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Subject: **Amherstview West Secondary Plan**
As We Heard It Memo – Community Workshop (September 30, 2023)

Date: November 2023

1 Introduction

This “As We Heard It” Memo (“Memo”) presents a summary of the public feedback received at the in-person Community Workshop held in Amherstview on September 30, 2023. The purpose of the Workshop was to:

- Provide an update on ongoing development of the Amherstview West Secondary Plan;
- Obtain input and ideas from members of the community on:
 - Visioning for a future Main Street in Amherstview West, which will feed into the preparation of the Draft Urban Design Guidelines; and
 - Development of high-level concept plans for the lands proposed to be designated Future Development Area, where development may take place beyond the 25-year planning horizon of the Secondary Plan.

The feedback received through the community workshop will be considered in the preparation of the draft Urban Design Guidelines and concept plans for the Future Development Area.

2 Project Overview

The Secondary Plan Study Area, as illustrated in **Figure 1**, is approximately 144 hectares (346 acres) in area. It is bound by Taylor-Kidd Boulevard (County Road 23) to the north, Bath Road (Highway 33) to the south, Parrott’s Bay Conservation Area to the west, County Road 6, and the existing built-up area in Amherstview to the east.



Figure 1: Amherstview West Secondary Plan Study Area



The future Secondary Plan for Amherstview West will be implemented through an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment. The Official Plan Amendment will adopt the policies of the Secondary Plan under the Township's Official Plan. Future development applications for the Secondary Plan Area will be required to demonstrate conformity with the Secondary Plan. The Zoning By-law Amendment will establish Zones within the Secondary Plan area, as well as specific standards for development, such as minimum lot area, required setbacks, and maximum building heights, among other requirements.

Urban Design Guidelines will also be prepared for Amherstview West as a separate document. It will inform the Secondary Plan, and will be a guiding tool to ensure that the vision of the Secondary Plan is implemented. The Urban Design Guidelines will be based on the final preferred Land Use Concept Plan and will address access and circulation, built form, open space and amenities, and site sustainability.

The development of the Secondary Plan is integrated with a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Master Plan process. The Master Plan will be completed following Approach 4 of the MCEA Master Plan process, and will follow Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process.



3 Community Workshop

Materials provided at the Workshop, which include display boards, a presentation, and Workbook are included as **Appendices A through C** to this Memo.

3.1 Participants and Approach

The Community Workshop was held in-person at the Amherstview Community Hall at 177 Upper Park Road in Amherstview from 10 am to 2 pm on September 30, 2023. The following materials were posted and distributed to participants at the Workshop:

- **Display boards** that presented an overview of the Workshop, Secondary Plan project process, Context Map, and draft Preferred Land Use Option;
- **Base map and activity boards** were provided to each table that were used to facilitate the activities as described below; and a
- **Future Development Area Workbook** that was provided to each Workshop participant. The Workbook, as shown in **Figure 2**, included directions for Activity #4 – Future Development Area Visioning, and outlined the draft Vision Statement for the Amherstview West Secondary Plan, as well as the land needs and criteria for consideration for the Future Development Area.

Figure 2: Extract of Activity Workbook for Future Development Area

AMHERSTVIEW WEST SECONDARY PLAN
Working with Loyalist Township, local landowners, Technical Advisory Committee, Coordinating Committee, and the broader community, the Secondary Plan is being developed to include:

- a) A Vision and Guiding Principles for development and redevelopment in Amherstview West;
- b) Policies and Urban Design Standards for the Secondary Plan Study Area;
- c) A Conceptual Land Use Plan illustrating the overall land use, and transportation and active transportation network;
- d) Supporting schedules illustrating natural heritage constraints, transportation network, gateway location, and infrastructure; and
- e) An implementation strategy and framework for cost sharing agreements.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT
The following Draft Vision Statement guides the Secondary Plan:

Amherstview West celebrates its distinctive and scenic location along Lake Ontario and proximity to Parrott's Bay Conservation Area.

As an extension of the greater Amherstview community, Amherstview West will grow and develop as a family-oriented, friendly area with a "small town" feel, providing a balance and excellent quality of life for residents and a peaceful and natural environment to live, grow, and visit.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AREA

High-Level Land Use Designations

- Low Density
- Medium Density
- High Density
- Commercial Mixed-Use

Parkland

- Neighbourhood Park(s) - 2.5 acres (1 hectare)/1,000 people

School

- Elementary School (Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board) - 7 acres (2.8 hectares)

Natural Environment

- No Development on the High Constraint Areas

Transportation

- Internal connections within new Amherstview West neighbourhoods
- Connections to major transportation corridors (Taylor-Kidd Boulevard (County Road # 25), County Road # 6 & Bath Road (Highway 33))
- Multi-use pathway - linear green pathway along Amherst Drive Extension

Public Review of Draft Vision

- Is the Draft Vision still in line with the outcome of your group visionary exercise?

VISUALIZING RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

SOCCER FIELD DIMENSIONS
100m x 60m

1 Hectare

LOW DENSITY
SINGLE FAMILY (Max. 37.5 units/ha*)
(Can include single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, duplexes, and accessory units)

MEDIUM DENSITY
(Max. 75 units/ha*)
(Can include low density residential uses, duplexes, quadplexes, row houses, row or cluster housing, converted single-detached dwellings creating not more than four (4) dwelling units, street front townhouses, low rise apartment dwelling houses, other forms of multi-unit housing, and accessory uses*)

HIGH DENSITY
(Max. 100 units/ha*)
(Can include medium density residential and higher density residential forms such as stacked townhouses and apartment dwelling houses units*)

COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE
MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL (Max. 60 units/ha*)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Break down the scale of the community by defining neighbourhoods (a series of neighbourhoods, rather than one large subdivision).**
 - Use open space system to separate neighbourhoods
 - Design collector roads as green, pedestrian friendly corridors which define edges of neighbourhoods
 - Provide 'green' gateways into neighbourhoods
- Organize land use and housing types in relationship to adjacent land uses.**
 - Provide a mix of land use and housing types to broaden choice in Amherstview to be flexible and provide aging in place with changing demographic profiles and market conditions
- Design with nature.**
 - Preserve and enhance the woodlots and streams as the open space framework of, and wildlife corridors through the Lost Creek watershed, wetland and the new community
- Optimize connection with the existing surrounding areas.**
 - Provide multi-use trail and pathway network through and along neighbourhood parks, including safe street crossings



The Notice of the Community Workshop was publicly released on the Township's project webpage (<https://www.loyalist.ca/amherstviewwest>), and circulated to the project email notification list on August 30, 2023. Notice of the event was also advertised through the placement of mobile road signs by the Township, newspaper ads in the Kingston Whig-Standard and Kingston This Week, and through a Township-wide mail campaign that was sent out the week of September 11, 2023. As indicated in the notices, mandatory registration was requested by September 22, 2023, 4:30 pm.

The agenda for the Community Workshop included a brief presentation by the Township's consultant, WSP, to provide an overview of the Secondary Plan Study, as well as several workshop activities carried out in groups, including:

- **Community Design 'Main Street' Approach and Urban Design**
 - **Activity #1 – Main Street Character:** Through the use of various precedent imagery showing various built form, materiality, and neighbourhood character, participants were asked to identify images that they felt captured the 'look and feel' of what a main street (extension of Amherst Drive to the west) in Amherstview West should look like.
 - **Activity #2 – Main Street Gateway:** In a similar image carding exercise, participants commented on various images to identify the appropriate treatment for a gateway feature to mark the entry into Amherstview West at the future main street.
 - **Activity #3 – Allocation of Space:** Participants were asked to provide input on how space should be prioritized in the design of a future main street in Amherstview West. Groups assembled scaled street cross sections of a main street, which identified the built features (e.g., sidewalks, street furniture, trees, on-street parking, drive lanes) that should be prioritized.
- **Land Use Visioning for Future Development Area**
 - **Activity #4 – Future Development Area Visioning:** Using activity workbooks (**Figure 2**), participants prepared conceptual plans for the lands proposed to be designated as Future Development Area, taking into account the various site opportunities and constraints present in Amherstview West (e.g. ecological areas, inclusion of a new elementary school). Upon preparation of the concepts, groups were asked to determine if the Draft Vision Statement for Amherstview West required further refinement based on the land uses and features incorporated in the concepts for the Future Development Area.



All presentation materials were made available in English. Approximately 16 people attended the community workshop. The event was hosted in a ‘seminar’ format and attendees were invited to directly engage with the project team throughout the session by providing input and feedback. Images from the event are shown in **Figures 3 to 5**.

Following the Public Open House, the following materials were posted on the Township’s project webpage (<https://www.loyalist.ca/amherstviewwest>):

- Thank you note and project update – (posted October 13, 2023);
- Presentation Boards and can be found under **Appendix A** of this Memo;
- Display Boards and is included under **Appendix B**; and
- Workbook and is included under **Appendix C**.

Figure 3: Community Workshop at Amherstview Community Hall on September 30, 2023 (WSP, 2023)





Figure 4: Community Workshop at Amherstview Community Hall on September 30, 2023 – Group Presentations and Sharing (WSP, 2023)





4 Summary of Input

This section provides a summary of public input received at the in-person Community Workshop. The input received will help inform preparation of the three (3) concept options for the Future Development Areas and development of the Urban Design Guidelines, which will support the future Amherstview West Secondary Plan. The activity boards and Future Development Area concepts are included in **Appendix D** of this Memo.

4.1 'Main Street Approach' and Urban Design

In groups, workshop participants were asked to view images of design precedents that illustrated potential themes and design opportunities for the future main street in Amherstview West. The images of design precedents for Activities #1 to #3 are shown in **Figure 6**.

Figure 6: Example of Precedent Images for the Main Street Workshop Activities

Character





Gateway



Allocation of Space – Priorities and Principles





Table 1 provides a summary analysis of the input and comments received from the community through Activities #1 through #3 on the Main Street ‘Approach’ and Urban Design workshop session.

