

Growing Glencairn

Draft Vision + Principles
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An emerging vision for the future of Marlee-Glencairn

The Marlee-Glencairn area is a vibrant, resilient, accessible, and inclusive neighbourhood that is grounded in its existing strengths and unique character.

Featuring a thriving Marlee Avenue as the commercial and community heart, the area will enhance the pedestrian and cycling experience providing comfortable access to community services and facilities, parks and open spaces, and residents' daily needs.

Well-connected through improved street-scapes and a mobility network, the area will support transit and active transportation, enhancing connectivity within the area and to the broader city and region.

A range of existing and new housing options of different sizes and scales will support various household needs and types.

As the area grows and evolves, the principles outlined to the right will guide the community to be a flourishing neighbourhood that celebrates its rich identity, fosters social connection, and enhances quality of life for all.

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Draft principles to support the vision



A welcoming and connected public realm and open space system, (e.g. parks, trails, streets, plazas) that provides equitable access and supports residents' well-being.



A safe, accessible and well-connected mobility network that builds on existing infrastructure (e.g. transit stations, pedestrian and cycling networks) and offers a range of viable travel options to enhance connectivity within the area and to the broader city and region.



A variety of housing types and forms that address the needs of a growing community of current and future residents (e.g., affordability, unit size and type, life stages) while responding to the local assets and character of the area and supported by adequate infrastructure.



A vibrant community with access to daily needs featuring a thriving heart along Marlee Avenue and a pedestrian-oriented design that animates the streets and encourages public life.



A range of community-focused services, facilities and placemaking opportunities that are integrated within the local community to cultivate health and well-being as the neighbourhood grows.



A green and climate-resilient neighbourhood that incorporates best practices to support sustainability and facilitates adaptability in the face of climate change, while enhancing the natural environment through its tree canopy and biodiversity.

