACE)
- PortAll (Port Colborne Situation Table)
- Positive Living Niagara – Peers
- Quest Community Health Centre –
- West Niagara Forum
- Youth Action Committee (YAC)
- Youth Wellness Hub

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- The majority feel **crime has increased over the past three years**, however it is felt that this is still similar to or lower than crime rates in other municipalities
- The majority of those who provided input **feel satisfied or very satisfied with their sense of safety** in the community
- When compared to other municipalities, residents feel Niagara has **lower overall population health and well-being**
- Almost half feel a **strong or very strong sense of belonging** to the community

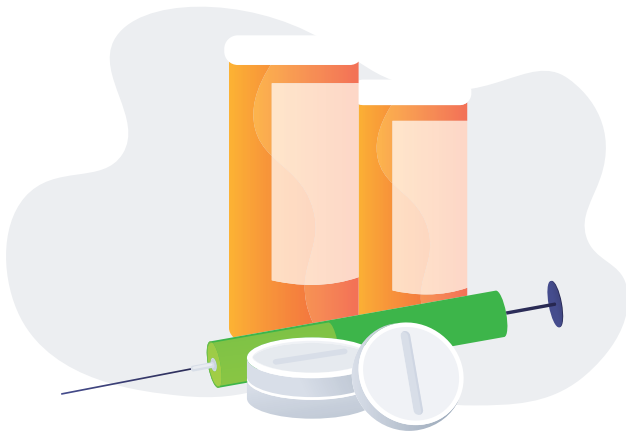


PRIORITY-SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS

Within the public survey and across focus groups, the **top five priorities**, in no particular order, include:

- **Addictions/ Substance Misuse**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Mental Health**
- **Poverty and Income**
- **Homelessness**





Addictions / Substance Misuse

- Opioids and crystal meth use is an issue
- Affects people from all “walks of life”
- Harms the individual, family unit and collective community
- Root cause of homelessness, poverty, and in some instances, petty crime
- Negative impacts on the business community, particularly downtown businesses
- Illegal operations / supply chains exploit those dependent on drugs
- Visible presence of addiction/drug use viewed as a failure to protect children:
 - Discarded needles and syringes in playgrounds and parks
 - Those living with addiction commonly experience childhood trauma or neglect, and may have “fallen through the cracks”
- Youth view the use of vaping products or e-cigarettes by their peers as a prevalent issue



Affordable Housing

- Housing is the single largest expense for individuals and families
- “You just can’t get ahead without it”
- Brings security, opportunity and safety
- Necessary to build a complete community that supports different populations (e.g. young families, seniors on fixed incomes, etc.)
 - People will leave the community if affordable housing is not available, or live in multigenerational homes
- Cannot address homelessness without housing
- Treatment for addictions, without a place to live following treatment, is not effective
- Long Niagara Regional Housing waitlist for social and affordable housing
- Changing housing markets due to:
 - People from the Greater Toronto Area moving to Niagara
 - Increase in short-term rentals (i.e. Airbnbs)



Mental Health

- Many urgent, crisis services are available in the community
 - E.g. Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST), Pathstone Walk-in Clinics, Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT), Mental Health and Addictions Response Team (MHART), etc.
- Long wait times and not enough 1:1 treatment options
 - Psychiatrists are few and far between, and only diagnose and medicate
- Gaps in services between the child and adult mental health system, and poor transition between services
- Social isolation, particularly for seniors, is a challenge
- Non-violent crisis intervention / de-escalation training for frontline staff and police is important
- Strong relationship between addictions and mental health
 - Alcohol and drugs are often used to self-medicate the symptoms of mental health
 - Alcohol and drugs can increase the underlying risk of mental health disorders
 - Alcohol and drug abuse can make symptoms of mental illness worse or create new symptoms
 - Dignified, inclusive and non-judgmental services are necessary



Poverty And Income

- Living in poverty erodes a person's sense of self-worth, dignity and sense of purpose
- Wages have not increased with the cost of living
- Lost high paying factory jobs, and tourism and hospitality industry jobs are:
 - Minimum wage, seasonal / precarious and offer few or no benefits
- Individuals that have to work multiple jobs to make ends meet also experience increased levels of stress, are absent from the home, and do not spend as much time with their families
 - "People who work full-time should not struggle to keep a roof over their heads or feed themselves"
- Poverty and income are a key determinant of well-being, and can be associated with mental illness (e.g. situational depression), addictions, family breakdown / abuse, etc.
- Poverty drives theft and petty crime for survival
- Job opportunities for youth and continuing education is necessary



Homelessness

- Homelessness is understood by the public as visible, primary homelessness (e.g. sleeping outside, tenting), couch-surfing or other precarious arrangements
- Pervasive and complex problem
 - “Shelters are full, and affordable housing is limited”
- Viewed as a symptom, not the root cause
- Viewed by some as a human right
 - “No one deserves to be homeless”, “Everyone needs a home”
- The experience of chronic homelessness reduces the average lifespan and may have links to addictions, mental illness, etc.
- The act of begging is associated with homelessness
- Empty motels could be used for housing individuals experiencing homelessness
- A Housing First approach (i.e. immediate, barrier-free access to permanent housing with supports) is best practice, although some still view a need for more emergency shelter

In examining the results of the online survey, the lowest ranking areas or issues of concern related to community safety and well-being include:

- Emergency preparedness
- Food security
- Intimate partner violence
- Support for newcomers
- Injury prevention

NEXT STEPS

It is recognized that Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan will be further enhanced through the work of short-term recovery planning during the COVID-19 pandemic, leveraging data and information-sharing garnered during this phase, and will contribute to a **more in-depth understanding of how emergency events, such as the pandemic, affect vulnerable groups who were already at risk of harm or victimization.**

The Advisory Committee will build on the work of the short-term Community Recovery Planning Table to inform the development of Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. It is anticipated that the Committee will return to formal Community Safety and Well-Being Plan development in January 2021.

At that time, community consultation and data assessment will resume to support the identification of local safety and well-being priorities.



