

A1 PLANNING AND POLICY CONTEXT

Brampton is a rapidly growing city that has witnessed substantial change over the past several decades. It is at a turning point in its evolution, transitioning from a primarily suburban community dominated by sprawling greenfield and industrial developments to a more compact, urban community with a mix of uses.

BRAMPTON 2040 VISION: LIVING THE MOSAIC

In 2018, the City of Brampton developed the Brampton 2040 Vision, a strategic plan that captures the community's vision for how Brampton should evolve to 2040. It provides seven target vision statements, with fundamental themes that are identified as the DNA of the Vision: sustainability, livability, diversity, and health. The vision builds upon existing planning, policies, strategies, and programs that are already adopted or underway in the City. Seven vision statements are supported by a set of actions for change, that are guided by 5 lenses for success that include public engagement, collaboration, design, technology, and identity.



Brampton Feature Sign

BRAMPTON PLAN (OFFICIAL PLAN)

[Brampton Plan](#) carries forward and implements the 2040 Vision. Emerging from the 2040 Vision, Brampton Plan's vision statement provides focus and direction for all planning decisions and directions within the Plan.

Brampton Plan, is a roadmap for city-building and, in concert with other critical studies, sets the framework for the environment, sustainability, parks, open space, transportation, heritage and urban design.

THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES (2003)

The Development Design Guidelines (DDG), approved by Council in 2003, was originally intended to chart the course for greenfield development and address the challenges posed by the development impetus at that time. Accordingly, their focus was on new development in greenfield areas. Since the time of their endorsement, the City of Brampton and the Province of Ontario have adopted/ updated a number of plans, legislation and policies to direct growth with more focus on urban development including intensification. The City-Wide Urban Design Guidelines (the Guidelines) are an update to the DDG and will replace them upon approval.*

Other tools and plans that the City has to implement its vision and policies include:

SUSTAINABLE NEW COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Brampton's [Sustainable New Communities Program \(SNCP\)](#), formally launched in 2018, encourages and evaluates the sustainability performance of new development to facilitate and accelerate the delivery of complete communities. It uses the City's Sustainability Assessment Tool (SAT), a point-based system in which development proposals earn points for achieving specific criteria (metrics) organized under the categories of Built Environment, Mobility, Natural Environment & Open Space, and Infrastructure & Buildings.

To assist in achieving the City's environmental sustainability climate change targets, all applications must achieve a minimum Bronze score. In 2022, Brampton updated the SNCP to include new metrics and score thresholds, along with an 'Innovation' category, which allows applicants an opportunity to create innovative sustainability measures. To assist in achieving the City's climate change mitigation goal, as of January 1, 2023, development proposals must achieve a minimum 'Good' level under the Building Energy Efficiency, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, and Resilience metric.

A key resource in helping to inform the development of the SNCP was the Sustainable Community Development Guidelines (SCDG). The SCDG formed Part 8 of the original 2013 Development Design Guidelines (DDG) providing comprehensive sustainability guidelines for the planning and design of new communities and neighbourhoods. It is intended that, with



Brampton Garden Square

much of the content of the original document having been carried forward into the SNCP, the SCDG will be updated with to focus on urban development forms as Part B of these Guidelines.

REGION OF PEEL - CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

The Region of Peel - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) document was developed to promote the integration of CPTED principles into Official Plans and Guidelines. It serves as a reference for evaluating development applications and promoting safer, more resilient community design. CPTED strategies are used to encourage desired human behaviours and include natural surveillance, natural access control, and territorial reinforcement

BRAMPTON COMPLETE STREETS GUIDE (2022)

The Brampton Complete Streets Guide (BCSG) sets forth that the "City of Brampton promotes a multi-modal transportation system, with the objective of designing, building, and maintaining streets (including multi-use paths) that safely and comfortably accommodate all users, including motorists, motorcyclists, bicyclists, pedestrians, individuals with disabilities, transit and school bus riders, delivery and service personnel, freight haulers, and emergency responders." The ambition for complete streets is stated in Brampton Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Active Transportation Master Plan, and Vision 2040.

