



# Urban Design Manual

City of Guelph

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**Guelph has a proud legacy of thoughtful planning. Right from our earliest days, Guelph was one of the first planned communities in Canada.**

With significant population growth planned for Guelph, as required by Provincial legislation, the way Guelph is growing is changing, including further intensification and more complete, mixed-use greenfield neighbourhoods.

Over the past number of years the City has built on our planning legacy to recognize the challenges facing a city in the twenty-first century by making fundamental planning decisions that will transform the way the Guelph grows and evolves. This transformative vision is defined and upheld by the Urban Design Manual. The manual sets directions and creates an action list to promote and enhance the delivery of approved urban policy and design in the Guelph. The manual will:

- Assist us in implementing the new design directions introduced through the City's Official Plan Update;
- Provide direction to a future review of the City's comprehensive zoning bylaw;
- Support an efficient development review process; and
- Inform future City projects related to our public realm.

This manual wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of a collaborative team of City staff, representing many departments and areas of expertise, as well as City Council's leadership in setting progressive urban design policy and the feedback from our community and external stakeholders. Thank you for all your work.

I look forward to using the Urban Design Manual to provide a thoughtful and consistent approach to urban design in Guelph, and continuing to build this great community.

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