JAN. 2020

Establish Advisory Committee

FEB. - MARCH 2020

Part I: Identify Priorities

MARCH - DEC. 2020

Convene Community Recovery Planning Table

JAN. - FEB. 2021

Part II: Identify Priorities

MARCH - MAY 2021

Select Strategies and Determine Outcomes

JUNE 2021

Present Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan to Regional Council

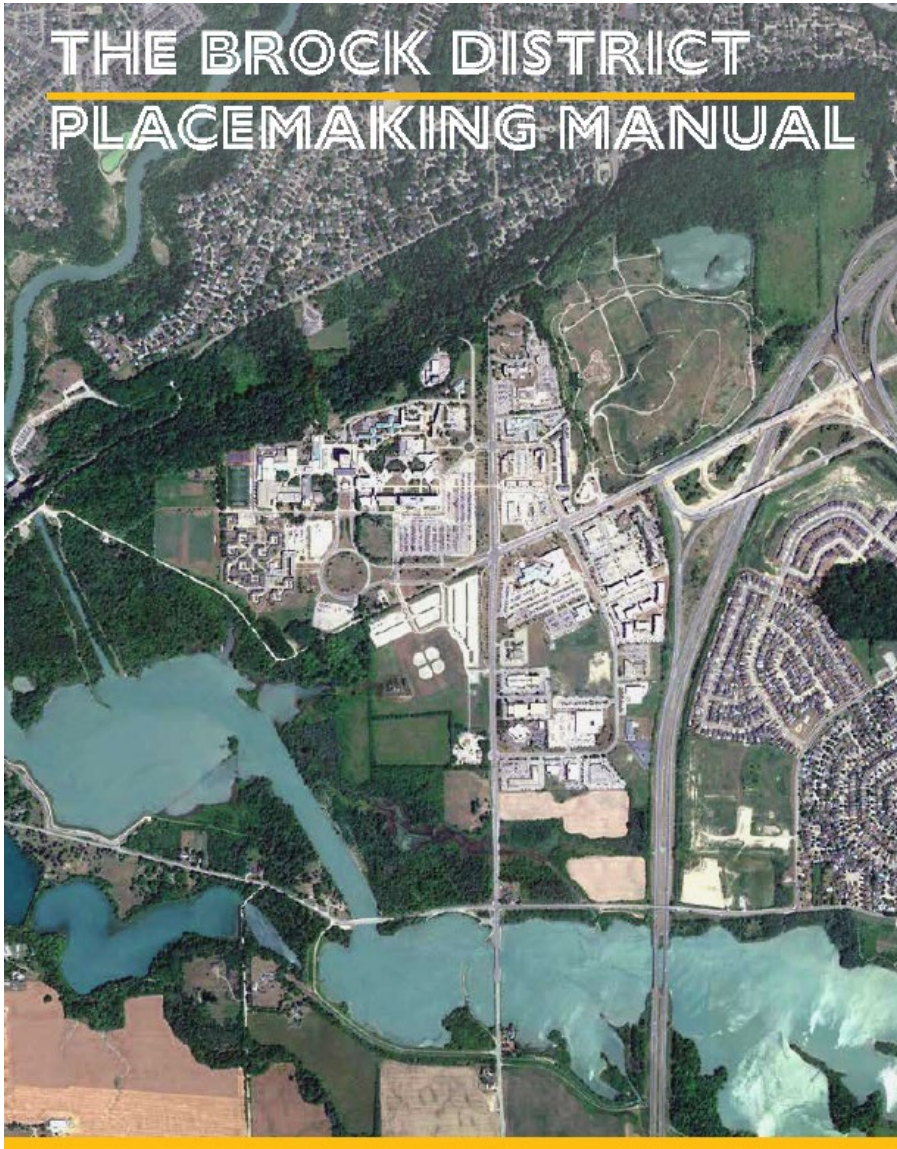
JULY - SEPT. 2021

Implement Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan



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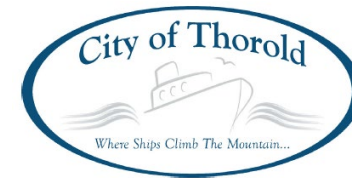




Brock District Plan Placemaking Manual

June 1, 2021

Prepared in collaboration with:



Presented by:

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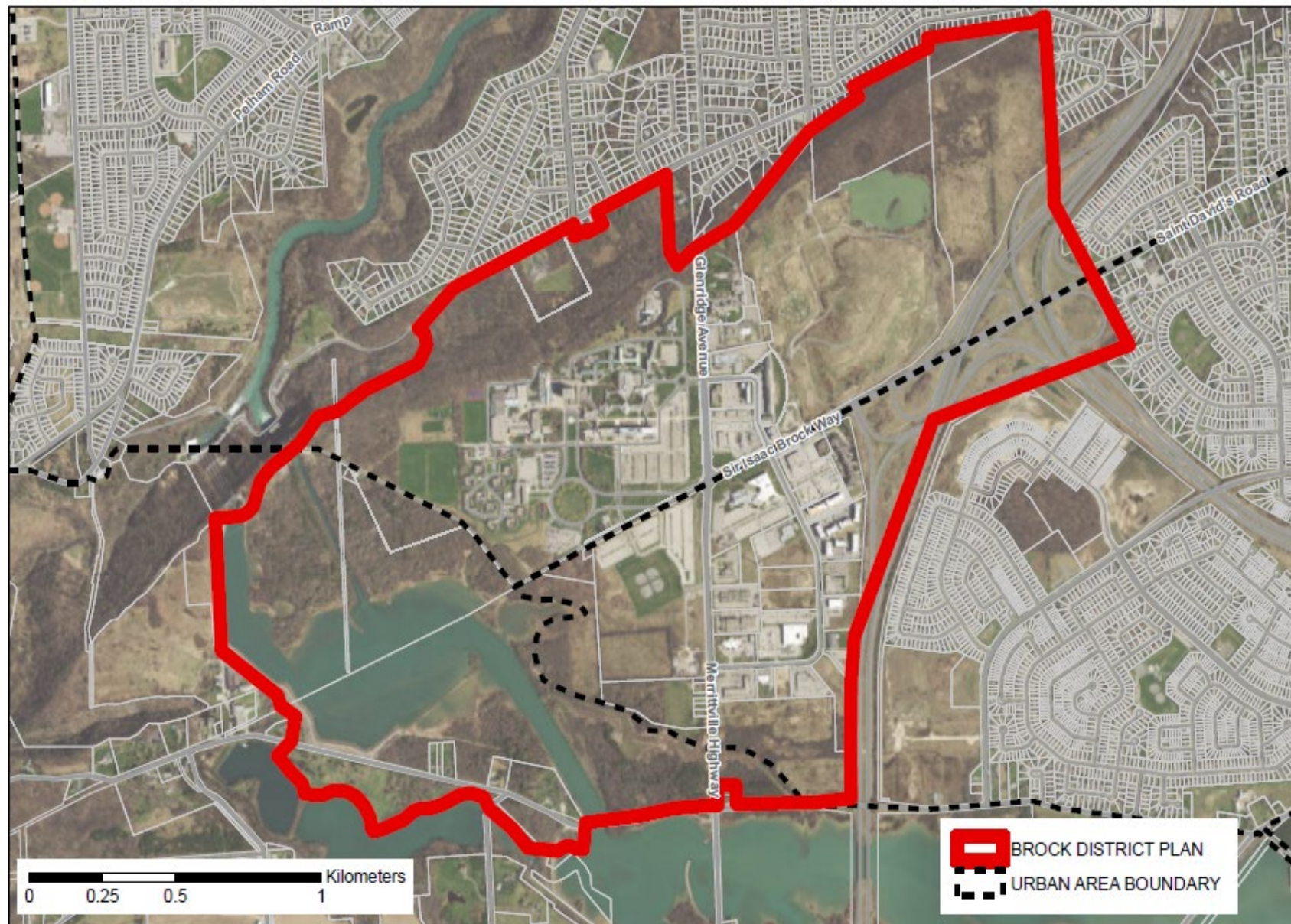
Brock District Plan