Table 1: Summary of Feedback Received through the Main Street Workshop Activities

Theme	Community Comments
Main Street Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General support for the Main Street to be open and welcoming and have a ‘quaint, old-fashioned village’ character in keeping with the natural surrounding environment, i.e., street trees, vegetation, landscaping, outdoor seating, lighting.• Interest in having a range of commercial uses located along the Main Street, as well as residential uses in upper storeys of developments so residents can be within walking distances of shops and services, and have autonomy in looking after their neighbourhood.• Planning of Main Street should consider all types of users and programming, including pedestrians, families with children, seniors, and individuals with mobility issues.• Support for use of different materiality and colours (e.g. brick, limestone, cobblestone, suggestion to incorporate Loyalist Township branding/colours).• Support for trees and canopies to provide shade.• Suggestion for parking to be located at rear of commercial or mixed-use developments. Interest in having electric vehicle charging facilities.• General dislike for modern, industrial-type development, hardscaping and materials, as well as wider roadways, which dissuade pedestrian crossings and safety.
Main Street Gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion to bring forward the Loyalist Township branding and colours to this area, and whether this branding could be adapted to create an identity/image for Amherstview West, or different branding entirely that is local and distinct to Amherstview.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The significance of limestone, which is prevalent in the area, and the municipality’s former name (Ernestown) was discussed as a possibility to feed into potential branding for Amherstview West.• Support for signage to incorporate names, plaques, and images that are locally distinct and researched.• Strong support for the gateway to be designed in a manner that it can serve as a meeting place for the community. Suggestion that the



Theme	Community Comments
	<p>gateway does not necessarily have to be located at County Road 6 / Amherst Drive extension – the gateway could be nestled along the Main Street, or it could be a secondary gateway feature in this location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the gateway area to incorporate signage, greenery, and could be used to provide a visual buffer for parked cars. • Interest in having a water feature located at the gateway, or along the Main Street. • Discussion on the gateway area providing connectivity from the built-up area of Amherstview to the new community. Considerations for linkage to the existing multi-use pathway that runs east-west along Amherst Drive. • Suggestion to include public art policies in the Secondary Plan.
<p>Allocation of Space (Main Street Cross Sections)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At a high level, each participant group presented very different cross sections for the Main Street public-right-of-way (i.e. Amherst Drive extension), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elimination of auto traffic altogether on the Main Street and suggestion to re-route vehicles via local roads or laneways at the rear of the buildings on the Main Street; ○ Suggestion that the Main Street have one-way auto traffic only (i.e. one vehicular traffic lane to enter the Main Street from County Road 6) in order to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists. The multi-use pathway would extend from Amherst Drive and run parallel to the Main Street, but be separated by a landscaped buffer; ○ Two-way auto traffic with a treed boulevard at the centre of the street and separated bike lanes on each side of the street; and ○ Two-way auto traffic with a wide treed and landscaped buffer on both sides of the street. • Other general comments on the cross-sections are summarized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General support to have the design of the Main Street prioritize pedestrians first. ○ Support for parking to be located at the rear of the Main Street buildings.



Theme	Community Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Strong support for wide sidewalks with space for sidewalk cafes and seating.○ Some support for boulevards central to the Main Street, provided they are planted with street trees and/or landscaped.○ Should bike lanes be provided on the Main Street, they should be separated from any traffic lane with a painted buffer at minimum.○ Interest in having a public gathering area that could be used for programming year-round (i.e., Music in the Park, pop-ups, winter market).○ Considerations for transit and allocation of space for bus stops and pick-up. <p>The cross-sections and comments on the cross-sections will be used to inform the development of the Urban Design Guidelines, specifically the prioritization of space in the public right-of-way on the Main Street in Amherstview West. Loyalist Township is ultimately the applicable approval authority for road design for local roads in Amherstview West.</p>

4.2 Future Development Area Visioning

Through Activity #4 – Future Development Area Visioning, workshop participants in small groups prepared concept plans for the lands proposed to be designated as Future Development Area using a set of parameters provided by the project team (e.g. park requirements, siting of a new elementary school as requested by one of the local school boards) (**Figure 7**).

Workshop participants had the opportunity to present their concept plans to the group at the conclusion of the activity. The themes from the concept plans prepared by members of the community are summarized in **Table 2**. The concept plans are included in **Appendix D** of this Memo.



Figure 7: Example of a Future Development Area Concept Plan prepared by Workshop Participants

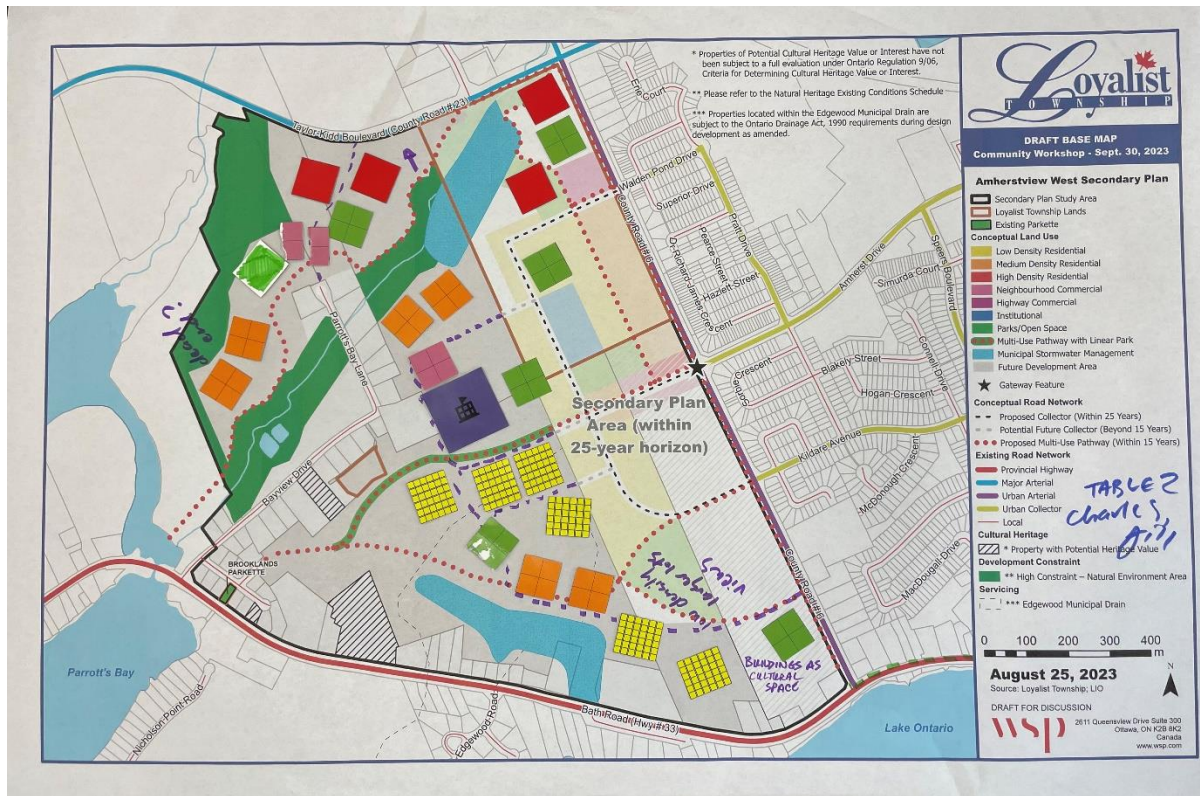


Table 2: Summary of Feedback Received through the Future Development Area Visioning Activity

Theme	Community Comments
<p>Land Use</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the new elementary school to be located central to the Secondary Plan Area and adjacent to parks and open space to permit shared programming and parking areas, with access to a main road. • General support for lower density residential uses to be sited further west to allow for a transition from the Main Street to existing residential properties on Parrott's Bay Lane, Bayview Drive, Brookland Park Drive, Bath Road / Highway 33. • Suggestion for lower density residential uses to be located at the south side of the Secondary Plan Area (i.e., larger residential lots) and higher density uses to be located in the north to maintain views of Lake Ontario. • Consideration for seniors' housing in Secondary Plan Area. • Recognition of importance of Parrott's Bay Conservation Area to the community and area.



Theme	Community Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest in having part of Loyalist Acres Farm maintained and celebrated beyond the 25-year planning horizon.
Traffic and Circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion for there to be an additional access located from County Road 6 and Bath Road (Highway 33) to accommodate population and development growth, as well as future school traffic circulation beyond the 25-year planning horizon.

5 Next Steps

The next steps in the Amherstview West Secondary Plan process will include preparation of three (3) conceptual options for the Future Development Areas, based on community and Township input from Workshop. The options for the Future Development Areas will be evaluated qualitatively and a recommended option will be included in the Secondary Plan as an Annex to guide future development at a high-level beyond the 25-year planning horizon for the Amherstview West Secondary Plan.

It is noted that the Future Development Areas options will **not** be assessed under any Phases of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process, as development in this area is anticipated to take place beyond the 25-year horizon for the Secondary Plan. A future Official Plan Amendment with accompanying studies, as will be described in the Secondary Plan would still be required to permit future development of these lands, as well as an MCEA process to obtain approval under the Environmental Assessment Act for the road and servicing requirements.

The Draft Secondary Plan, including Future Development Area Plan, Draft Urban Design Guidelines, and implementing Draft Official Plan Amendment and Draft Zoning By-law Amendment are anticipated to ready for public review in Winter 2024. These items will be presented at a Statutory Public Open House in Amherstview, so be sure to check back the project website for updates at <https://www.loyalist.ca/amherstviewwest>.

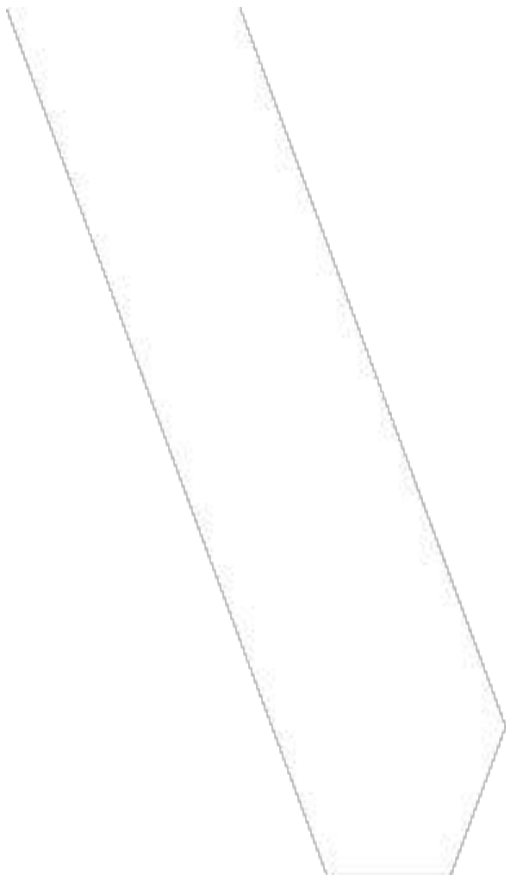
The Township would like to thank all of the community members who spent their Saturday at the Community Workshop!

Questions and comments can be directed to the project email at secondaryplan@loyalist.ca.

