

Evaluation of Settlement Expansion Areas

We will be using the following criteria to assess the four potential Settlement Expansion Areas:

1. **Proximity to existing built-up areas?**
(Efficient use of land, infrastructure, and public services)
2. **Proximity to work/live/play connections?**
(Employment, recreation, and other existing or planned facilities)
3. **Separated from industries and other major facilities?**
(Adverse environmental effects and risks to public health/safety)
4. **Sufficient residential land for future growth?**
5. **Constraints impacting development opportunities?**
6. **Buffering of development from natural heritage areas?**
(Significant natural features, species at risk)
7. **Potential for disturbances to water resources?**
(Sensitive and/or vulnerable surface water and groundwater)
8. **Potential to impact local agriculture?**
(Avoidance of prime agricultural land, proximity to active livestock operations)
9. **Subject to flooding, erosion or other natural hazards?**
10. **Expansion area contains:**
 - a) Mineral or petroleum resources?
 - b) Significant cultural heritage landscapes?
 - c) Human-made hazards?
(Such as environmental soil contamination?)
11. **Efficiently serviced by:**
 - a) Existing or future/planned transit service?
 - b) Existing road network?
 - c) Municipal water services?
 - d) Municipal sewage services?
12. **Efficient delivery of emergency services?**
13. **Minimizes impacts to air quality and climate change, and/or promotes energy efficiency?**
14. **Capital costs associated with servicing area?**
(Order of magnitude costs)
15. **Cross-jurisdictional issues and opportunities?**

Have we missed anything? Leave us your feedback below.