*Note: Currently, the City is reviewing and updating development and design processes to align with the Brampton Plan's implementation framework and to modernize the Architectural Control Compliance (ACC) process. Until these updates are approved and implemented, the information in the DDG regarding the Design Process and the ACC procedure remains applicable.

The City envisions this Guide as applicable to all public and private roads across all areas. It will inform planning and development projects and be integrated into environmental assessments, comprehensive redevelopment initiatives, planning studies, public realm plans, secondary plans, and other revitalization efforts. The Guide defines 11 Street Types to reflect and respond to the range of existing and planned contexts in Brampton. For each street type, the guide identifies the Application (type of street, such as an Arterial, and where in the City, such as Downtown), Sample Streets, and Design Objectives that include the users - Pedestrian, Cycling, Transit, and Motor Vehicles, along with Sustainable Infrastructure. A demonstration cross section is provided for each showing the elements within the boulevard and the roadway. Lane width dimensions, curb radii, cycle infrastructure design, etc. are provided under separate sections.

BRAMPTON ECO PARK STRATEGY

Through the Brampton 2040 Vision, the [Eco Park Strategy](#) aims to conserve and enhance our natural systems within the City, while striving to achieve optimal balance between environmental conservation and use. It will create a large and growing municipal park and nature reserve existing across the city that is interwoven within the city landscape, creating interconnected eco spaces throughout the city that integrate Eco Park principles. Eco Spaces include but are not limited to the city's natural heritage system, parks, green spaces, green infrastructure streetscapes, utility corridors, and yards that strive to integrate Eco Park principles.

AGE-FRIENDLY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (2019)

The City of Brampton developed the [Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan](#) to support an age-friendly community that encourages and enables active aging, enhancing and maintaining the quality of life for older adults. Brampton is aligning with the World Health Organization's (WHO's) eight dimensions of an age-friendly community which include: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, communication and information, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, and community support and health services.

BRAMPTON GROW GREEN ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLAN (2020)

Brampton's [Grow Green Environmental Master Plan \(EMP\)](#) aims to conserve, enhance, and balance the City's natural and built environments to create a healthier, resilient, and environmentally sustainable city. The EMP outlines six core goals, including People, Air, Water, Land, Energy, and Waste. Each goal includes a number of corresponding metrics or actions that the City will take to improve Brampton's environmental performance, quality of life, and economic development.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN (2019)

The [Active Transportation Master Plan \(ATMP\)](#) establishes an implementation strategy to build a connected cycling and pedestrian network throughout Brampton and to adjacent municipalities, enabling safer, more convenient travel by non-motorized modes, and encourages cycling as a viable means of transportation for both recreational and utilitarian purposes. The ATMP identifies the vision statement from Brampton 2040 Vision for transportation and connectivity as "a mosaic of safe, integrated transportation choices and new modes, contributing to civic sustainability, and emphasizing walking, cycling and transit." The associated actions for active transportation include prioritizing active mobility through

an Active Mobility Charter, and implementing complete streets supporting more integrated transportation choices that prioritize walking and cycling.

The ATMP includes a Design Compendium to inform the design of complete streets and the active transportation network presented in the document.

CULTURE MASTER PLAN (2018)

The Culture Master Plan establishes the vision for arts and culture in Brampton. The key themes of the Plan are 'unlocking untapped potential', 'integration of arts and creative entrepreneurial community', 'connecting and facilitating', 'clarifying roles and responsibilities' and 'economic development'. It outlines the strategies and actions to be carried out by the City in regards to resources, funding, space, talent development, presentation and production, and promotion.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN (2015)

The City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) provides strategic direction for the development of Brampton's transportation network to support the city's growth over the next 25 years. A key focus of the Plan is to implement a truly multi-modal transportation system that supports sustainable growth. The City is currently completing an update of this Plan.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN (2024)

The [Parks and Recreation Master Plan \(PRMP\)](#) is a guiding document for the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sport facilities in the City with the underlying objective of promoting an active and engaged community where attention to personal and public health is paramount. The document provides the City with overarching direction on parks and open space systems, and outdoor sports and recreational facilities; indoor sports and recreational infrastructure and buildings; and parks and recreation programming.