Appendix

A

Community Workshop
Presentation





Amherstview West Secondary Plan

Community Design Workshop

Amherstview Community Hall

September 30, 2023



Presenters

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Today's Workshop

1. Welcome / Opening Remarks
2. Presentation by WSP – Workshop Overview – 15 min.
3. Morning Workshop Activities – ‘Main Street Approach’ & Urban Design – 90 min.
4. Break for Lunch – 30 min.
5. Afternoon Workshop Activity – Visioning for Future Development Area – 90 min.
6. Conclusion and Next Steps





Amherstview West Study Area

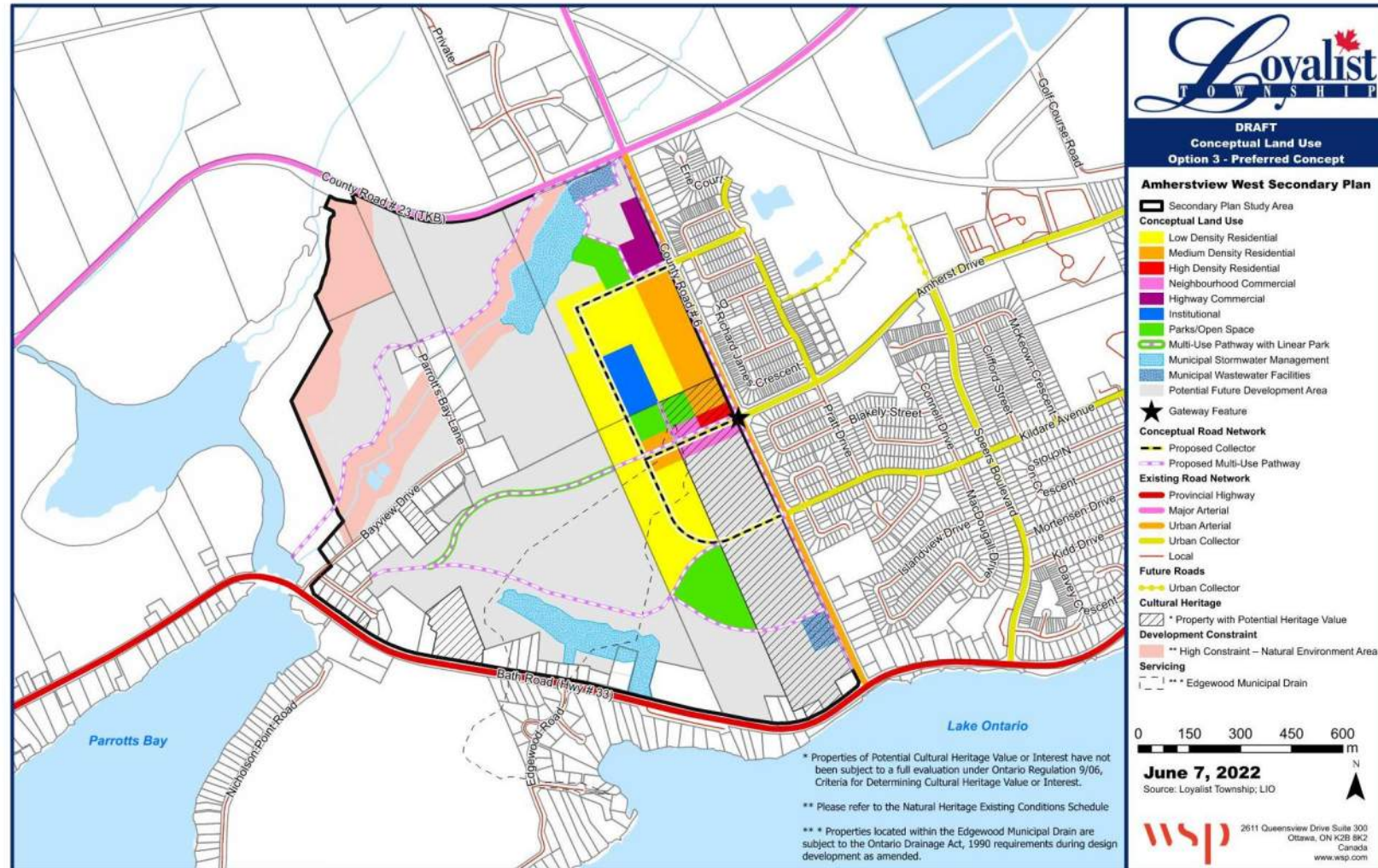




Evaluation of Land Use Concepts: Preferred Option

Preferred Option based on Evaluation of Alternatives:

This draft option is subject to change as it will continue to be refined as the project progresses and input from Township staff, TAC, CC, and the community is received.

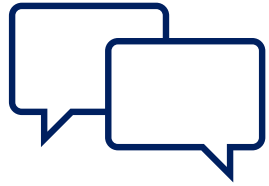




Workshop Overview

- Hands on approach to developing the Main Street approach and Urban Design Guidelines and concept plan ideas for the Future Development Areas.
- Workbook, visual aids and tools will be provided as you work in small groups.





Morning Workshop Activities ‘Main Street Approach’ and Urban Design



Morning Workshop Activities

- Activity #1 – Main Street Visioning – 30 min.
- Activity #2 – Main Street Principles and Priorities – 20 min.
- Activity #3 – Public Realm and the Public-Private Interface – 20 min.
- Group Presentations and Sharing- 15 min.

Image Source: WSP, 2023





Activity #1: Main Street Character

The Main Street should be the heart of community, complement existing town areas, and be a place that is a pleasure to visit and spend time in. The purpose of this activity is to envision what you would like the Amherstview West Main Street to look and feel like:

- As a group, consider each of the printed images on the tables – sort them into one of the three categories (use the sticky dots to attach them to the panel into the appropriate box: Like / Its Okay / Don't Like)

If the group isn't unanimous, place the image based on the majority vote and use the provided coloured dots to (green, yellow, red) to indicate what the other opinions were.

Using the pens and sticky notes provided, record what was liked or disliked about each image – was it the style of architecture, the type of furniture, the type of uses, the number of trees, etc... - **15 minutes**

- As a group, discuss and record if there was a clear preference, and/or a strong dislike for any of the images – **5 minutes**



Activity #2: Main Street Gateway

A gateway feature is proposed to mark the entry into Amherstview West at the Main Street. The purpose of this activity is to consider the appropriate treatment to mark the entry into Amherstview West:

- As with Activity #1 - As a group, consider each of the printed images on the tables – sort them into one of the three categories (Like / Its Okay / Don't Like)

If the group isn't unanimous, place the image based on the majority vote and use the provided coloured dots to (green, yellow, red) to indicate what the other opinions were.

Using the pens and sticky notes provided, record what was liked or disliked about each image – was it the design of the gateway, the setting it was in, how well it would complement the existing town character, the ability to interact with it, etc... - **15 minutes**

- As a group, discuss and record if there was a clear preference, and/or a strong dislike for any of the image – **5 minutes**



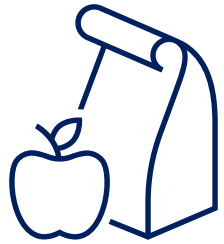
Activity #3: Allocation of Space

For any the design of any Main Street, choices have to be made to how much space can be dedicated to different features (e.g., width of sidewalks, space for benches and trees, on-street parking) due to limits on the space is available. The purpose of this activity is to consider what features are most important to your enjoyment of the Main Street:

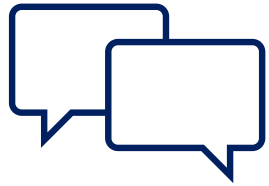
- As a group, organize by priority the images representing different potential streetscape components by sorting them into the relevant boxes – **10 minutes**

If the group isn't unanimous, place the image based on the majority vote and use the provided coloured dots to (green, yellow, red) to indicate where there were other preferences.

- Considering the priorities developed by the group, as a group, using the pre-cut components representing different features, select which components to include (some are mandatory), and arrange the pieces onto the scaled street cross section - **10 minutes**
- As a group, discuss and record if the cross section feels like it achieves the right balance, or if compromises had to be made – **5 minutes**



Break for Lunch
30 min.



