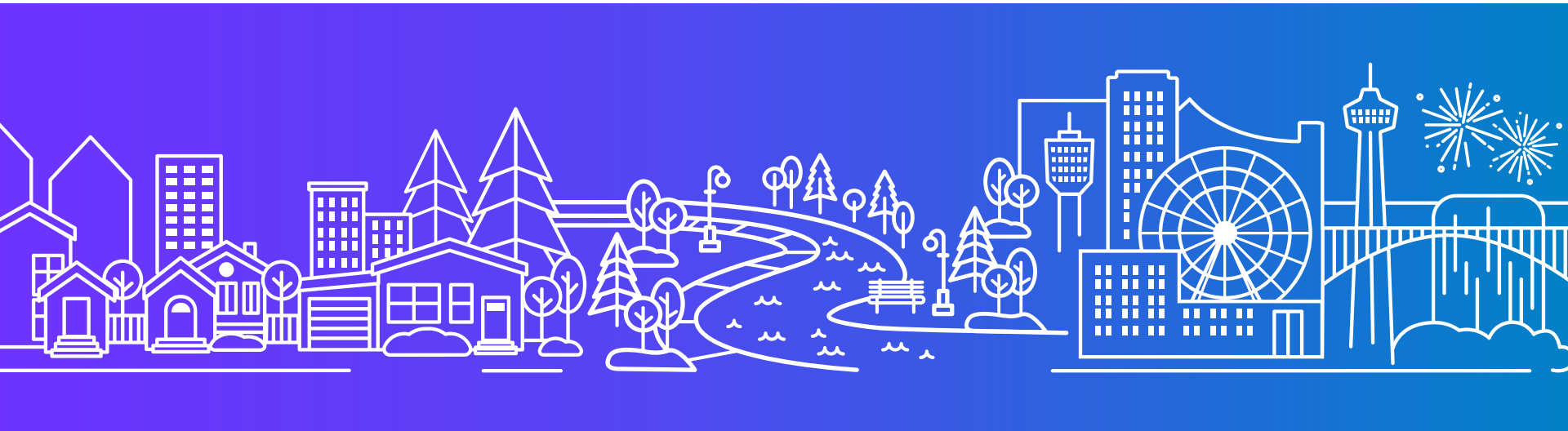
our Niagara Falls plan

PLANNING THE FUTURE.
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A New Official Plan for Niagara Falls

Public Open House

June 6, 2024



Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

With the aim of educating our community and acknowledging the many land treaties that overlay the City of Niagara Falls and Niagara Region, we acknowledge and thank the Indigenous peoples who were stewards of this land for a millennia before us.

Purpose of the Meeting



- **Learn** about the new Official Plan for Niagara Falls and the process to prepare it



- **Learn** about topics covered in the 6 Discussion Papers



- **Hear** from you - what do you think about the topics in the 6 Discussion Papers?

What is an Official Plan?

Determines how land should be used over the next 20 to 30 years

Ensures that planning and development meets the needs of the community



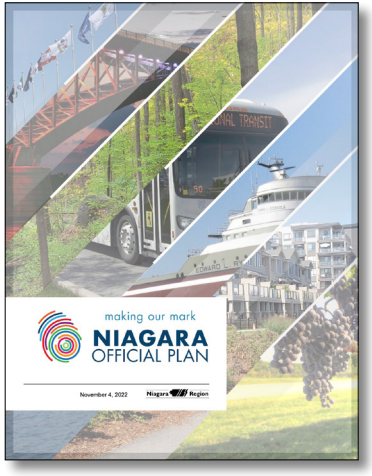






Why a New Official Plan?

