

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.