- Regional vision and framework for planning, design and development of a complete community.
- Endorsed in 2016/2017
- Guide for multiple stakeholders to coordinate development and investment efforts.

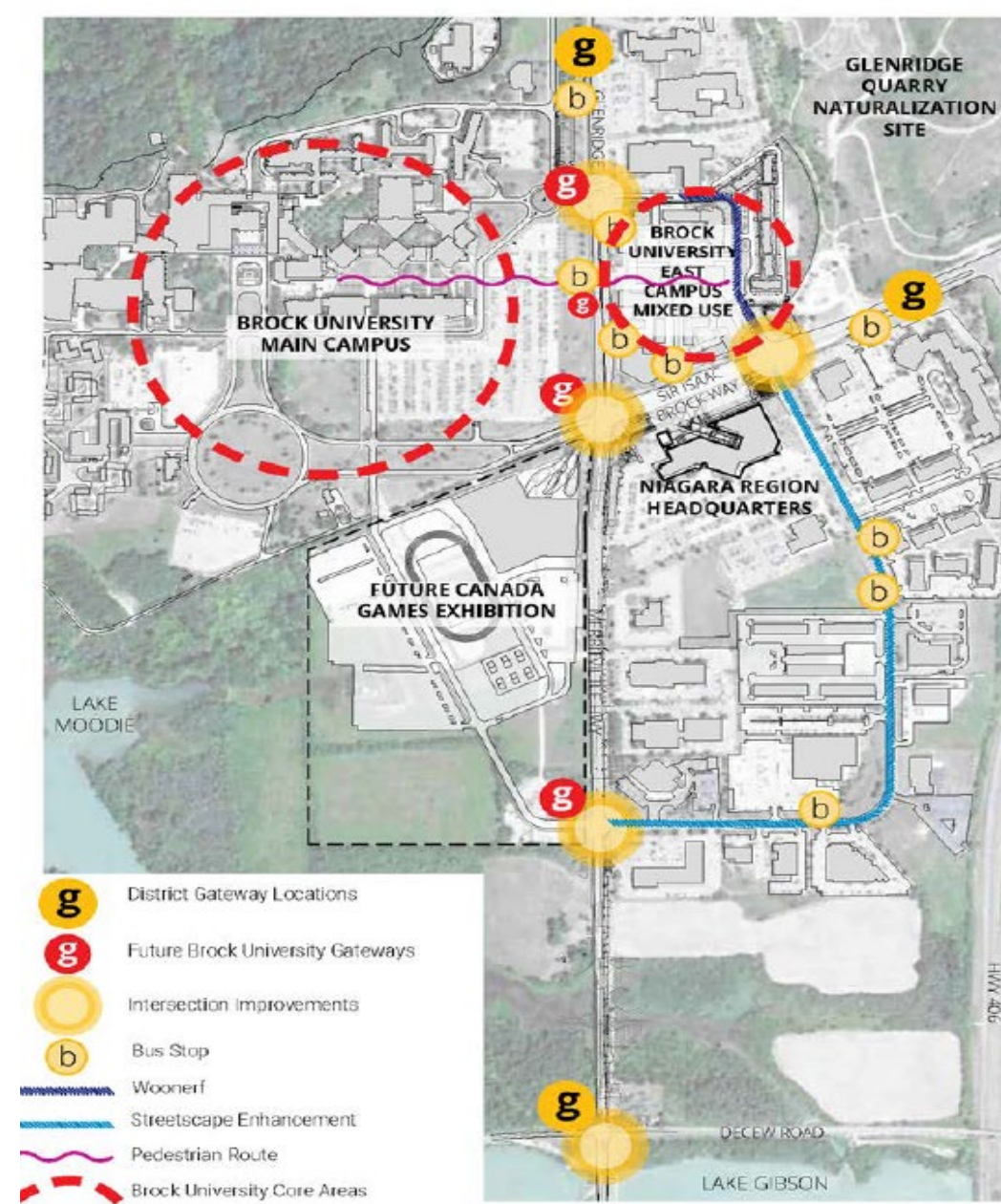
Brock District Key Frameworks:

1. Positioning the District globally within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
2. Setting the District in the Niagara Escarpment
3. Gateways to the District
4. Sustainable Urban District
5. Balanced Circulation
6. A Green Brock District
7. A Complete Community