Must conform with the Region's 2022 Official Plan



Current
Official Plan

OUTDATED

Need to address current issues such as affordable housing, urban design, climate change adaptation and the urban forest





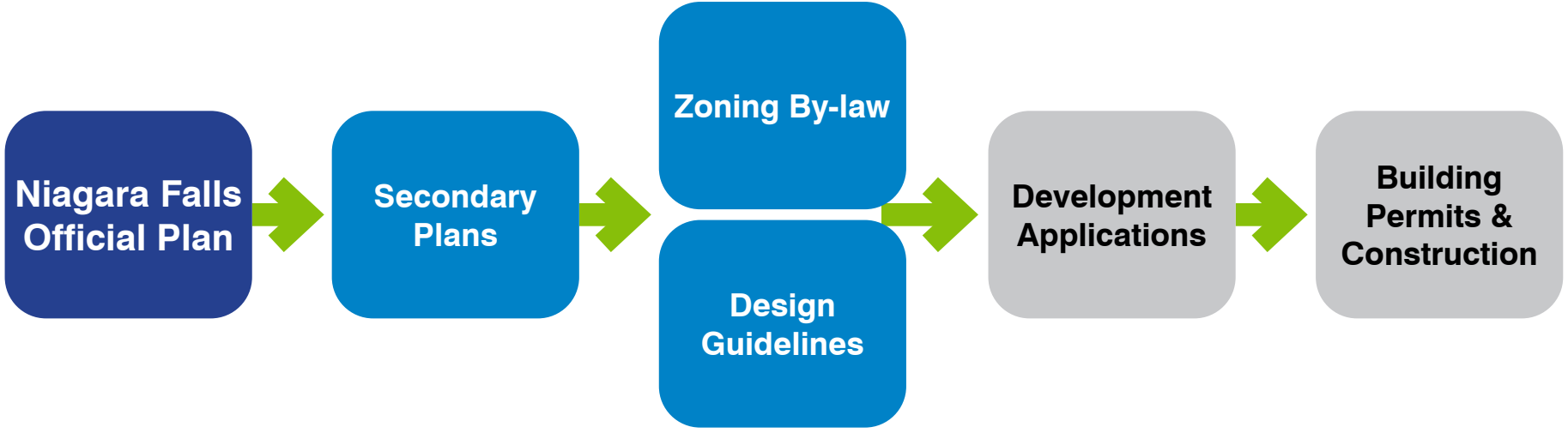


Why the Official Plan is important

- Establish conformity with the Region's 2022 Official Plan and the Province's Planning Policies
- Modernize the readability, flexibility and interpretation of policies to reduce the need for numerous amendments
- Incorporate the policy recommendations of recent City studies, policy and master plans
- Include innovative policy to respond to current land use trends such as placemaking, complete communities, low impact development, adaptive reuse of sites and urban design
- Guide development of growth areas through secondary plans
- Set the stage for the City's future new Comprehensive Zoning By-law

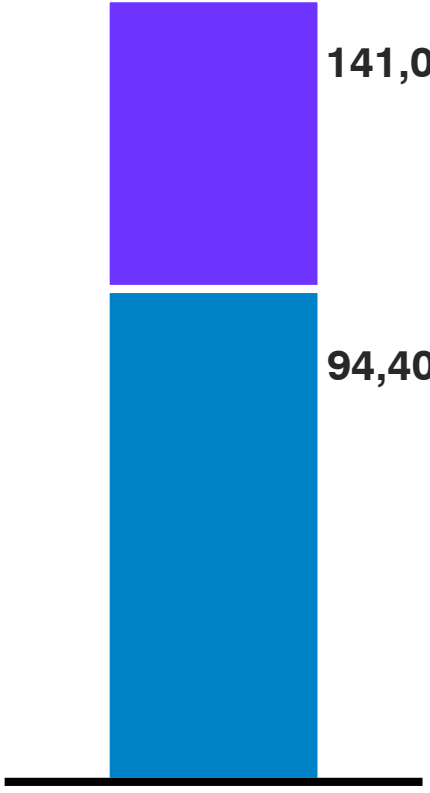


The Official Plan “sets the stage”



