

St. Thomas: Positioned For Growth

Purpose of the Project

St. Thomas is growing! How & where should we grow?

The City of St. Thomas has a projected **20-year residential forecast of 50,600 people by 2041**, and as a result needs to adjust its Urban Area boundary to accommodate this potential growth as part of an Official Plan review.

In June 2018, the City completed a population and housing study that identified the need for an **additional 76 gross hectares of residential land to accommodate the projected population growth**.

This project builds on a study from 2010 where lands within the north-west quadrant of the City along with other land blocks on the west and south-east sides of St. Thomas were strategically assessed for residential designation. Remaining **expansion lands from that study are being reassessed** as part of this project (see graphic to the right).

The purpose of this study is to undertake the necessary **planning and engineering studies** to support the preferred expansion lands, bring those lands into the Urban Area boundary, and designate them for development; and identify **citywide recreational and cultural infrastructure**, and **fire protection services** needed to support that growth.

The *Positioned for Growth* study will:

1. Identify preferred expansion lands through planning and engineering studies;
2. Prepare the Official Plan Amendment to bring those lands into the Urban Area and designate them for development; and
3. Identify the infrastructure and community services needed to support expected growth.

Consultation Goals

- Ensure engagement is **inclusive** of diverse stakeholder groups;
- Provide multiple touch points for **two-way conversations** with the community;
- Ensure **early and timely** communication that is in a **clear** and **accessible** format;
- Access a **wide cross-section** of the community through varied communication methods and tactics;
- Provide **transparency** through open public engagement and decision-making processes; and
- Ensure consideration of **public comments and concerns are reflected** in the project outcomes.

Provide us with your feedback today! For more information, please visit
www.StThomas.ca/PositionedForGrowth

How can we improve parks and recreation services and facilities?

We need to hear from you!
Provide your input on parks, recreation and culture in the City. Visit the project website for more details.



WHERE WILL WE GROW?

To the right are the four areas being considered.

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The Positioned for Growth Studies



Planning Studies

Study Purpose: To evaluate and select the preferred settlement expansion area and facilitate/support the necessary Official Plan Amendment for the Urban Area Expansion.



Engineering Studies

Study Purpose: To support the selection of the preferred settlement expansion area and identify the infrastructure requirements needed to support its development.



Fire Station Location Study

Study Purpose: To review the City's fire stations and fire protection services delivery model to identify the most efficient and effective model to serve the City's planned Urban Area (including this settlement expansion area) and meet all current best practices and standards.



Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Study Purpose: To develop a community-supported plan that provides the policy framework to manage, serve and support residents and visitors with the needed parks, open space, trails, recreation and leisure recreation facilities, services and programming in a cost effective and proactive manner.

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Project Timelines

	January to March 2019	March to April 2019	April to July 2019	July to September 2019
	Phase 1: Background Existing Conditions	Phase 2: Evaluation of Alternatives	Phase 3: Preferred Alternative	Phase 4: Documentation
		Coffee Conversations Public Event	Open House & Walking Tour Event	Final Planning Justification Report
	Phase 1: Background Existing Conditions	Phase 2: Evaluation of Alternatives	Phase 3: Preferred Alternative	Phase 4: Documentation
				Final Municipal Servicing & Transportation Technical Memos
	Phase 1: Background Existing Conditions	Phase 2: Evaluation of Alternatives	Phase 3: Preferred Alternative	Phase 4: Documentation
				Final Fire Location Study Report
	Phase 1: Background Existing Conditions	Phase 2: Department & Service Delivery Analysis	Phase 3: Parks & Facilities Analysis	Phase 4: Documentation
		Launch of interactive mapping and online surveys for community input		Parks & Recreation Master Plan Open House
				Final Parks & Rec Master Plan
				Public Meeting

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If you have any questions regarding the Positioned for Growth Study, please contact growth@stthomas.ca