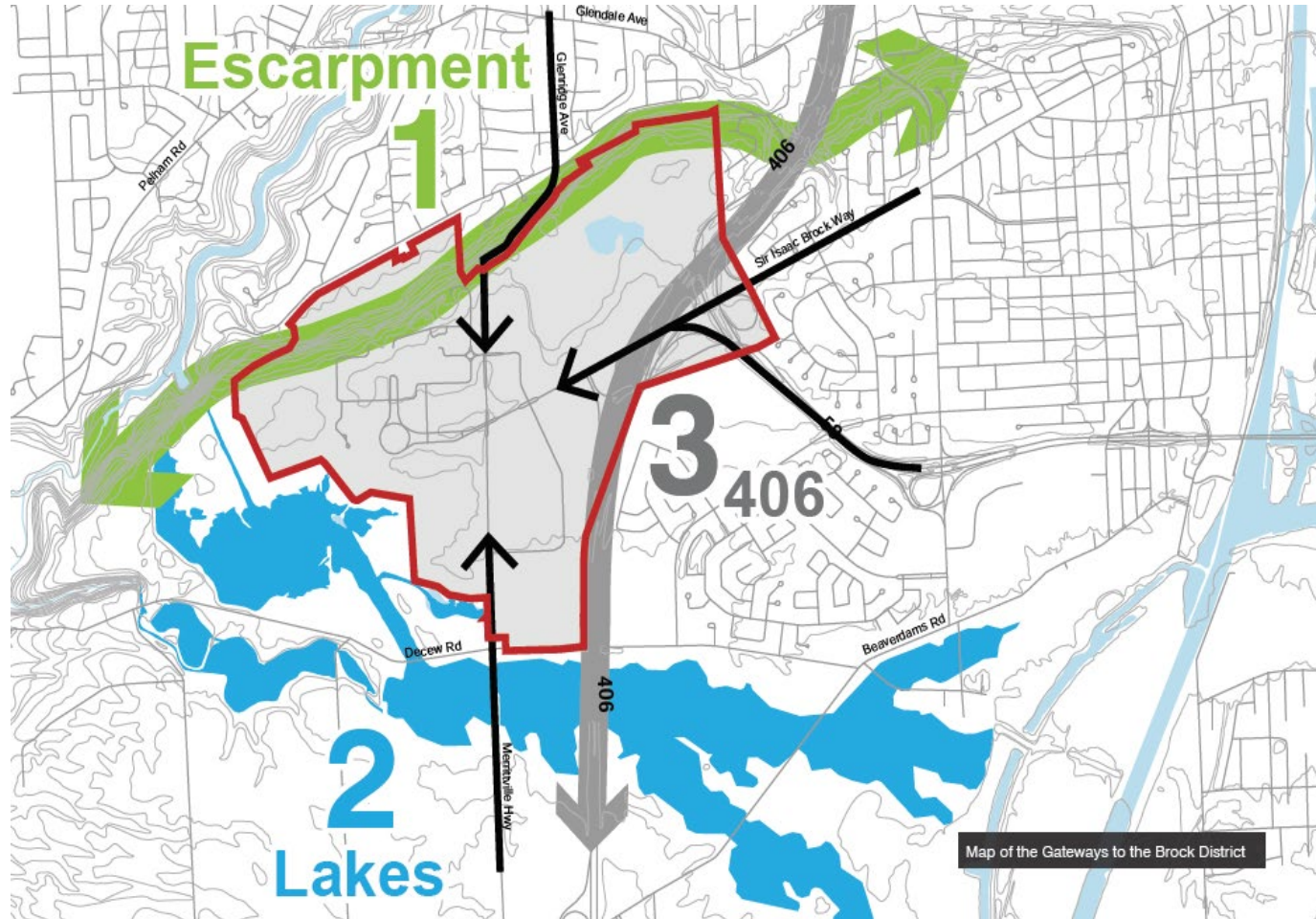


Purpose of a Placemaking Manual

- Consistent design and aesthetic direction
- Recognizable destination
- Landscape interventions that will enhance public space
- Promote environmental sustainability
- Encourages active transportation and connections
- Leadership in innovative practices