Unprecedented Growth

population grows by over 60%



141,000 to 175,000 by 2051

94,400 now



Pledge to build 8,000 new residential units by 2031

more than 20,220 new residential units by 2051

Building Blocks of the new Official Plan



Process

Phase 1 – Project Initiation & Visioning

Robust Community Engagement and Consultation program, to clearly understand the community's vision for the future of Niagara Falls

Phase 2 – Background Research & Discussions Papers (Current Phase)

Undertake background research and explore community priorities on a variety of topics, through detailed Discussion Papers

Phase 3 - Policy Direction

Explore guiding policy, based on the Phase 1 visioning, Phase 2 discussion papers, and community feedback

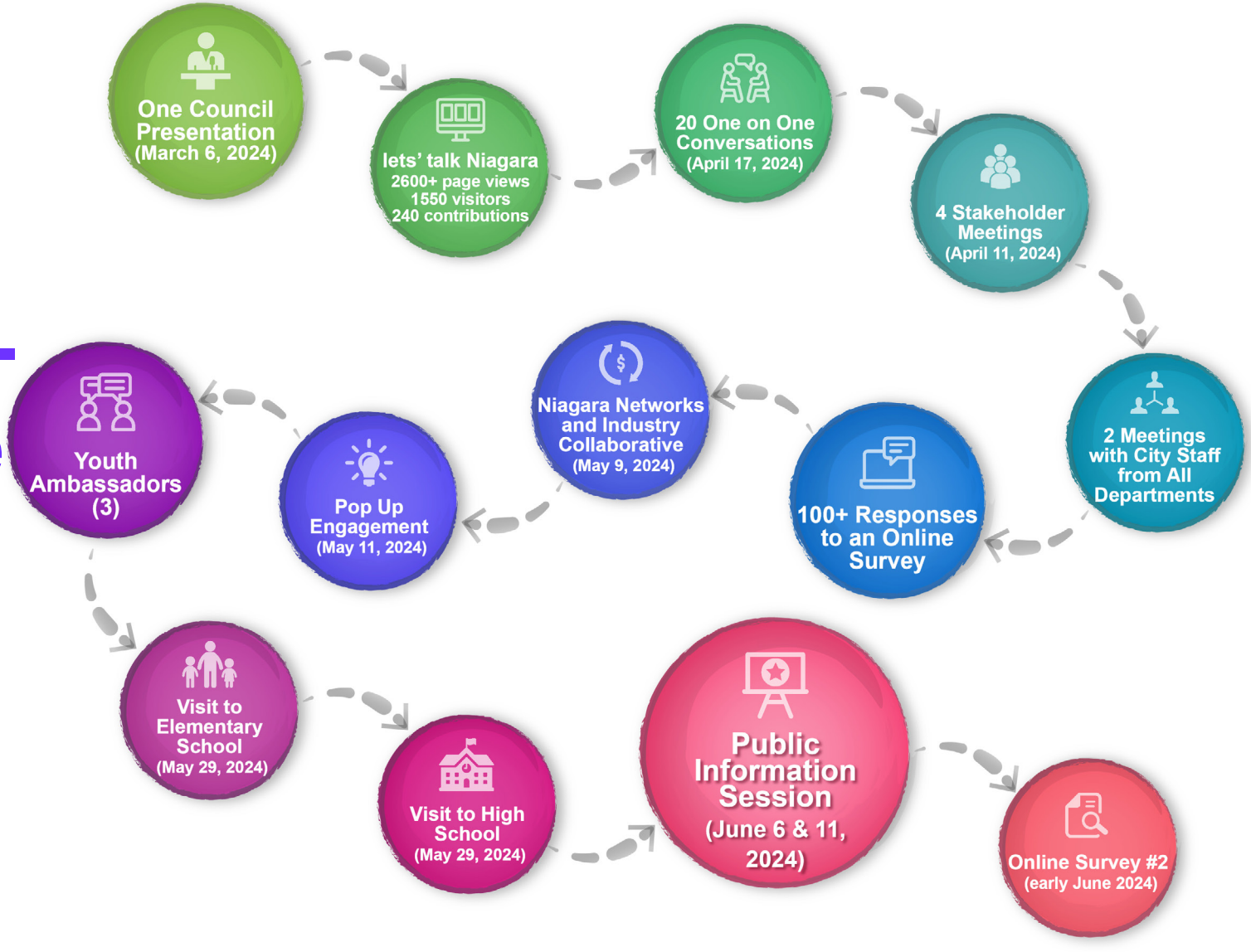
Phase 4 - Draft New Official Plan

Present draft official plan for community and stakeholder consideration

Phase 5 - Approval Process

Refine and finalize the Official Plan based on feedback received in Phase 4, for final Council approval

Who we've talked to at-a-glance

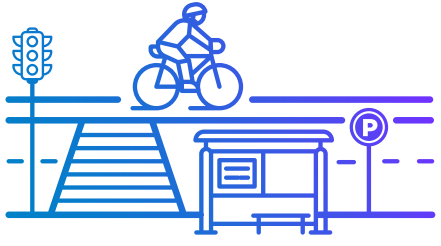


Discussion Papers

Discussion Papers act as a point of departure for conversations about new opportunities, design strategies and policy direction.



Cultural city



Connected & Mobile city



Attractive city



Green & Resilient city



Growing city



International city

Attractive City

Attractive city

Healthy Communities

Place-making

Urban Design

Public Realm Design

Parks and Open Spaces

Complete Streets

Private Realm

Compatibility/Intensification



Cultural City

Protect Heritage Resources

Promote & Enhance Heritage Experiences

The Role of Programming in Enhancing Culture

Planning for Public Service Facilities





Connected & Mobile City

