

## Transit Supportive Townhouse Guidelines

City of Brampton / The Planning Partnership  
Brampton, Ontario

### Concept or Plan



Townhouses are the fastest growing residential building form in the City of Brampton and represent, for many different reasons, a viable and desirable alternative to the single-detached home. Townhouse developments, because they concentrate more units/people within a smaller area, achieve the higher densities needed to support transit and other forms of transit-oriented development, a key objective of the municipality and the province.

An important objective of the guidelines is to assure that innovative solutions are developed over time. The guidelines are meant to be just that, 'Guidelines', giving a sense of the built form objectives and encouraging the continued exploration of new approaches to providing townhouse forms of housing. As a result, the guidelines provide graphic explanations of the various townhouse typologies, graphic illustrations of a range of conditions where this form of housing might occur within the City and general guidelines with precedents to illustrate the built form objectives of the City.

The process of developing the guidelines included working sessions with the development industry as well as various departments in the City of Brampton. This provided guidance to the City of what the issues are that most concern the builders and how they might be resolved. The workshops also provided the City with the forum to inform the building industry what will be expected as the City continues to intensify.

These guidelines have been developed to speak to this unique form of dwelling and, more specifically, to provide guidance on their design and their appropriate locations within the City, and will form a new and separate chapter to the City's Development Design Guidelines.