Gateways



406 Gateway

Gateways

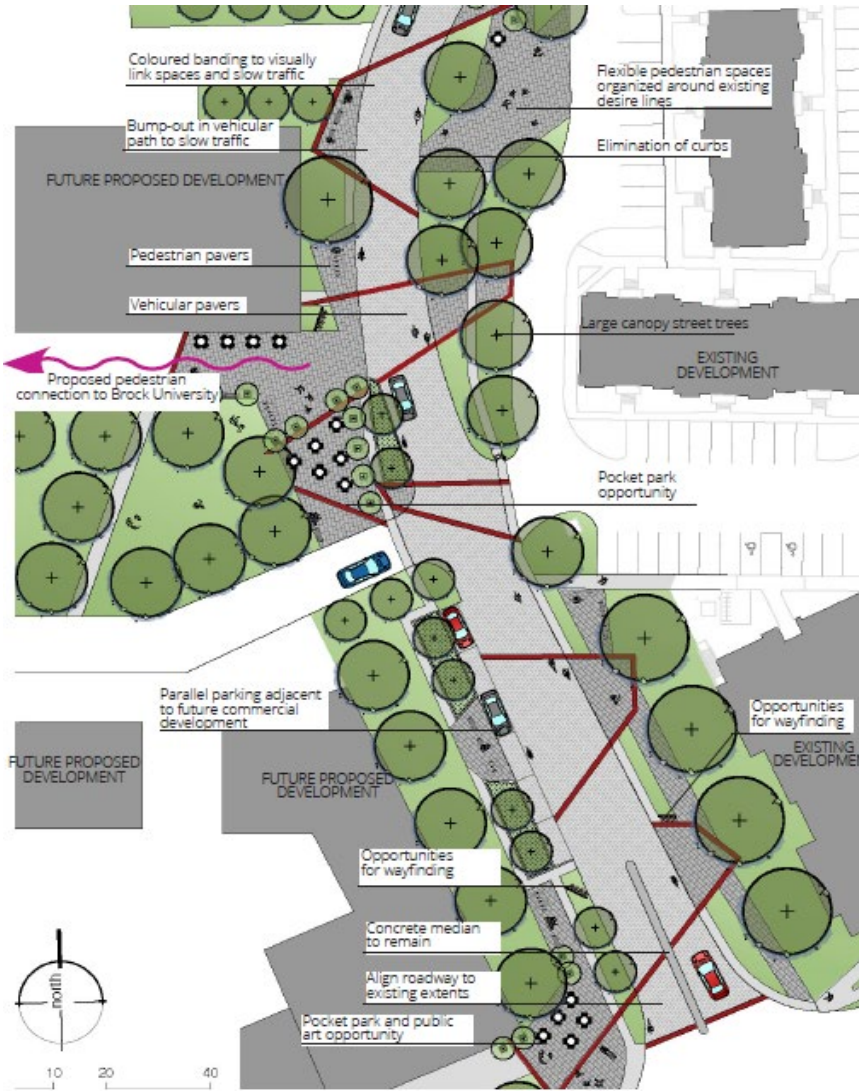
Merrittville Hwy and Decew Rd Gateway



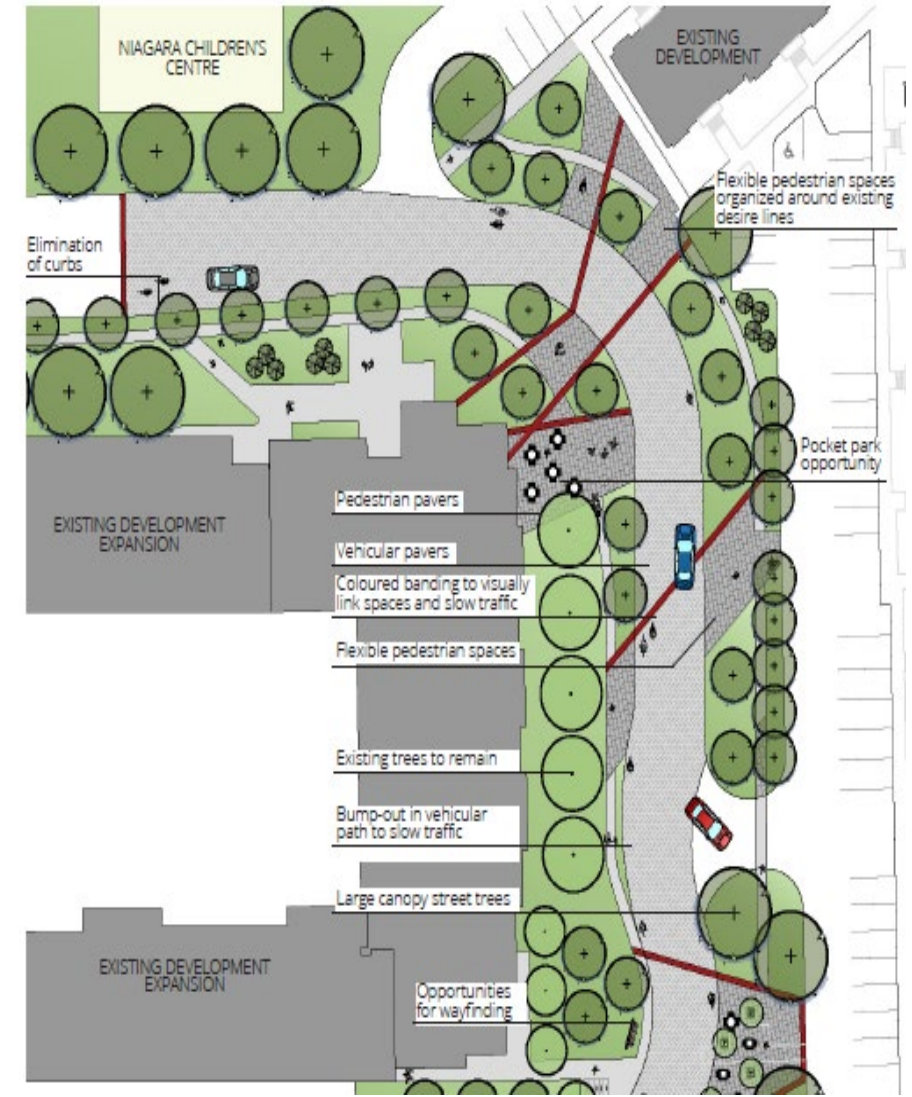
