

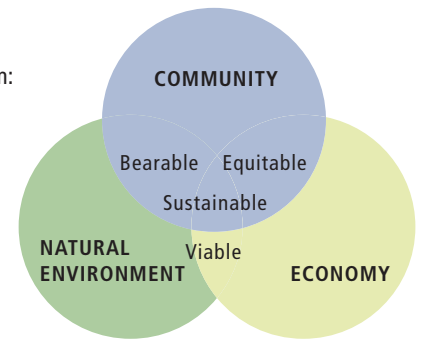


THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY: COMMUNITY

What Have We Heard?

Throughout the consultation process, this is what key informants in Aurora have identified as being important to them:

- Reduce single residential development and develop mixed use and mixed income housing
- Commitment to the protection of heritage and promotion of arts and culture
- Support alternative transportation options (walking, cycling, transit) to reduce traffic
- Accommodate changing demographics (rapid growth, increasing diversity, declining household size, and aging population)
- Revitalize downtown
- Asset renewal of community infrastructure



What Are We Currently Doing?

This is a list of some of the current initiatives being done in Aurora as identified by key informants.

Televised Aurora Council and General Committee Meetings – Committed to consultation and the engagement of those that live and work in Aurora, the Town televises meetings as well as provides Public Notices in print media and on the Town website.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Providing guidance and direction to leisure service, activities, programs and facilities through to 2013. The Plan includes provisions for accommodating changing demographics.

Heritage Preservation – Heritage Canada Foundation awarded the Town of Aurora the prestigious 2008 Prince of Wales Prize for “demonstrating exemplary commitment to the preservation of its built heritage”.

Official Plan and Secondary Plans – Encouraging smart growth, Aurora is in the midst of reviewing the Official Plan and currently has eight Secondary Plans in order to accommodate resident growth over the next 20 years.

Strategic Plan – Sets out overall Town goals and describes necessary actions to achieve goals while taking into account success factors, targets and future opportunities.

What Opportunities Do We Have?

This is a list of future opportunities for Aurora identified by key informants:

- Develop more affordable options for seniors housing and accompanying infrastructure to accommodate aging population
- Leverage high quality of life to promote the Town
- Use bike lanes and trails to establish better connectivity through the Town
- Transition governance from “growth mode” to “maintenance mode” in order to maintain effective service delivery
- Leverage education, skills and engagement of the community for effective implementation of Town plans
- Recognize the value of arts, culture and heritage and create a Master Plan for these areas
- Centralize Customer Service to accommodate residents and practice effective time management in processing inquiries
- Develop a BIA for downtown