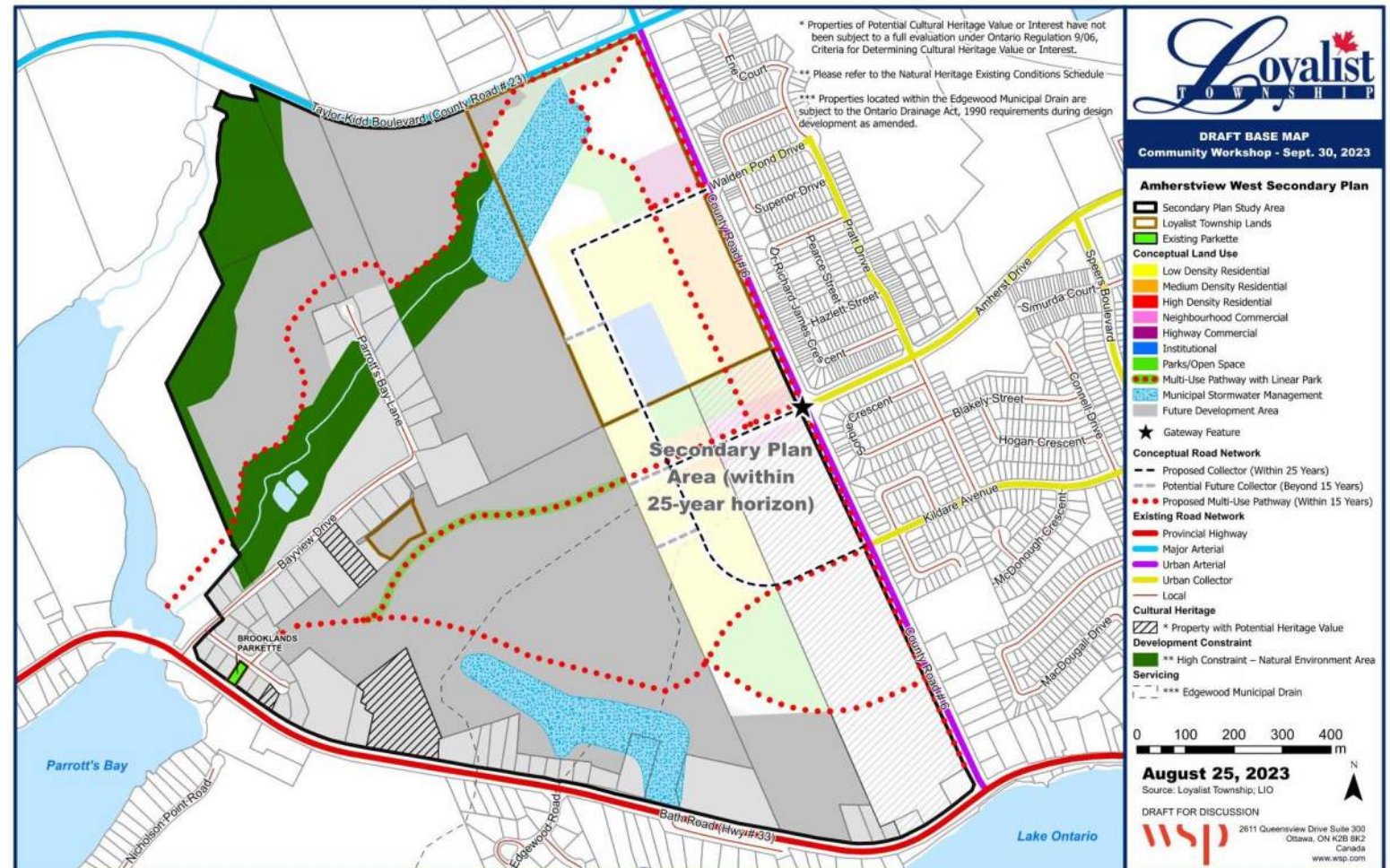
Afternoon Workshop Activity

Visioning for Future Development Areas



Activity #4: Future Development Area

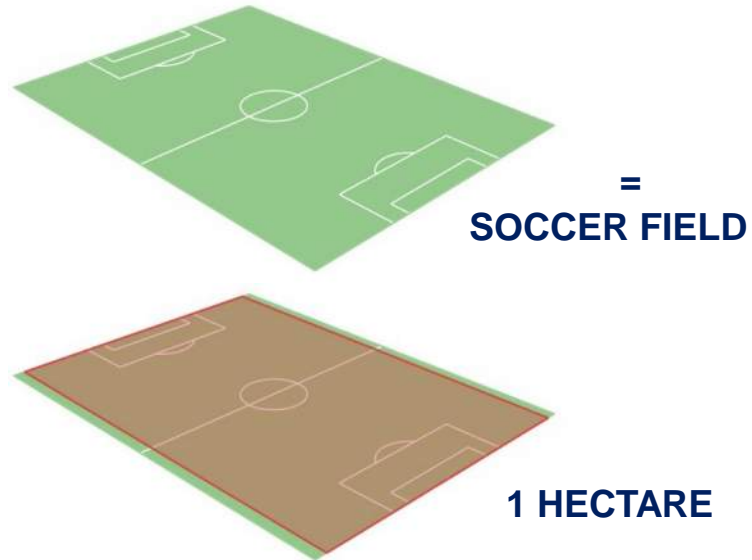
To prepare high-level conceptual land use options for the lands proposed to be designated as Potential Future Development Area (beyond 25-year planning horizon).



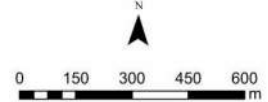





Activity #4: Future Development Area

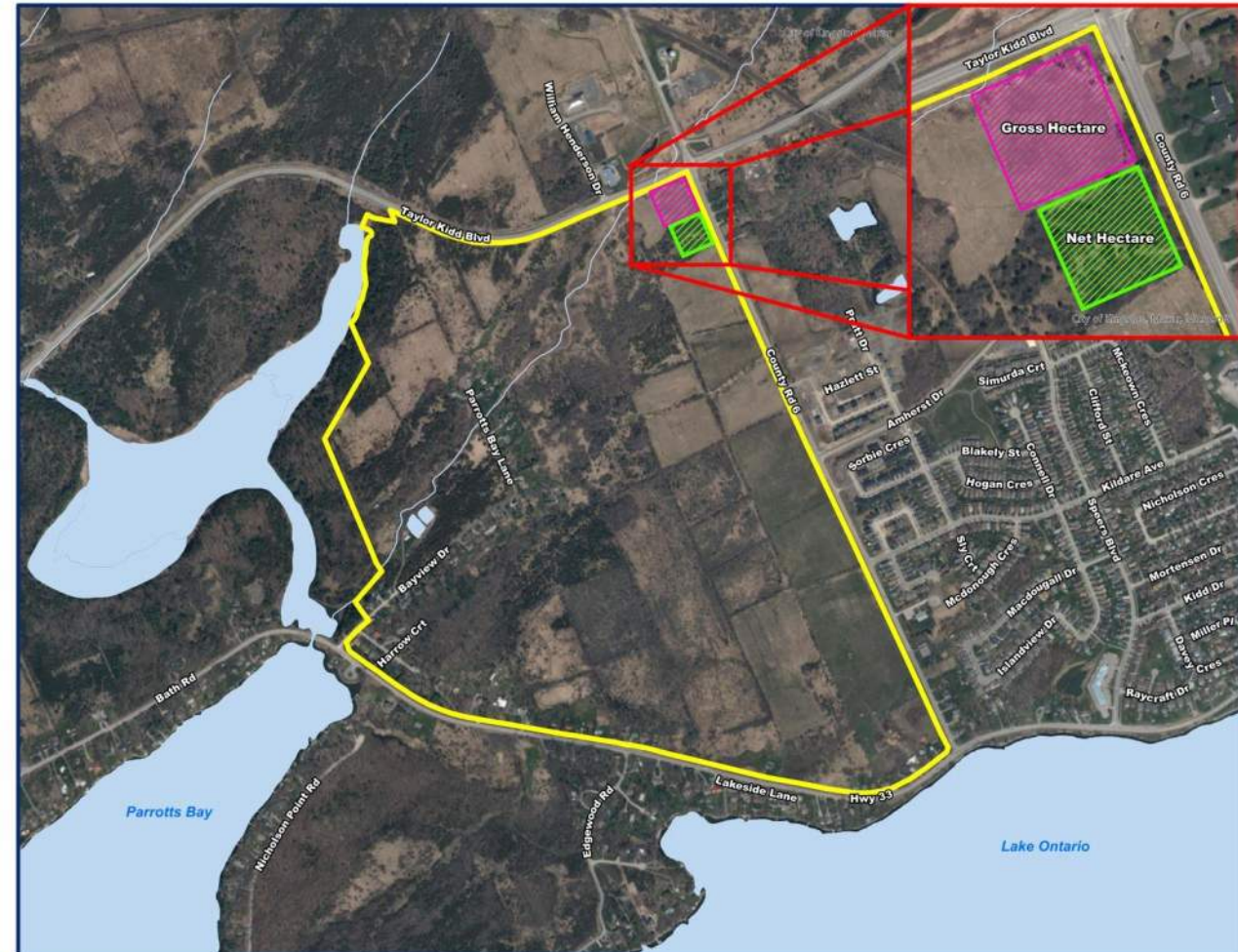
Visualizing Density



Legend



-  Secondary Plan Boundary
-  Gross Hectare (25% more to accommodate infrastructure, roads, parks)
-  Net Hectare



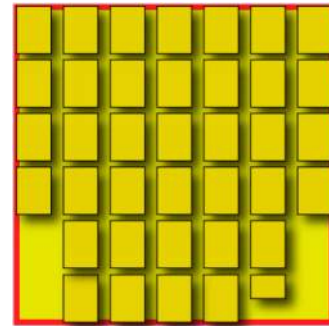
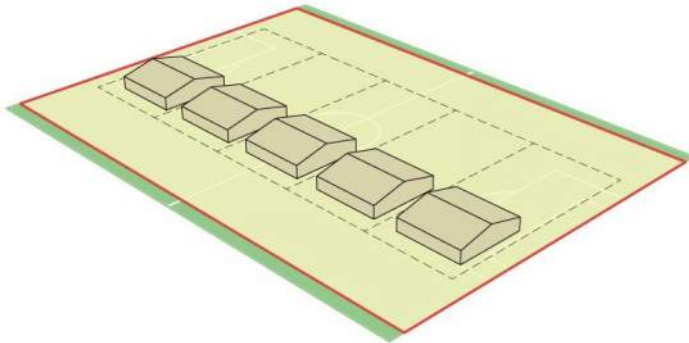


Activity #4: Future Development Area

Visualizing Density

Low Density

Single-detached, semi-detached, duplexes, duplexes, accessory units.



1 net hectare
= 37.5 units (max.)



Example of a low density residential neighbourhood in Amherstview (Google Streetview, 2023).

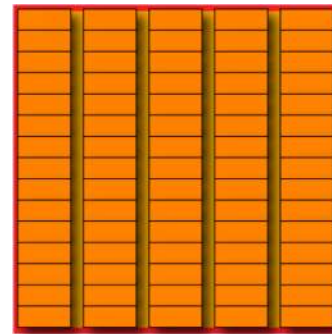
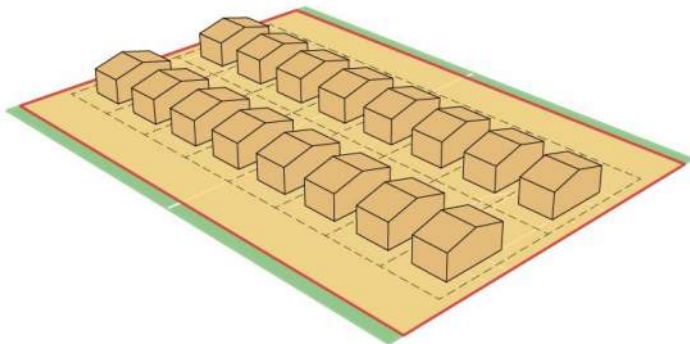


Activity #4: Future Development Area

Visualizing Density

Medium Density

Triplexes, quadruplexes, row townhouses, low-rise apartments (up to 4 storeys)



1 net hectare
= 75 units (max.)



Example of a medium density built forms in Amherstview (Google Streetview, 2023).

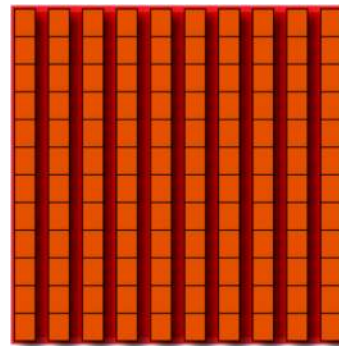
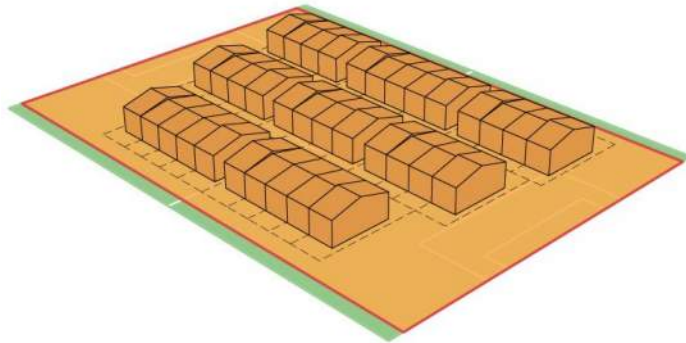


Activity #4: Future Development Area

Visualizing Density

High Density

Stacked townhouses, apartment dwellings



1 net hectare
= 120 units (max.)