Glenridge Ave Gateway



John Macdonell St Woonerf

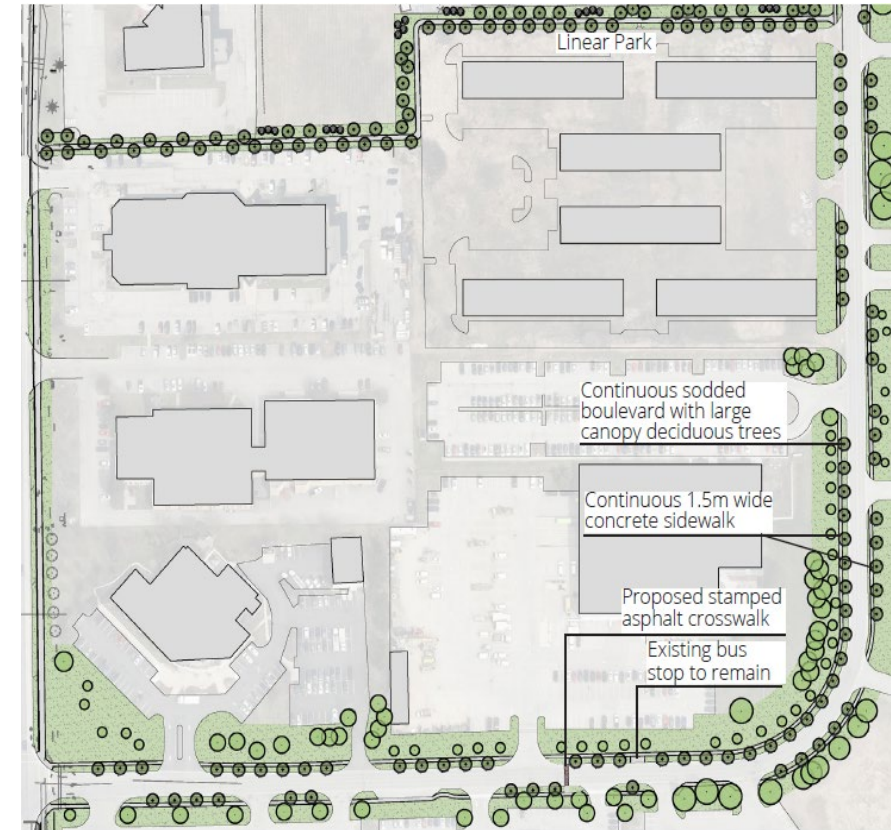
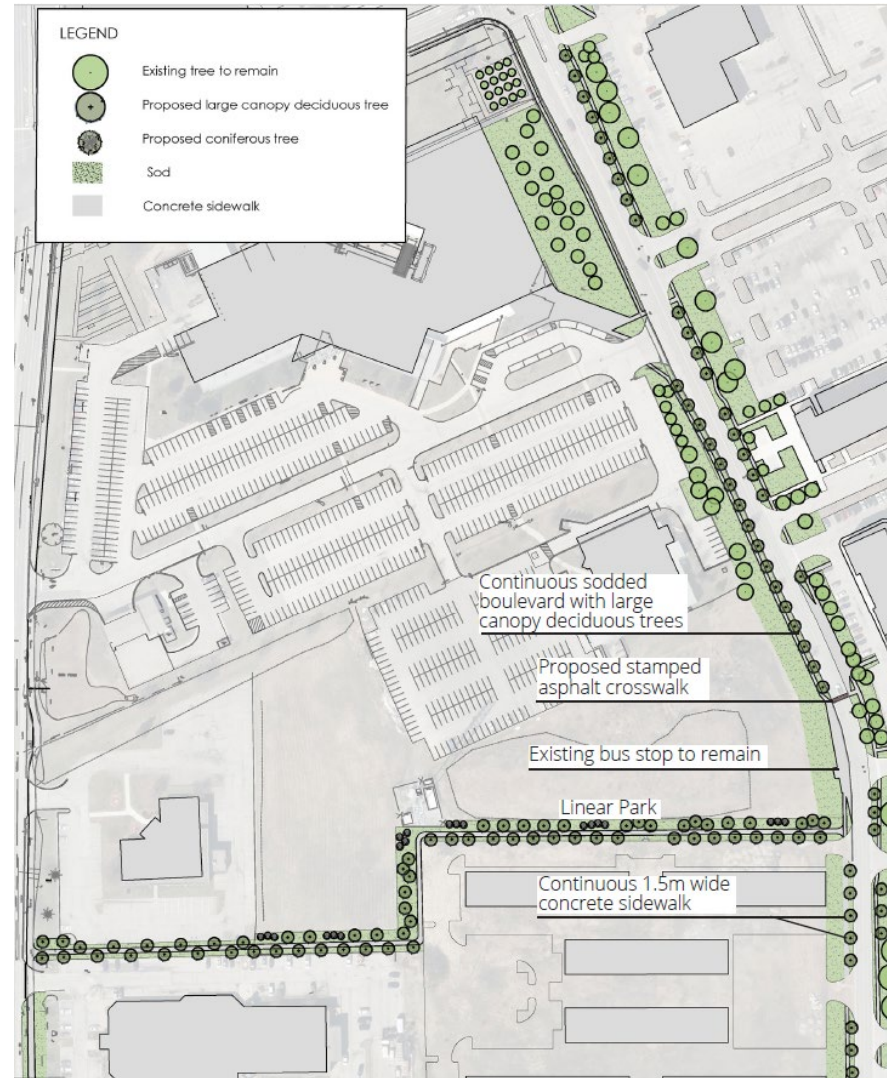


