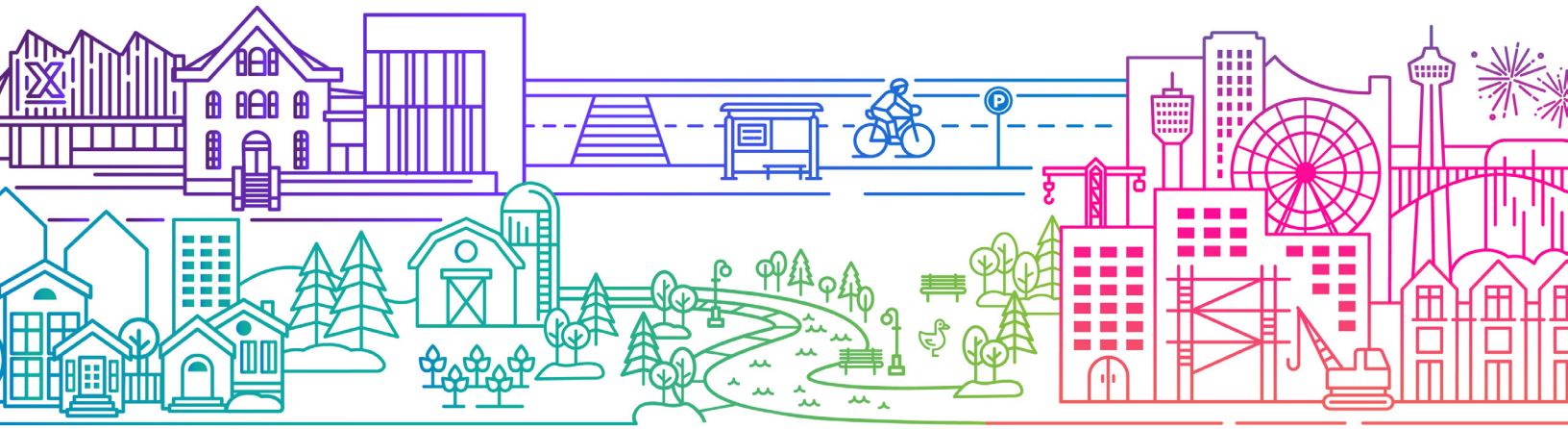
OUR NIAGARA FALLS PLAN
PHASES 1 + 2
ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

March to July 2024



Public Engagement

75 participants for the Public Open House

12 one-on-ones

104 survey #1 participants

26 conversations at Niagara Networks and Industry Collaborative

7 pop up events

782 survey #2 participants

5 Stakeholder Meetings

Youth Engagement

2 high school visits

108 students

4 youth ambassadors

37 survey respondents

Let's Talk Niagara Falls Web Page

400 contributions

5,868 page views

4,262 visitors

Municipal Engagement

meetings with the Mayor and Councillors

2 meetings with staff from City departments

5 meetings with Committees of Council

281 Facebook comments

HERE'S SOME OF WHAT WE ARE HEARING...

Planning & Development

- Balance residential and commercial development, need flexible policies that adapt to the market
- Preference for densification over encroachment into agricultural lands
- Concerns about unfinished developments
- Need more attractive buildings, streets and spaces

Environment

- Protect urban forests, vernal pools, and maintain green spaces
- Create community gardens and pollinator areas in parks to enhance ecological value
- Support for sustainable development and design practices
- Need for accessible planning documents and more public participation in environmental planning

Moving Around

- Improve connectivity within the city and to nearby municipalities, improve public transit and integrate micro-mobility options
- Desire to be a city that supports various modes of active transportation that are safe to use
- Need a connected system of general use trails

Culture, Art, Public Space

- Encourage youth involvement in public art, create opportunities for local artists, and integrate arts and culture with local businesses
- Protect and enhance public green spaces and open spaces, create community hubs and address safety concerns

Housing + Neighbourhoods

- Improve building standards and measures to support affordable housing initiatives
- Support for creating vibrant, diverse mixed use neighbourhoods
- Focus on areas beyond the prime tourist areas
- Tackle issues like homelessness

Economy & Tourism

- Ensure a thriving local economy that protects industrial areas from residential encroachment
- Need policy support for local industry and businesses; attract professional firms and institutions
- Address the lack of retail options and revitalize downtown Niagara Falls
- Diversify tourism to encourage longer stays