

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The development and design of new communities plays a vital role in the realization of the City of Brampton's Vision. The purpose of this document is to:

1. Ensure the planning and design of new communities is consistent with and promotes the City of Brampton's Vision and civic design objectives,
2. Guide developers and their consultants through the development design process,
3. Establish criteria and design guidelines for Block Plans within Secondary Plan areas,
4. Identify community design issues at the earliest stages of development to ensure that decisions are made throughout the process which facilitate functional and attractive design,
5. Outline specific guidelines and requirements to ensure a high level of quality in the design of new communities and their interface with existing communities

This document is intended to guide the development of communities from a design perspective; to guide secondary planning and more specifically the preparation of Block Plans. The technical requirements of subdivision planning are not discussed and may be found in the attached list of referenced documents in Appendix A. The guidelines contained in the following pages set the foundation, direction and vision for detailed design in the subsequent stages of community development.

This document is to be used in conjunction with official documents such as the Official Plan and Secondary Plans.

## 2.0 DESIGN GOALS

The primary objective of the guidelines contained in this document are to create communities with a high level of quality in the planning, development and implementation of their:

1. Community Structure
2. Open Space System  
(including the Multi-Use Trail System)
3. Street Network
4. Streetscapes
5. Edges and Gateways
6. Site Planning and Built Form

**3.0 THE VISION**

Cities involve *place* - the natural and cultural features/ conditions which speak of a particular place. They involve *people* - the values of residents; their sense of community; their social, recreational, economic and housing needs; the business interests of merchants; and the special needs and interests of different individuals/ groups. Cities also involve *visions* - a picture of the place in which residents wish to live, work and play.

In 1988, the City of Brampton formulated a 'Strategic Plan' to create 'a blueprint for the City's overall development and effective management'.

'The Six Pillars' is the culmination of the City's fourth major re-examination of Brampton's strategic plan. The Six Pillars represent the building blocks upon which Brampton will realize its vision, that is 'to be a vibrant, safe and attractive city of opportunity, where efficient services make it possible for families, individuals and the business community to grow, prosper and enjoy a high quality of life'.

The Six Pillars are:

**ONE: MODERN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**

- Integrated and Expanded Road Network
- Expanded Public Transit Service Technology
- Pathways and Trails for People

**TWO: MANAGING GROWTH**

- Optimizing Development Approvals
- Balanced Land Use Pattern
- Reposition Brampton's Downtown and Central Corridor
- Preserving Employment Lands

**THREE: PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT  
ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY**

- Protecting Our Natural Environment
- Conserving Our Heritage
- Building Attractive Communities
- Conserving Woodlots and Wetlands
- Apply Leading Environmental Design Standards

**FOUR: A DYNAMIC AND PROSPEROUS ECONOMY**

- Attract Brampton's Share of Growth in Ontario
- Support a Competitive Business Infrastructure
- Achieve Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing and Design Technology
- Promote Brampton's Tourism Destinations
- Support the Formation and Nurturing of New Business
- Celebrate Brampton as a City of Outstanding Quality

**FIVE: COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE**

- Foster a Unique Sense of Pride
- A Safe Community with Exceptional Emergency Services
- Recreation and Sports Excellence
- Enjoyment of Public Open Spaces
- Arts, Culture and Entertainment
- Celebrate Multiculturalism
- Celebrate Brampton's Rich History

**SIX: EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- Open and Accountable Leadership
- Encourage Citizen Participation
- Professional Delivery of Municipal Services
- Timely Decisions
- Strong Financial Management
- Strategic Partnerships



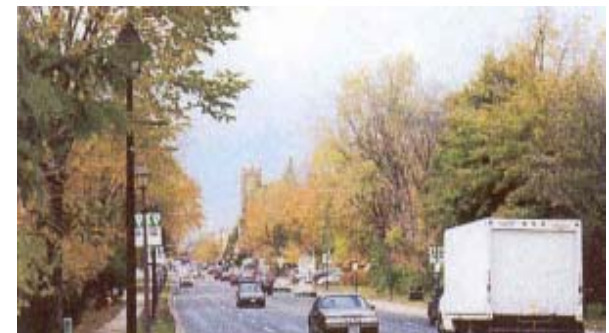
Recreation



Housing



Business



Transportation

#### 4.0 IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

A principle factor which will assist in the pursuit of these goals is the City's approach to physical design towards a high quality of development. This document has been prepared to assist the City and developers in achieving these goals in the development and design of new communities, and in re-establishing Brampton as a 'Floral City'.

Essentially, the guidelines outlined in this document are meant to promote the following:

- A visually attractive built environment.
- A visually attractive and predominantly 'Green' community.
- Pedestrian friendly and pedestrian scaled public spaces.
- Environmentally sustainable and healthy ecosystems.
- A strong relationship to the City's natural resources such as woodlots, creeks, valleylands, hedgerows, views and vistas.
- A sense of identity and arrival.
- A distinct community character.
- Aesthetically and visually attractive interfaces and edges between land uses.
- A connection to the horticultural heritage of the City by incorporating planting themes which include the heritage rose.

and offer:

- Destinations for residents of and visitors to Brampton.
- Tourist attractions.
- Opportunities for business.
- A wide range of housing options.
- A broad range of recreational, cultural and social opportunities.

City staff have developed several vehicles to assist in the realization of their vision and civic design objectives. These include:

- Vision and design principles for the Open Space System.
- Vision and design principles for the city-wide Multi-use Trail System.
- Overall civic design principles and objectives.
- Development design principles and process.
- Gateway Beautification Program.

Developers, their representatives and the City are encouraged to use this document and more specifically, the design strategies outlined in the following pages, from the Secondary Plan stage through the Block Plan stage to the Draft Plan of Subdivision stage. Regular consultation / liaison with City staff is recommended as this will facilitate the expeditious processing of appropriate development plans.



Floral Heritage



Open Space



Recreation