Example of apartment dwellings in Amherstview (Google Streetview, 2023).



Activity #4: Future Development Area

Visualizing Density

Commercial Mixed-Use

A mix of residential uses and neighbourhood commercial uses, including mixed use development (e.g. commercial use on ground floor, residential dwellings in upper storeys)

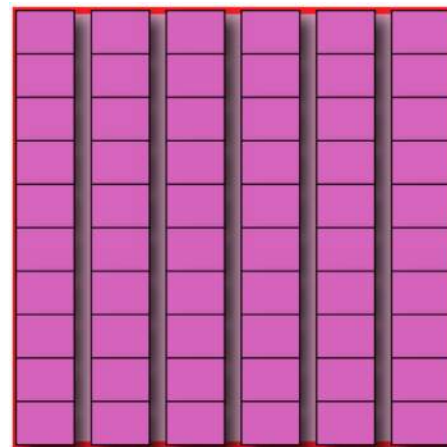


Image Source: Zumper, 2022

1 net hectare
= 60 residential units (max.)



Activity #4: Visioning for Future Development Area

Draft Vision Statement

Amherstview West will celebrate its distinctive and scenic location along Lake Ontario and proximity to Parrott's Bay Conservation Area.

As an extension of the greater Amherstview community, Amherstview West will grow and develop as a family-oriented, friendly area with a “small town” feel, providing a balance and excellent quality of life for residents and a peaceful and natural environment to live, grow, and visit.





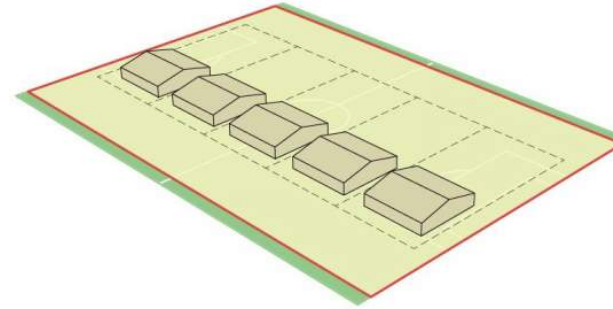
Activity #4: Visioning for Future Development Area

Future Development Area Checklist



1. Land Use

- Residential: Low, Medium, High Density
- Commercial Mixed Use



2. Parks and Open Space

- Neighbourhood Park – 2.5 acres (1 hectare) / 1,000 people.



Image Source: Loyalist Township



3. One (1) Elementary School (Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board)

- Siting requirements - 7 acres (2.8 hectares).



Activity #4: Visioning for Future Development Area

Future Development Area Checklist



1. Natural Environment

- No development on High Constraint Areas.



2. Transportation Network

- Internal connections within new neighbourhoods in Amherstview West.
- Connections to major transportation corridors (e.g. County Road 6, Bath Road, Taylor-Kidd Boulevard).
- Multi-use pathway (i.e. linear green pathway) along Amherst Drive extension.



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Next Steps

- Document input from today's Workshop and develop high-level land use and servicing concepts for Future Development Areas. A summary of the Workshop will be posted on the Township's project webpage.
- Preparation of Draft Secondary Plan and Draft Urban Design Guidelines.
- **Statutory Public Open House** – Presentation of Draft Secondary Plan, Draft Urban Design Guidelines, draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments – Winter 2024.



Amherstview West
Secondary Plan



Thank you for your participation!

Questions? Comments?

Visit the project website for updates:

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Appendix

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Workshop Display Boards



Amherstview West Secondary Plan

Community Design Workshop

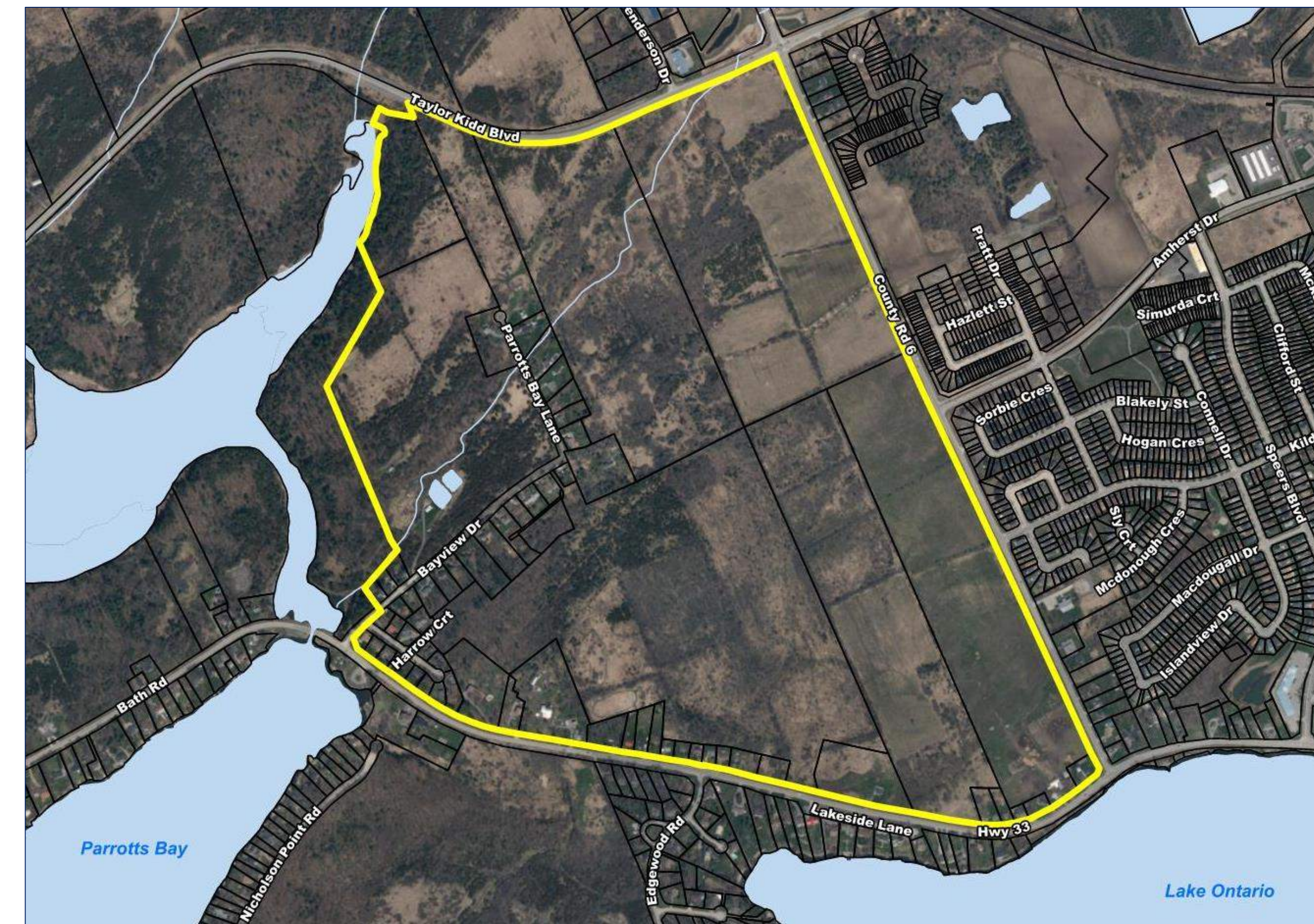
Saturday September 30, 2023, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Welcome to the Community Design Workshop for Amherstview West!

At today's workshop, we will be exploring several topics related to the future Amherstview West Secondary Plan:

- Design principles and priorities for a 'Main Street' in Amherstview West.
- Long-term visioning and planning for the lands proposed to be designated as Future Development Area in the Secondary Plan Area.

A presentation will be given at 10:15 am. There will be a 30 min. lunch break at around 12 noon following the morning workshop activities.



Please speak with a member of Township staff and/or WSP to share your comments or if you have any questions.



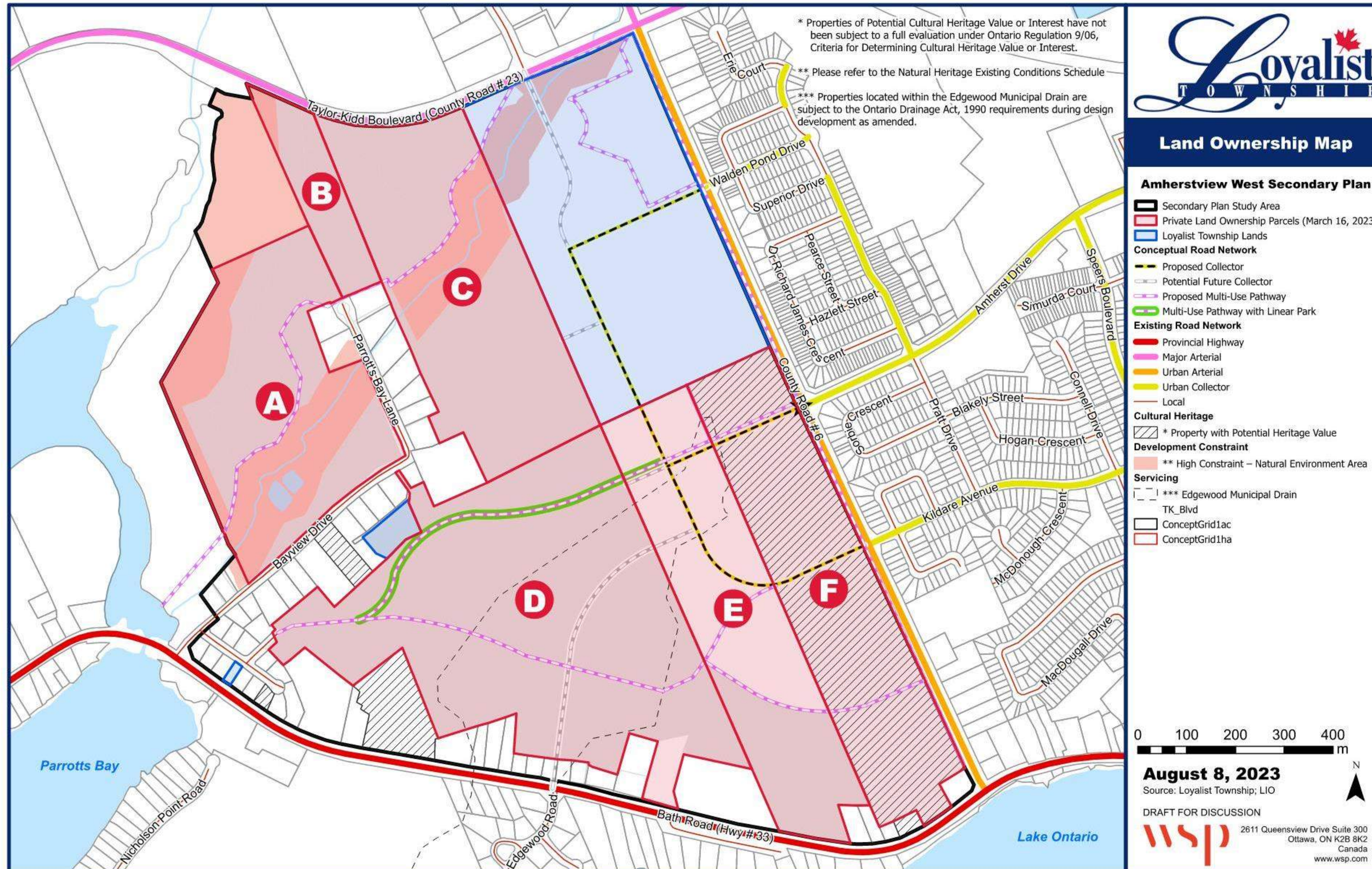


Amherstview West Context Map





Amherstview West Land Ownership Map





Project Process

The development of the Secondary Plan will be fully integrated with the MCEA Process, along community engagement and consultation. The Project commenced in February 2021 and is anticipated to be completed by 2024.