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Mobility is More than Cars, Trucks & Trains

What Does a Complete Street Entail?

First and Last Mile

Trails

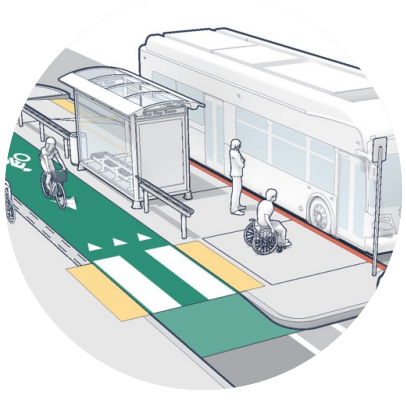
Street Connectivity

Connecting the Transportation Network









Green & Resilient City

Protect & Enhance Natural Systems

Urban Forest and Tree Preservation

Water Resources System

Innovation and Resiliency

Climate Change Mitigation & Resilience



Growing City

How & Where to Grow

Meet Housing Needs as a Growing City

Future-Proofing with Flexible Policies









International City

Attract Industrial Jobs & Position Niagara Falls as a Gateway Economic Zone

Ready Niagara Falls for Economic Opportunities

Renew and Redefine the Niagara Falls Tourist Proposition

The City's Supply of Employment Land

Right-size the City's Retail & Commercial Sector









Visioning

How do you imagine the City in 2051?

How do we protect natural heritage?

How do we make sure heritage and cultural resources are protected?

How do people move around the City?

Where do people live, work, go to school and play?

How do we sustain tourism?

How do we protect agriculture?

Where are the city's green space and parks?

What does the city look like, what do our neighbourhoods look like?

Where and how do we provide affordable housing?

How do we adapt to a changing climate?

Talk to us

We are in the second phase of the project.

- ✔ Check out *Let's Talk Niagara Falls* (letstalk.niagarafalls.ca)
- ✔ Click the Official Plan project page
- ✔ Add your name to make sure you're kept up to date on where and how to share your thoughts
- ✔ Talk to us at our engagement activities planned over the coming months

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