

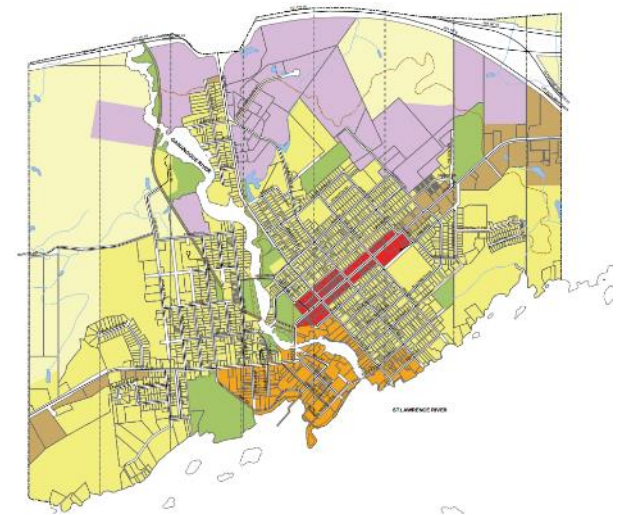


Public Open House **PlanGan: Gananoque Official Plan**

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Our agenda

1. What is planning/an Official Plan?
2. What is Gananoque's Official Plan?
3. What is the scope of the Official Plan Project?
4. What is the scope of the review?
5. What is the schedule for the review?
6. Questions/Discussion



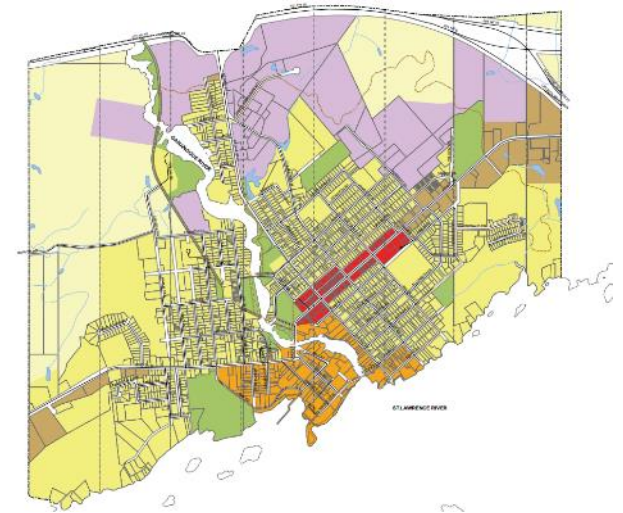
1. What is planning?

- Is strategic and operational
 - Set goals for growth and development
 - Provides tools to manage change
- Balances interests
 - Economic, environmental and social
 - Provincial and local
 - Individual and the public interest
- Managing land and resources



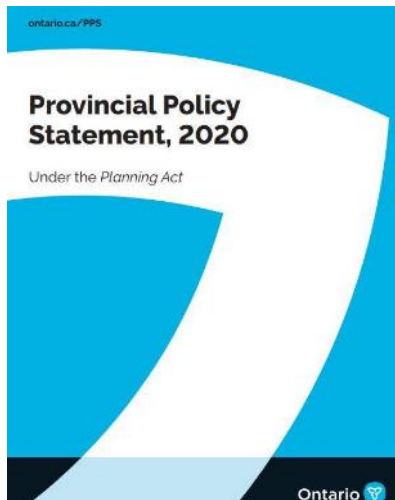
1. What is planning?

- It helps decide where:
 - homes and industry should be built
 - parks and schools should be located
 - essential public services should be provided
- It shapes and protects the 'character' of the town
- It influences outcomes (e.g. climate change, population health and fiscal health)



1. What is an Official Plan (OP)?

*The Official Plan is a **legal document** that provides a vision for the **future growth** and a policy framework to guide **future development**. It addresses matters of **provincial interest** defined by the Planning Act ('The Act') and the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) as well as matters of **community/local interest**.*