PARALLEL PROCESS – INTEGRATED STUDY APPROACH

Secondary Plan Process

- Complete background studies and Background Analysis Report
- Committee Meetings #1

- Develop Land Use Concept Plan Options
- Committee Meetings #2
- Select Preferred Land Use Concept Plan
- Committee Meetings #3

- Prepare Urban Design Standards
- Prepare Draft Secondary Plan
- Committee Meetings #4
- Prepare Revised Draft Secondary Plan/OPA

- Prepare Draft ZBLA
- Final Draft Secondary Plan / OPA and ZBLA
- Council Adoption of OPA and ZBLA (20-day appeal period)

PHASE 2: Public Engagement Program (ongoing over duration of project) Point of public engagement

PHASE 1

Winter 2021 to Winter 2022



- Online Visioning Workshop and Community Survey
- Notice of Study Commencement

PHASE 3

Fall 2021 to Spring 2023



- Online Public Open House #1
- Public Open House #2

PHASE 4

Summer 2023 to Fall 2023



- Community Design Workshop
- Public Open House #3

PHASE 5

Winter 2024

- Statutory Public Open House
- Statutory Public Meetings
- Notice of Completion

MCEA Process

- Complete background studies

- Develop Problem / Opportunity Statements (MCEA Phase 1)
- Develop and Evaluate Alternative Solutions

- Confirm Preferred Solutions (MCEA Phase 2)
- Develop and Evaluate Preferred Designs

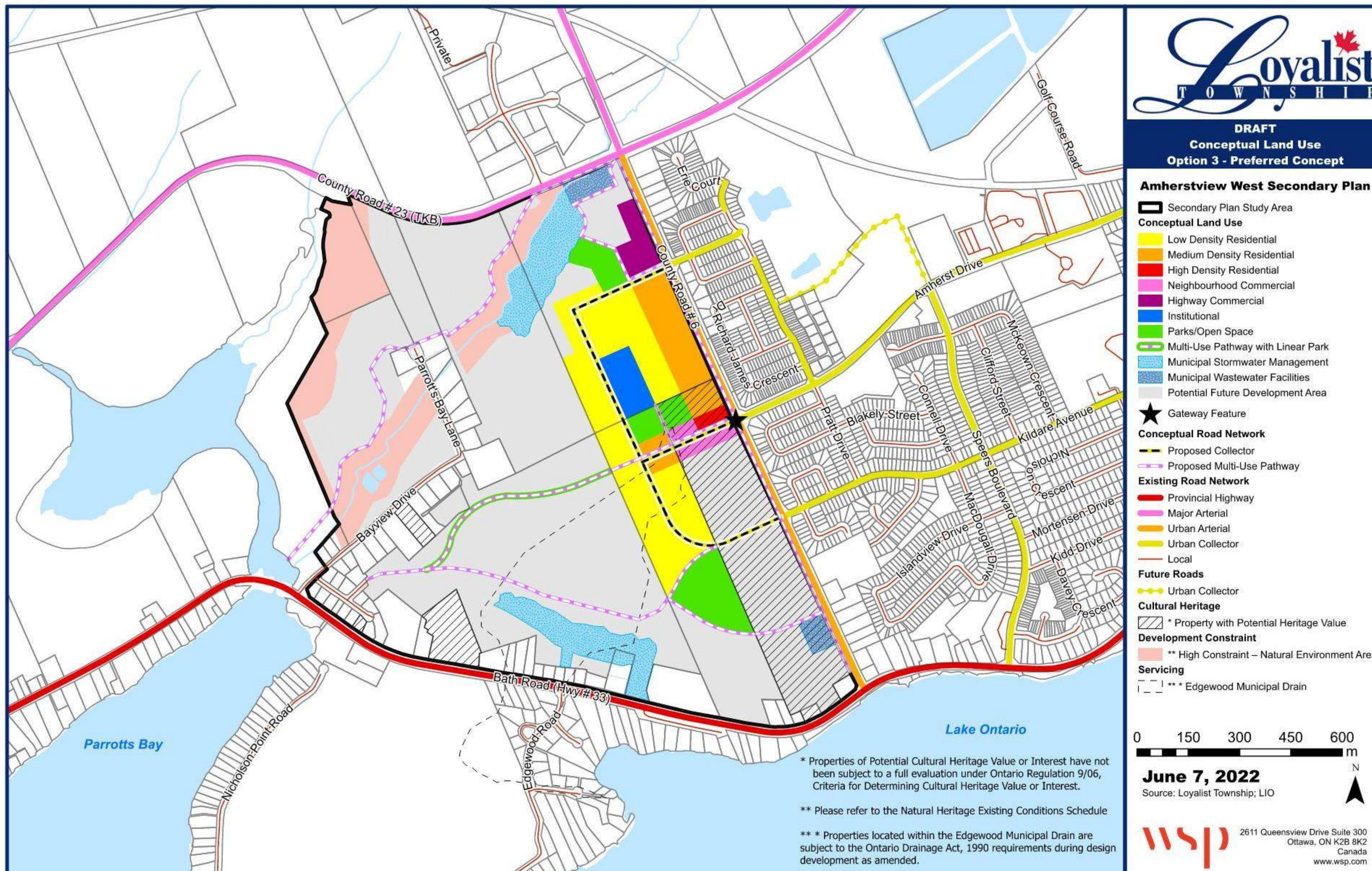
- Finalize Preferred Design
- Complete Master Plan
- 30-day public review period



We are Here!



Amherstview West Draft Preferred Concept



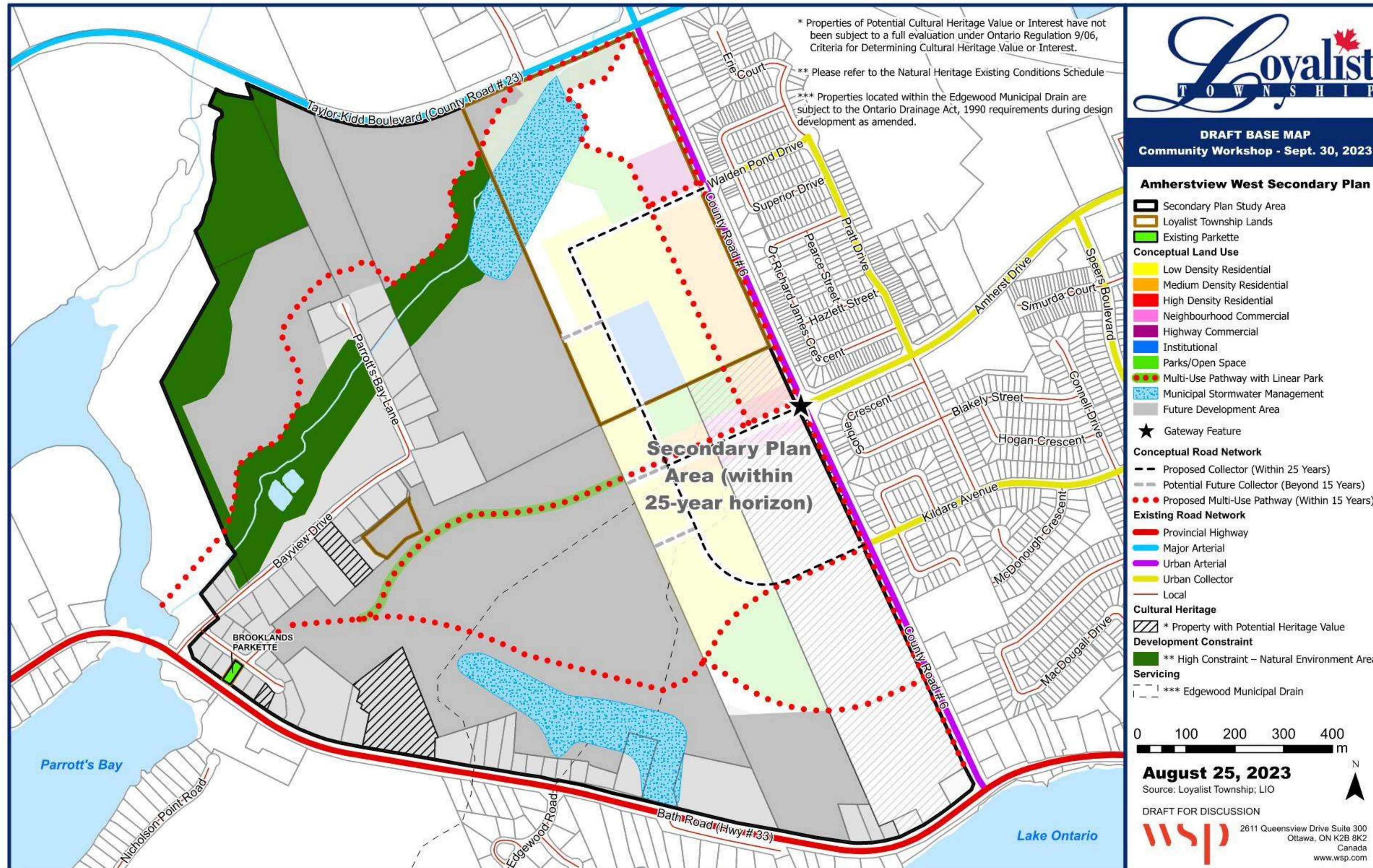


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Base Map





How to Stay Involved and Next Steps

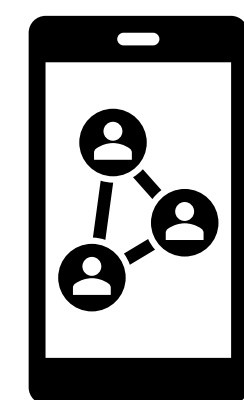
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<http://www.loyalist.ca/amherstviewwest>



Township Social Media:

[Facebook \(Facebook.com/LOYTWP\)](https://www.facebook.com/LOYTWP)

[X \(formerly Twitter\) \(@LOYTWP\)](https://twitter.com/LOYTWP)



Newspaper notices:

Kingston Whig-Standard

Kingston This Week

Project Next Steps:

- Analyze and evaluate the inputs from today's workshop for the Urban Design Guidelines and Future Development Area.
- **Statutory Public Open House** – Presentation of Draft Secondary Plan, Draft Urban Design Standards, and Draft Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment.