The woonerf, Dutch for “home zone,” is a pedestrian-friendly street model. Vehicular movement by automobile or bicycle is slow, as traffic-calming elements, rest areas and social space signal the pedestrian focus of the space.



Schmon Parkway Streetscape

Enhancements consist of street trees, linear park connection and 1.5m wide concrete sidewalks connecting the existing sidewalk framework.



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Acer x freemanii 'Autumn Blaze'

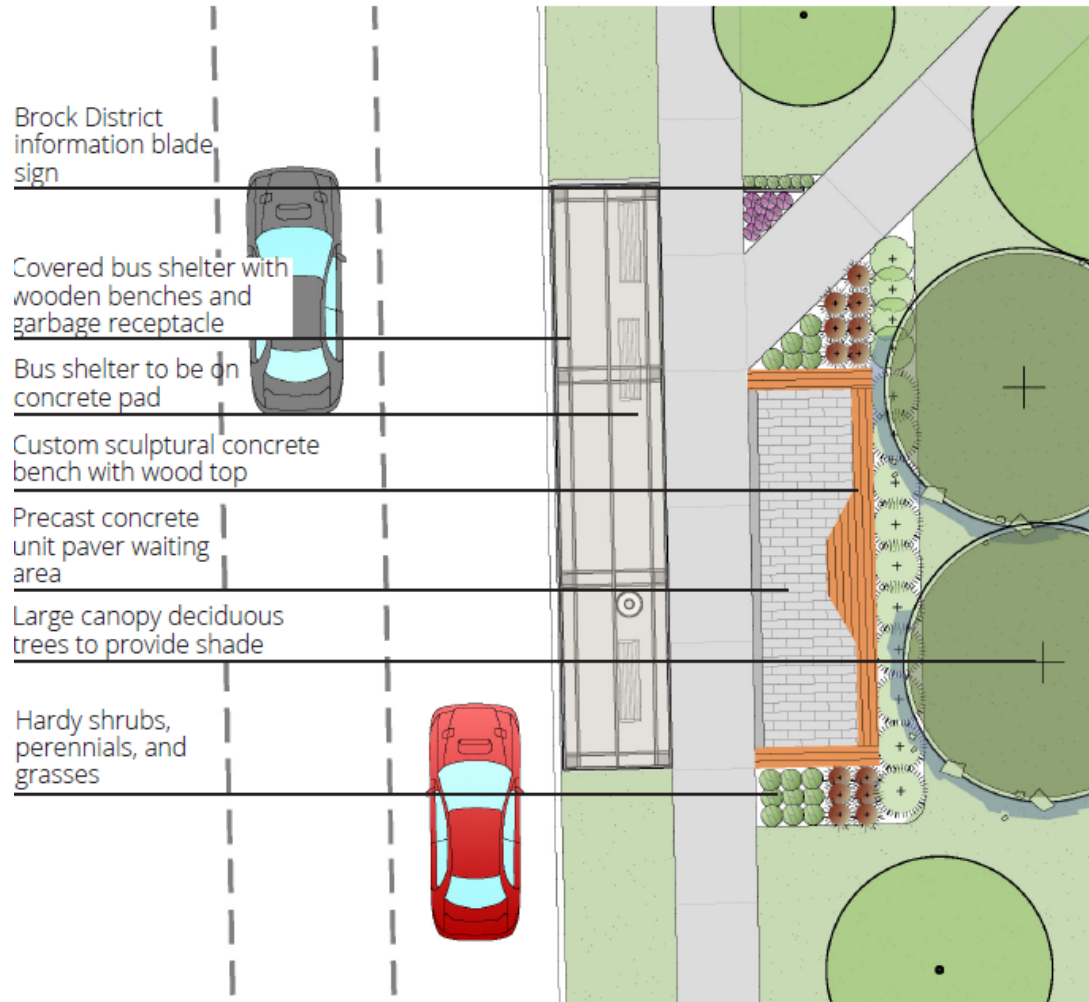


Celtis occidentalis



Ostrya virginiana

Bus Stops and Parkettes

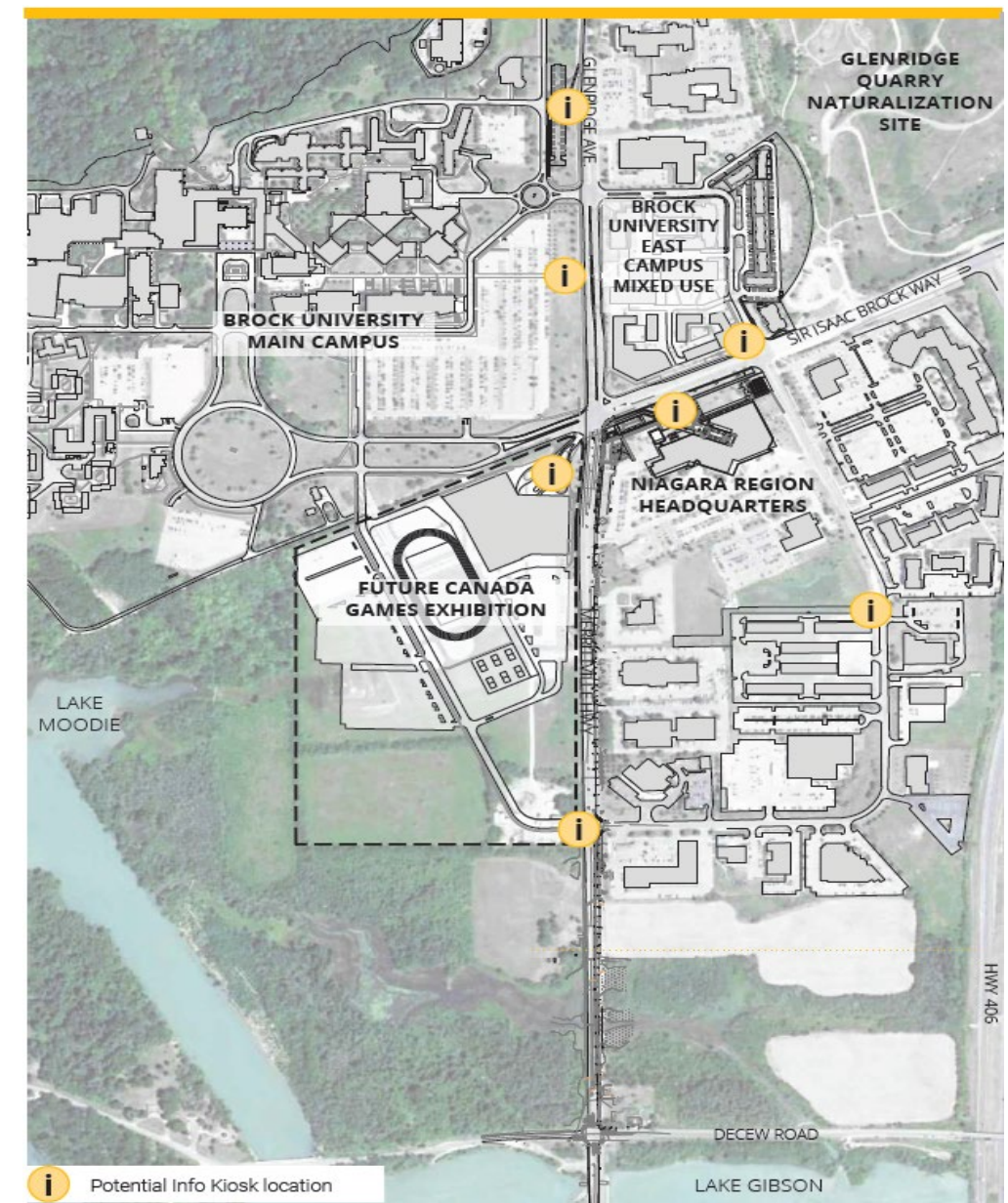


Enhanced planting, overflow seating areas, and wayfinding opportunities transform these spaces from a generic stop into a pocket park with unique character.



Wayfinding

Provides direction and sense of place for pedestrian, active transportation, and vehicular visitors to key destinations within the district.



Furniture



Furniture palettes have been selected to provide a cohesive design aesthetic across the district.

Green Infrastructure

Highlights existing LID facilities and types of LID installations that can be used for both public lands and/or publicly facing private lands, at various scales, in order to improve existing conditions.



Public Art

Public art contributes to the overall identity, history, and aesthetic of a District. Direction provided for art locations, crosswalk enhancements and wraps for utility boxes.



Next Steps

Implement the shared design vision and ensures that a consistent approach is taken by all stakeholders within the District as changes are made over time.

1. Implementation Plan

- Phasing
- Budget
- Coordination and Agreements

2. Continued collaboration

- Scoped Implementation Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Canada Summer Games

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Niagara Region

Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 1, 2021

Cassandra Ogunniyi,
Diversity, Equity and
Inclusion Program Manager

Agenda

- Background
- Project Plan
- Goals with progress and next steps
- Discussion
 - Feedback on organizations selected that work with Individuals with Disabilities
 - Volunteers for a DEI focus group
 - Selection of representative for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities



- Niagara Region and the 12 Local Area Municipalities (LAMs) signed the declaration to join the Coalition on Sept 18 2020
- Objectives of the Coalition:
 - Improve municipal practices to promote social inclusion
 - Establish policies to eradicate all forms of racism and discrimination
 - Promote human rights and diversity
- Creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan as part of joining the CIM

Project Plan

- **Purpose:** This plan outlines the work from 2020 to 2022 that will develop a DEI Action Plan to guide the work in the Region for the next five years, and the initial steps being taken to advance DEI in Niagara.
- **Draft Vision:** Niagara Region is an organization that has diversity in leadership and staff, involves people with lived experience in decision making, removes barriers to provide opportunities for all people to access services and resources, and has safe and inclusive spaces for all community members

Importance of DEI Work

- **Diverse Talent:** better represents the public we serve in all positions, including senior management
- **Inclusive Leaders:** equipped to respond to a changing workforce and community
- **Diversity of Thought & Experience:** thrive in an inclusive workplace, improving productivity, innovation, and quality of outcomes
- **Greater Collaboration:** enables creativity and innovation in the way we work
- **Responsive Public Service:** creates equitable policies, programs, and services

DEI Goals 2021-2022

- **Goal 1:** To develop a 5 year DEI Action Plan by April 2022
- **Goal 2:** To increase the diversity of job applicants and new staff hired
- **Goal 3:** To provide staff with the knowledge, skills, and resources to reduce racism and discrimination and improve inclusion and diversity
- **Goal 4:** To provide opportunities for community members to be heard and participate in decision making processes
- **Goal 5:** To improve collaboration with diverse community members and organizations in Niagara

Goal 1: To Develop a 5 year DEI Action Plan by April 2022

Step 1: Current Assessment

- Jan – Mar 2021
 - Environmental Scan
 - Pulse Survey analysis

Step 2: Develop Vision and Plan for Engagement

- Feb – July 2021
 - Draft Vision
 - Engagement plan
 - DEIAC Selection
 - Data collection questions and tools

Step 3: Identify Barriers and Critical Success Factors

- June – Nov 2021
 - Conduct staff and community focus groups
 - Conduct staff and community survey
 - Data analysis and summary

Steps 4 &5: Create Strategy, Monitoring Plan, and Write Report

- Nov 2021 – April 2022
 - Strategy sessions
 - Write report
 - Finalize report
 - Action Plan and Report to Council

