



MEMORANDUM

TO: ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES & LESS INTRODUCTORY TEXT
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Guiding Principles

Many updated Official Community Plans are establishing guiding principles as a framework for the plan. I recommend that we consider this and use them as a means to amend, as appropriate, relevant sections of the Plan.

For example, we could consider principles based on the following topics that matter to us:

- Provide a range of housing opportunities....
- Support local business....
- Demonstrate climate resilience...
- Ensure mobility and transportation for all...
- Protect and enhance biodiversity and natural ecosystems....
- Maintain small town character...
- Promote the health and vibrancy of downtown and uptown....
- Promote employment opportunity...
- Others?

Reduction of introductory text

Is it necessary to include historic context? Do we need to spend as much space on the Local Government Act? Do we like the many pages on demographics and economy? (this can be summarized with reference to a background report). Housing needs? (there is a separate report). Public engagement summary? A discussion would be fruitful.