Share your comments or questions with:

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Workshop Workbook –
Future Development Area

DESIGN DIRECTIONS

1 HOUSING

Consider the policy requirements from the Loyalist Township Official Plan.

- Where should different housing types and densities be located (Low, Medium and High Density Residential and Commercial Mixed-use Residential)?
- How will the different residential areas appeal to varying demographics (young families, seniors, singles, etc)?

2 AMENITIES AND SERVICES

Consider where there are existing community amenities and services in the surrounding area.

- Where should new amenities and services be located (eg. school, parks) in relation to the residential areas and transportation network?

3 TRANSPORTATION

Consider where residents will want to go, and how they'll want to get there.

- How will people be able to access the Main Street?
- How will children access the school (walk, cycle)?
- What will make walking and cycling safer and more enjoyable?
- Where should there be additional road access into the future development area?

4 PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Consider all of the perspectives up until this point and how they interact with one another.

- Using the neighbourhood template provided, create a land use concept plan for the site. Sketch a clean copy of your design by tracing and combining the various layers.
- Step back and look at your plans: Would you choose to live there? Is this a desirable community for families, young adults and seniors?
- What would you change?
- Appoint a group member to provide the group with your reporting which will describe the 5 key elements of your land use concept.

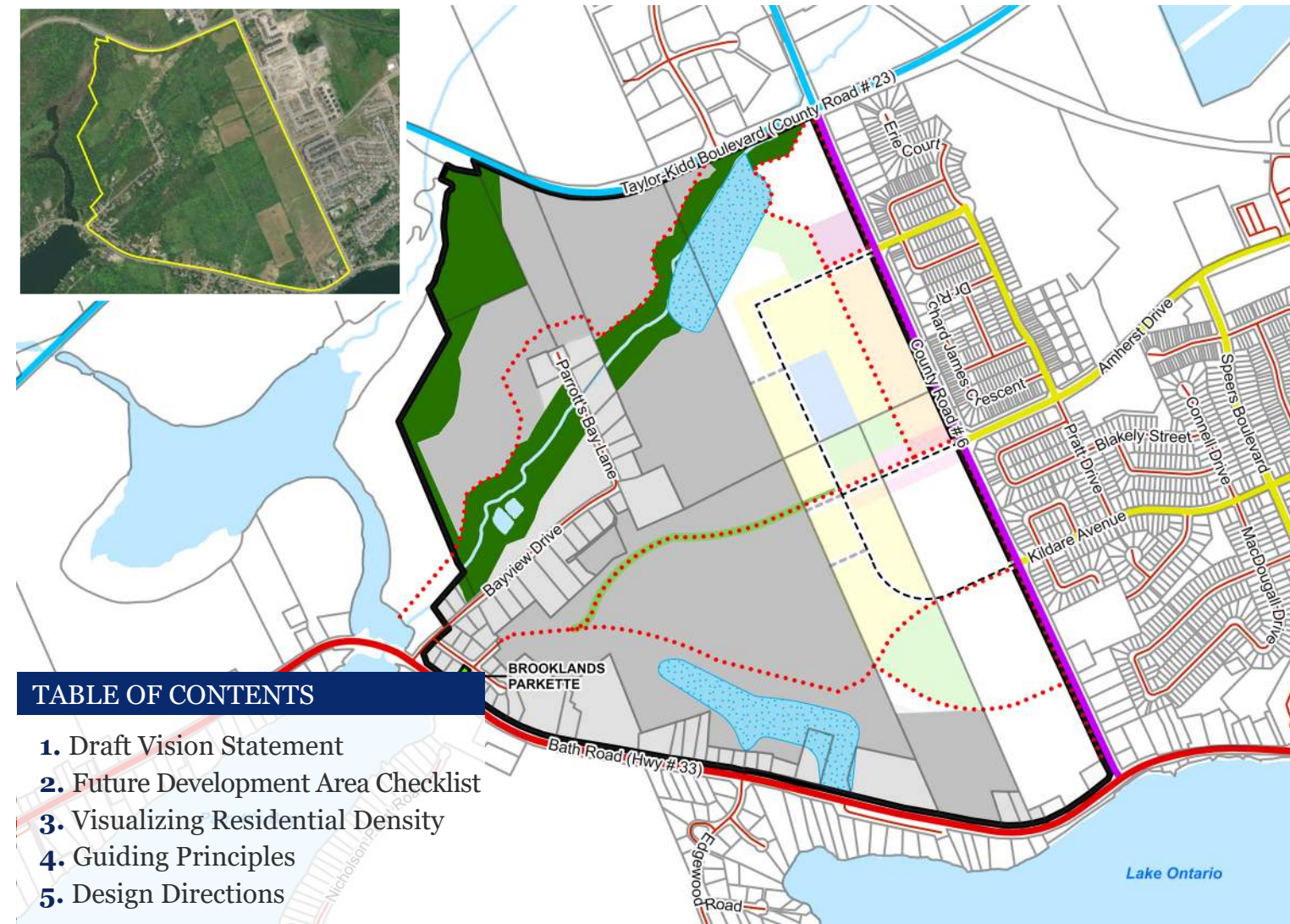


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4. Guiding Principles
5. Design Directions

Workshop Rules of Engagement

- 1 Everyone has a chance to speak. Group members respect each speaker and listen to their comments.
- 2 Everyone's input is welcome and valuable.
- 3 Build on the conversation and other people's input.
- 4 The focus is to gather as many perspectives and ideas as possible.
- 5 Most of all – have fun!

AMHERSTVIEW WEST SECONDARY PLAN

Working with Loyalist Township, local landowners, Technical Advisory Committee, Coordinating Committee, and the broader community, the Secondary Plan is being developed to include:

- A Vision and Guiding Principles for development and redevelopment in Amherstview West;
- Policies and Urban Design Standards for the Secondary Plan Study Area;
- A Conceptual Land Use Plan illustrating the overall land use, and transportation and active transportation network;
- Supporting schedules illustrating natural heritage constraints, transportation network, gateway location, and infrastructure; and
- An implementation strategy and framework for cost sharing agreements.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

The following Draft Vision Statement guides the Secondary Plan:

Amherstview West celebrates its distinctive and scenic location along Lake Ontario and proximity to Parrott's Bay Conservation Area.

As an extension of the greater Amherstview community, Amherstview West will grow and develop as a family-oriented, friendly area with a "small town" feel, providing a balance and excellent quality of life for residents and a peaceful and natural environment to live, grow, and visit.



FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AREA

High-Level Land Use Designations

- Low Density
- Medium Density
- High Density
- Commercial Mixed-Use

Parkland

- Neighbourhood Park(s) - 2.5 acres (1 hectare)/1,000 people

School

- Elementary School (Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board) - 7 acres (2.8 hectares)

Natural Environment

- No Development on the High Constraint Areas

Transportation

- Internal connections within new Amherstview West neighbourhoods
- Connections to major transportation corridors (Taylor-Kidd Boulevard (County Road # 23), County Road # 6 & Bath Road (Highway 33))
- Multi-use pathway - linear green pathway along Amherst Drive Extension

Public Review of Draft Vision

- Is the Draft Vision still in line with the outcome of your group visionary exercise?



VISUALIZING RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

SOCCER FIELD DIMENSIONS
120m x 90m



1 Hectare

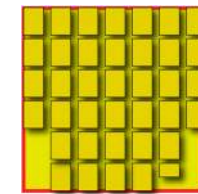


LOW DENSITY



SINGLE FAMILY
(Max. 37.5 units/ha*)

(Can include single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, duplexes, and accessory units*)



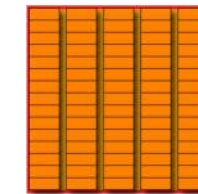
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MEDIUM DENSITY



MEDIUM DENSITY
(Max. 75 units/ha*)

(Can include low density residential uses, triplexes, quadruplexes, maisonettes, row or cluster housing, converted single-detached dwellings creating not more than four (4) dwelling units, street front townhouses, low rise apartment dwelling houses, other forms of multiple-unit housing, and accessory uses*)



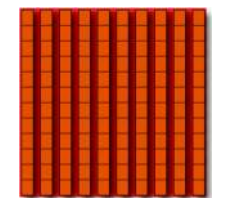
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HIGH DENSITY



HIGH DENSITY
(Max. 120 units/ha*)

(Can include medium density residential and higher density residential forms such as stacked townhouses and apartment dwelling houses units*)

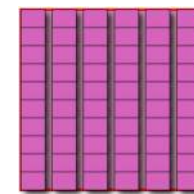


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COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE



MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL
(Max. 60 units/ha*)



* Definition and density are as per Policy 5.7.5.3 (c) of the Loyalist Township Official Plan

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Break down the scale of the community by defining neighbourhoods (a series of neighbourhoods, rather than one large subdivision).

- Use open space system to separate neighbourhoods
- Design collector roads as green, pedestrian friendly corridors which define edges of neighbourhoods
- Provide 'green' gateways into neighbourhoods

2. Organize land use and housing types in relationship to adjacent land uses.

- Provide a mix of land use and housing types to broaden choice in Amherstview to be flexible and provide aging in place with changing demographic profiles and market conditions

3. Design with nature.

- Preserve and enhance the woodlots and streams as the open space framework of, and wildlife corridors through the Lost Creek watershed, wetland and the new community

4. Optimize connection with the existing surrounding areas.

- Provide multi-use trail and pathway network through and along neighbourhood parks, including safe street crossings

Appendix

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Main Street and Future
Development Area
Workshop Activity Boards



Activity #1 – Main Street Character

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Keeping it open, pedestrian friendly, lots of trees, a walk, walk of cobblestone.

*Green Space, Nature, Cobblestone
 Open space, Pedestrian friendly
 accessible, 2nd storey patios
 lighting, old fashioned
 Music + entertainment*

*Unique Architecture
 Wider friendly sidewalks*

*Closed in
 on street parking
 narrow sidewalks
 Modern
 too busy
 no character*

for city like - a more village - approach

*THAT'S
 CHANGING*

Why?
 Why?
 Why?