Goal 2: To increase the diversity of job applicants and new staff hired

- Actions completed
 - How to Increase Diversity and Inclusion in Recruitment, Hiring, and Promotion: A Best Practices Guidebook
- Next steps
 - Review the best practices and select at least one area to work on in 2021

Goal 3: To provide staff with the knowledge, skills, and resources to reduce racism and discrimination and improve inclusion and diversity

- Completed actions

- Regional Councillors attended a two part Diversity and Inclusion training
- Leader's Edge two-part training called 'Addressing Bias and Discrimination' in February and March 2021
- Wrote Vine articles celebrating Women's History Month, Black History Month, International Women's Day
- Created a calendar of significant dates to recognize
- Created a communications plan

- Next steps

- June 2021 - Finalize a training options menu
- June 2021 – Provide recommendations for the Corporate Learning Calendar 2021-2022

Goal 4: To Provide Opportunities For Community Members To Be Heard And Participate In Decision Making Processes

- Completed actions
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee (DEIAC)
 - 8 community members selected from 83 applications
 - Council approval of recommended members
- Next steps
 - June 2021 – First DEIAC meeting
 - Fall 2021 – Establishment of 2SLGBTQQIA+ Advisory Committee and Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee

- Mandate
 - Provide support to staff in the drafting and implementation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan
 - Provide recommendations, advice, and information to Regional Council and Regional Staff on matters pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Goal
 - The goal of the Committee is to address bias and discrimination and its negative impacts on quality of life, safety, health, and inclusion for the diverse communities in Niagara providing a safe place for all people to voice their opinions in order to work together to promote and foster understanding and inclusion in Niagara

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee

- Purpose

- Provide suggestions for improving the organization's activities to increase diversity and inclusion
- Collaborate with community groups to identify opportunities for supporting diverse residents' needs
- Work with other organizations and community groups to support opportunities to promote inclusion and reduce discrimination

- Membership

- 2 Regional Councillors – Councillor George Darte, Councillor Laura Ip
- 8 Community Members
- 1 Representative from the Women's Advisory Committee
- 1 Representative from the Accessibility Advisory Committee

Goal 5: To Improve Collaboration With Diverse Community Members And Organizations In Niagara

- Completed Actions

- Collaborated with 15 Indigenous related organizations or leads, Public Health, Community Services, and Economic Development to organize Indigenous specific Pop-Up COVID Immunization Clinics that vaccinated approx. 4500 Indigenous individuals, their household members or carers

- Next Steps

- June 2021 – Finalize update of Land Acknowledgement
- Continuous – Work with Indigenous organizations
- Continuous – Attend meetings and events hosted by local DEI related organizations or networks

Staff and Community Engagement

- Aim of engagement – to hear from diverse voices of Niagara
 - Experiences and perceptions of DEI in the Region
 - How can Niagara be more welcoming, diverse, inclusive, and equitable
 - Key areas of focus
 - Housing
 - Police
 - Labour force
 - Education
 - Municipal employer

Staff Focus Groups

- Volunteer staff members
 - Racial or ethnic groups
 - People with disabilities
 - 2SLGBTQ+ community
 - Born outside of Canada
 - Different religious or spiritual affiliations
 - Diverse genders
 - Francophone
 - All departments, some divisions

Community engagement

- 12 Diversity related groups:
 - Ethnocultural and linguistic diversity
 - Racialized or People of Colour
 - Francophone
 - New immigrants
 - Indigenous communities
 - LGBTQ2S+ individuals
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Seniors/older adults
 - Individuals living with low income
 - Individuals experiencing homeless
 - Post-secondary students/youth
 - Faith-based diversity

Organization selection

- Started with the list of over 500 organizations and networks, categorized them according to the top two diversity categories that they work with
- If more than 11 organizations in a category, will select 8-12 based on various criteria:
 - Geography – urban/rural, different municipalities
 - Range of clients (considering intersectionality, age, gender, etc.)
 - Large and small organizations (budget, reach)
 - Range of services offered

Individuals with Disabilities

- Speech Services Niagara
- Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara
- West Niagara Mental Health
- Oak Centre
- CAMH
- March of Dimes
- Community Care Access Centre
- NHS Addictions Outpatient Services
- Community Support Services of Niagara
- Coast Niagara
- Community Living
- Special Olympics Niagara
- ODSP
- Brain Injury Community Re-entry

Action Requested - Discussion

- Volunteers to participate in a 90 minute virtual focus group on DEI
- Selection of representative for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Thank you!

- Questions can be sent to Cassandra.Ogunniyi@niagararegion.ca

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

**AAC 2-2021
Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Committee Room 4/Video Conference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Councillor Ip (Chair)
Present in Committee
Room 4:

Committee Members G. Eden, I. Greaves, L. Hay, T. Hore, H. Matthews, C. Peddle,
Present via Video C. Theal, D. Whipple (Vice-Chair)
Conference:

Absent/Regrets: B. Kon, V. Sparling

Staff Members K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, S. Murphy, Accessibility
Present in Committee Advisor
Room 4:

Staff Members P. Abeysekara, Integrated Planning and Policy Advisor, M.
Present via Video Johnston, Community Safety and Well-Being Program Manager,
Conference: T. McClellan, Manager, Long Term Care Facilities, L.
 McGovern, Collection and Diversion Program Manager, C.
 Perreault, Web Communications Coordinator

Others Present via M. Ferrusi, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, T.
Video Conference: Morden, Niagara Regional Police

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Ip, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Community Consultation Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Michelle Johnston, Project Manager, Corporate Strategy and Innovation, provided information respecting Community Consultation Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Objectives
- Pillars of Framework
- Critical Success Factors
- Benefits
- Engagement Approach
- Phase 1 - Community Consultation
- Phase 2 - Targeted Community Consultation
- 2021 Timeline and Objectives

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 AAC 1-2021

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Moved by L. Hay

Seconded by T. Hore

That Report AAC 1-2021, being the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on January 19, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Set Out Services for Waste Collection

Lucy McGovern, Collection and Diversion Program Manager, provided an overview of the process for requesting set out services for waste collection.

7.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Mandate

Liz Hay, Committee Member, enquired whether the mandate of the Accessibility Advisory Committee included discussing legislative issues such as medically assisted dying. Steve Murphy, Accessibility Advisor, advised that as the requirement to have an Accessibility Advisory Committee is mandated by the provincial government, he will look into the matter and report back at the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting being held on June 1, 2021.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Councillor Ip
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk