



An Attractive City Discussion Paper

our **Niagara
Falls** plan

An Attractive City is a welcoming and beautiful City that engenders a sense of pride as a place to live, a sense of well-being, and a sense of stewardship in its long-term care and maintenance.

An Attractive City has beautiful streets, parks and open spaces, and includes high quality architecture, destinations, landmarks, and gateways.



Things to Think About



Healthy Communities

- Have a variety of parks and trails to encourage physical activity.
- Ensure the City develops in a manner that is accessible to all to create an inclusive community.
- Have a robust urban forest with more trees to for example, mitigate the urban heat island effect and clean the air.
- Urban agriculture should be part of a community's character and integrated into open space.



Place-Making

- Integrate arts and culture with local businesses, civic buildings, schools, and parks.
- Enhance local character by protecting built heritage resources.
- Create beautiful streets, parks, squares and public buildings.



Urban Design

- Create an urban design vision for how the city will look and function
- Consider policies and guidelines for community design including its structure, street layout, how parking is provided and land use mix.



Public Realm Design

- Plan public streets and public spaces that are safe, where people can walk, socialize, and get around easily.
- Design of the public realm in the Downtown and higher density areas should give priority to pedestrians and ensure a variety of public spaces.
- Reinforce the importance of gateways and landmarks.



Parks & Open Spaces

- Ensure everyone has easy access to a diverse range of beautiful and accessible parks and open spaces, trails, and recreation facilities.
- Ensure that large areas with new residential development have a variety of parks and open spaces.



Complete Streets

- Support well-maintained streets for all users, particularly children, youth, the elderly, and those with special needs.
- Support pedestrian and cycling improvements, such as wider sidewalks, street trees, better lighting and separate lanes for cyclists.



Private Realm

- Ensure new buildings are well-designed and environmentally friendly.
- Establish a revised height schedule to identify building heights for specific areas of the City.
- Manage transition between new and existing development that is respectful of the existing neighbourhoods and mitigate any adverse effects.



Compatibility/ Intensification

- Provide direction on how new development fits into existing neighbourhoods and the city as a whole.