What about these images was only so-so?
 What about these images did we not like?

Did the group have any clear preferences / dislikes?

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TABLE #4 Jordan Van Leuken
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Activity 2 Main Street Gateway

We would like to do

Gateway - what type of treatment

to be

actions / it on my

This gateway is

What about these images did we pick

the group have any clear preferences / dislikes?

ER GATE
 SHIP - NAUTICAL
 RECOGNITION ARCHES
 (CONTAGS)
 LIMESTONE
 CLIMBERS
 HISTORICAL TASTE? Why?
 What about these images did we pick

EXPANDED GATE
 BATH Rd
 Taylor Kid
 LIMESTONE CLIMBER

- tie into gate
- commercial tenants
- facade for hiding parked cars
 Why?
 What about these images was only so so?

TOO OVER POWERING

NOT GATEWAY MATERIAL

TOO MUCH WASTED SPACE

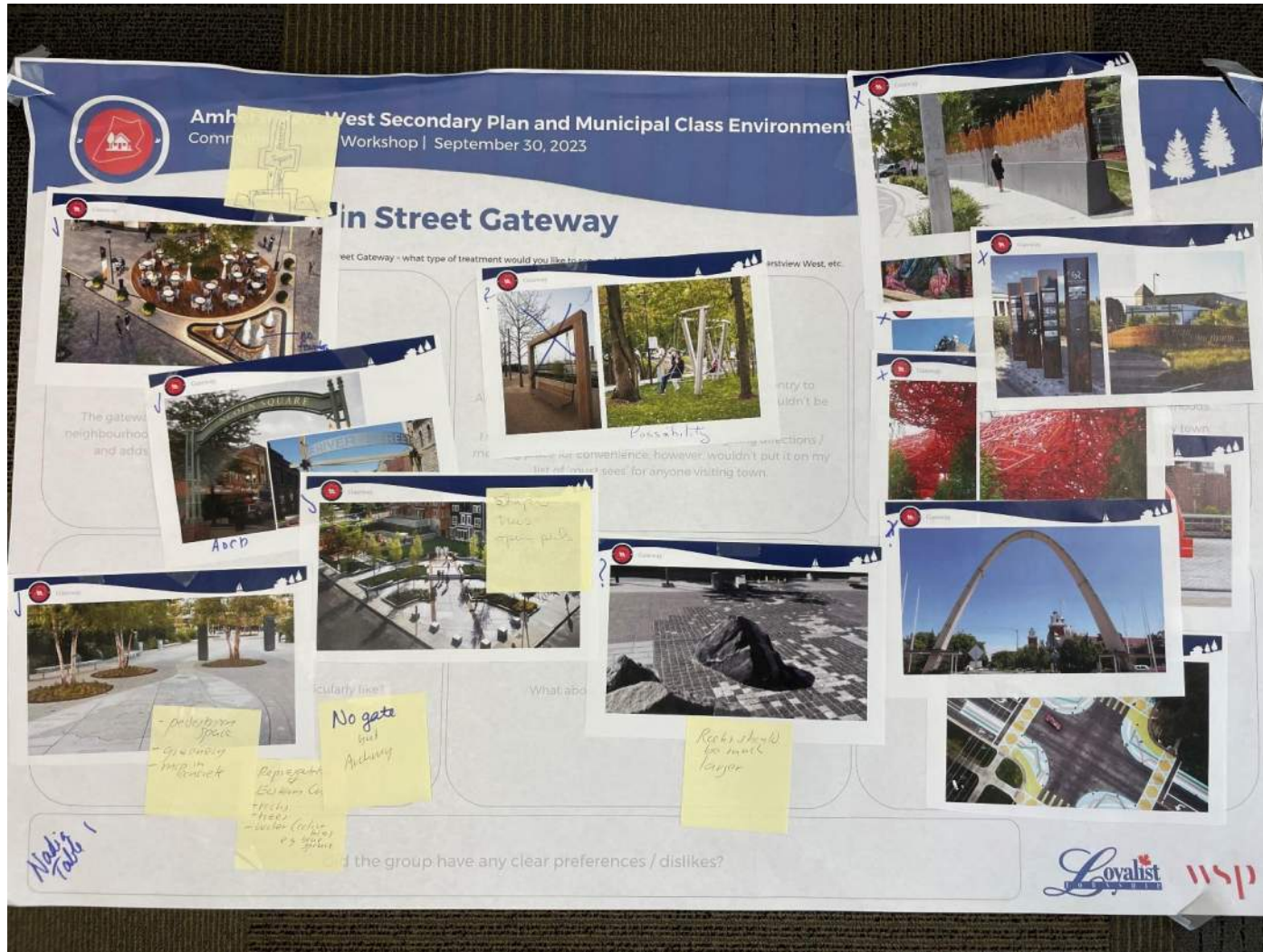
NOT HISTORIC ENOUGH

SYMMETRY AND





Activity #2 – Main Street Gateway





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Comm

Why would mark a
neighbourhood and destination
and adds to my enjoyment
surrounding ne

Quaint, community sense,
flow, loyalist logo adapt to Amherstview

Welcoming, water feature
develop a specific character
pedestrian space

Signage
Community meeting space
Why?
What about these images was only so-so?

too much cement
too stark
Why?
What about these images did we not like?

Did the group have any clear preferences / dislikes?

TABLE 2
Chris Jill

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Community Design Workshop

Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA)

Activity 3 - Cross Section

Every Main Street faces the challenge of fitting everything we would like them to have into the space available.

NOT A RAT R

Highest Priority

These features / spaces are the most important to my ability to access, move around comfortably, and enjoy spending time at the Main Street.

If a traffic engineer made these features should make priority if they can fit in an amount of space possible.

Moderate Priority

These features / spaces are important to my use and as I move freely around the Main Street, however prioritizing them wouldn't increase my enjoyment of the Main Street.

Lowest Priority

These features are 'nice-to-have' but it wouldn't impact my ability to access or enjoy the Main Street if they were given priority in preference for other features.

CELINE

ALISON

ROUNDABOUT

ONE WAY (IN)

BUS STOP

PATIO / LANDSCAPE

Does the group feel they have enough space?

SCALE 1:300 = 1



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Activity 3 - Cross Section Priorities

Every Main Street faces the challenge of fitting everything we would like them to have into the space available

Moderate Priority

These features / spaces are important to my use and ability to move freely around the Main Street, however prioritising them wouldn't increase my enjoyment of the Main Street.

Lowest Priority

These features / spaces are 'nice to have' but it wouldn't impact my ability to use and/or enjoy the Main Street if they are given less space or omitted in preference for other features.

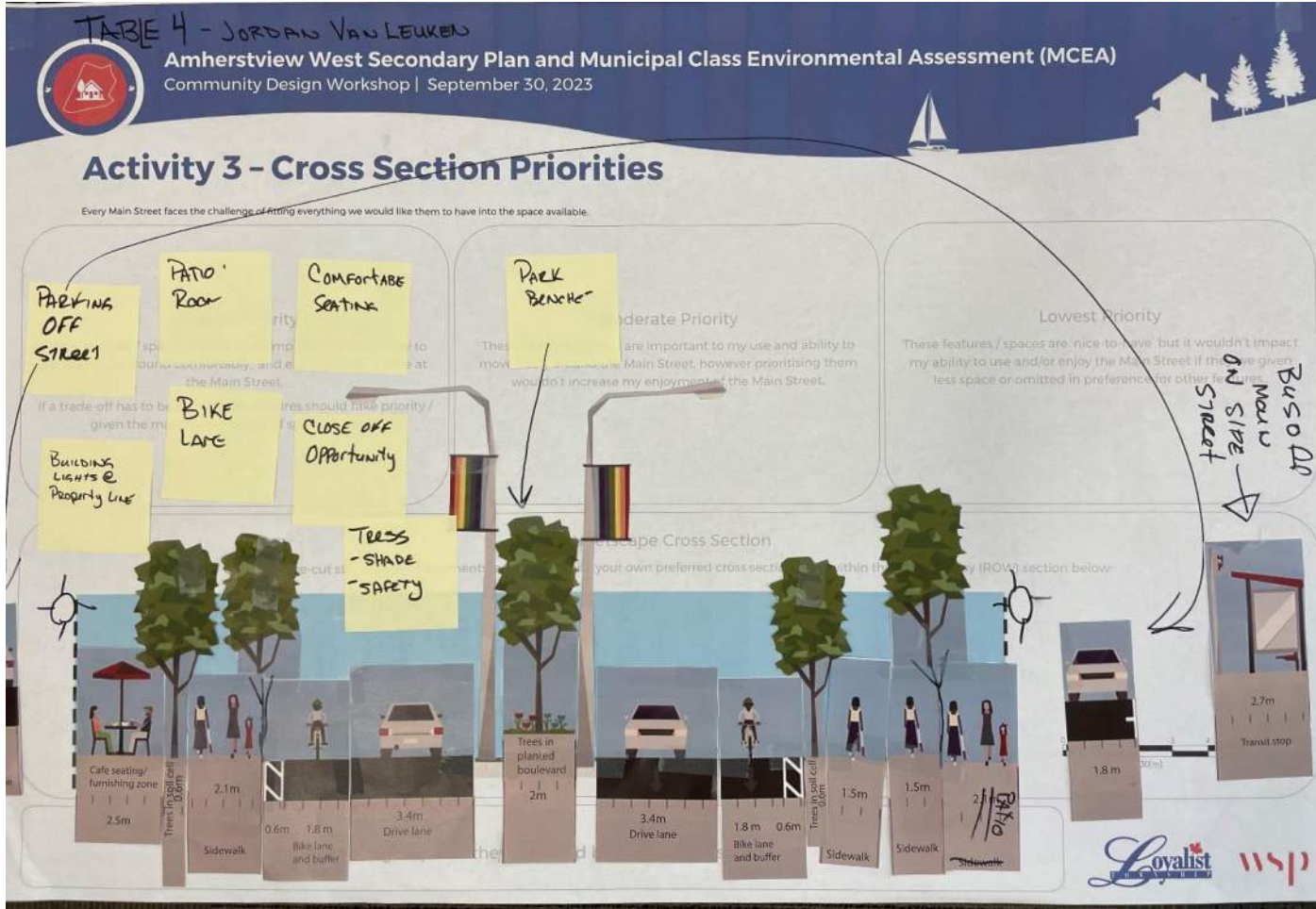
Cape Cross Section

... is the Right of Way (ROW) section below.

SCALE: 1:300W

Does the group feel they achieved best use of the space?

TABLE 2
Charles,
Bill





Activity #4 – Visioning for Future Development Area