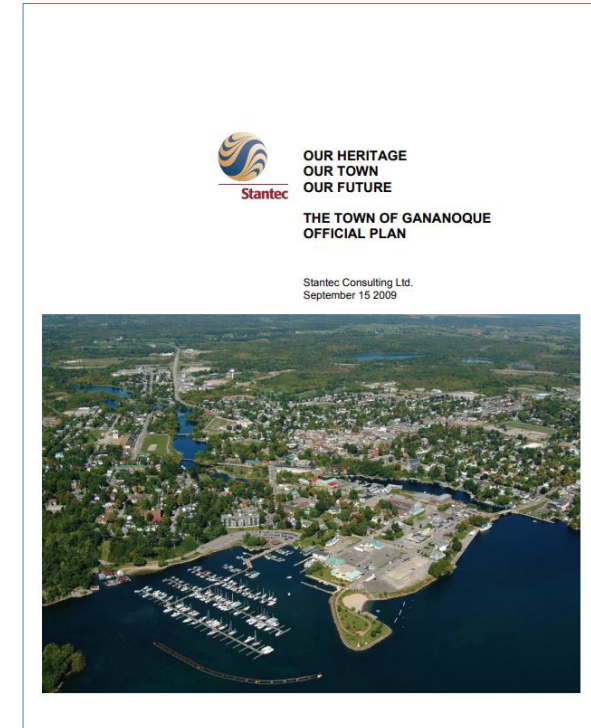


2. What is Gananoque's Official Plan?

1. Came into effect on June 2, 2010

2. Comprehensive policies:

- Vision and guiding principles
- Our Heritage – Planning Lowertown
- Where we live – Planning Sustainable Residential Neighbourhoods
- Where We Do Business – Planning our Commercial Lands
- Where We Work – Planning for Employment Lands
- Our Rural and Open Spaces – Planning for Balance
- Our Environment – Planning for Sustainability
- Development Constraints – Planning for Public Health and Safety
- Making it Work – Our Infrastructures
- Implementing the Plan – The Planning Toolkit



3. What is the Scope of the Official Plan Project?

- Ensure consistency with The Act, the 2020 PPS and provincial plans;
- Update and improve approach(es) for community growth;
- Better address local priorities and changing community needs;
- Protect and enhance places of significance and community assets;
- Identify areas where development should be avoided;
- Adjust administrative direction; and,
- Improve clarity and user-friendliness of the existing OP.





4. What is the scope of the review?

Growth and Settlement

What We Know/Existing Directions

- Population expected to grow by 1,536 residents and 958 residential units
- Town has capacity to accommodate additional 1000 residential household connections

Preliminary Direction

- Growth within urban settlement areas
- Minimum requirements for intensification and redevelopment
- Consistent growth management strategy



4. What is the scope of the review?

Natural Heritage, Shoreline Protection & Changing Climate

What We Know/Existing Directions

- Annual mean temperature and total precipitation to increase
- Town is relatively compact and walkable
- Natural heritage has cultural and economic value
- Existing policy recognizes need to protect natural environment

Preliminary Direction

- Use land use planning as mitigation and adaptation efforts
- Address climate change in existing Official Plan policies



4. What is the scope of the review?

Cultural Heritage

What We Know/Existing Directions

- Cultural heritage areas include Lowertown and the Waterfronts
- Cultural heritage features are important to the community and support the tourism economy

Preliminary Direction

- Align policy with updates to the Ontario Heritage Act
- Ensure policy reflects the importance and significance of Town's cultural heritage features





4. What is the scope of the review?

Parks & Recreation

What We Know/Existing Directions

- Town has a number of parks, open spaces and recreational pathways
- Public access and public use of shoreline parks and open spaces is a priority in policy
- Given its waterfront location, Gananoque is a prime service area for recreational facilities and amenities

Preliminary Direction

- Emphasize various modes of transportation and support provision of public transit services
- Ensure Recreation Master Plan recommendations are integrated into policy
- Protect and enhance existing parks and ensure compliance with policy related to parkland dedication



4. What is the scope of the review?

Tourism & Economic Development

What We Know/Existing Directions

- Town's economy is a mixture of commercial, service, manufacturing and tourism industries
- Town has identified several investment attraction target sectors:
 - Entrepreneurs
 - Tourism Based Businesses
 - Knowledge/Creative Economy
 - Medical Sector
 - Niche Manufacturing/Supply Chain Opportunities

Preliminary Direction

- Ensure adequate amount of employment lands available to accommodate growth
- Allow for variety of land use designations to permit range of economic opportunities



5. What is the schedule for the Official Plan Project?

Phases and Timelines

- Phase 1: Consultation, Visioning, Issue Identification
- Phase 2: Research
- Phase 3: Background Study and Discussion Papers
 - Focus Groups
 - Public Open House
- Phase 4: Directions and Recommendation
- Phase 5: Draft Official Plan
 - Public Open House
- Phase 6: Recommended Official Plan
 - Public Meeting
- Phase 7: MMAH Approval





Questions and Public Feedback

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