



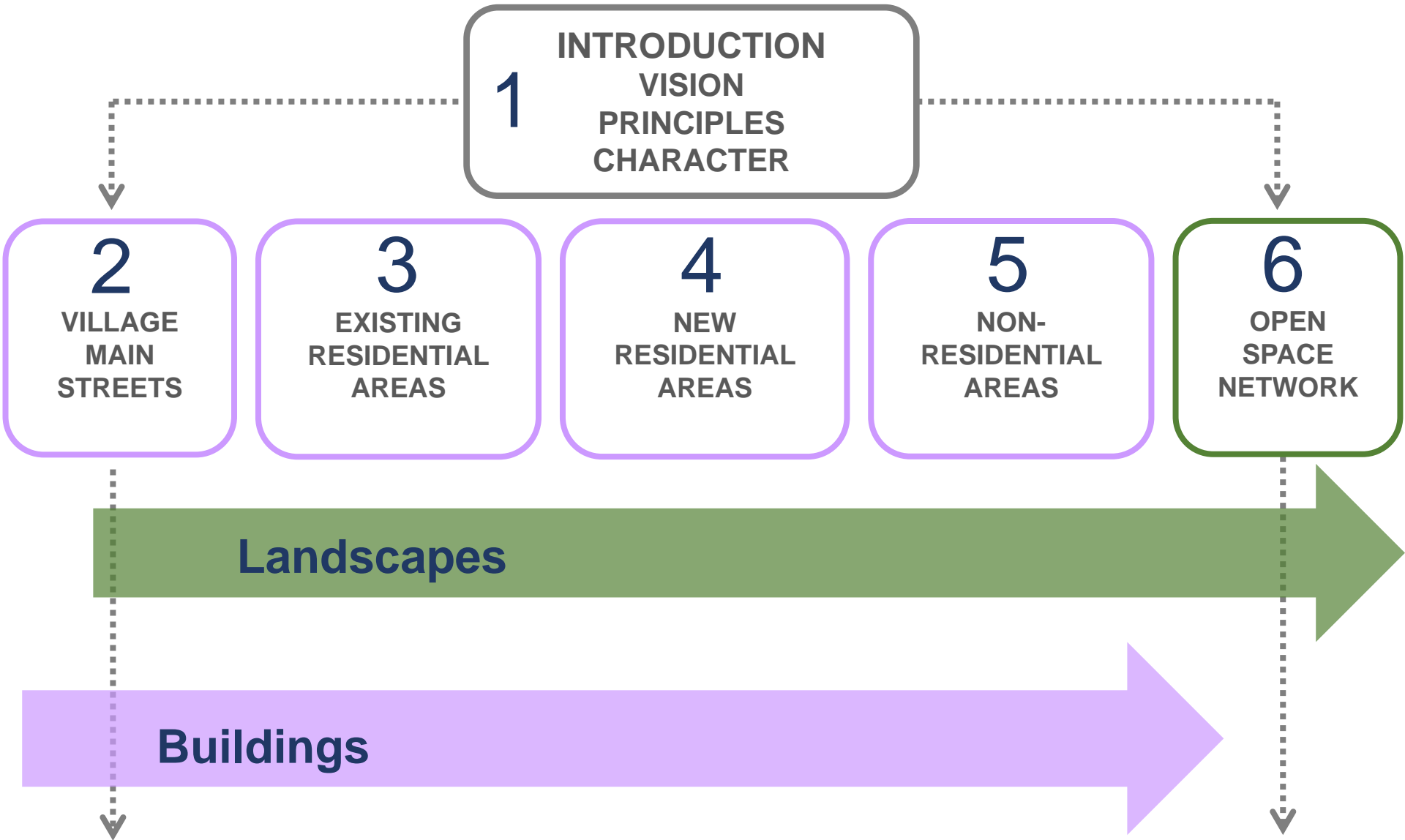
Town of Erin

URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES
Community & Architectural Design Guidelines

Village of Erin + Village of Hillsburgh

Community Workshop
March 18, 2021

Contents of the Guidelines



Focus of the Workshops



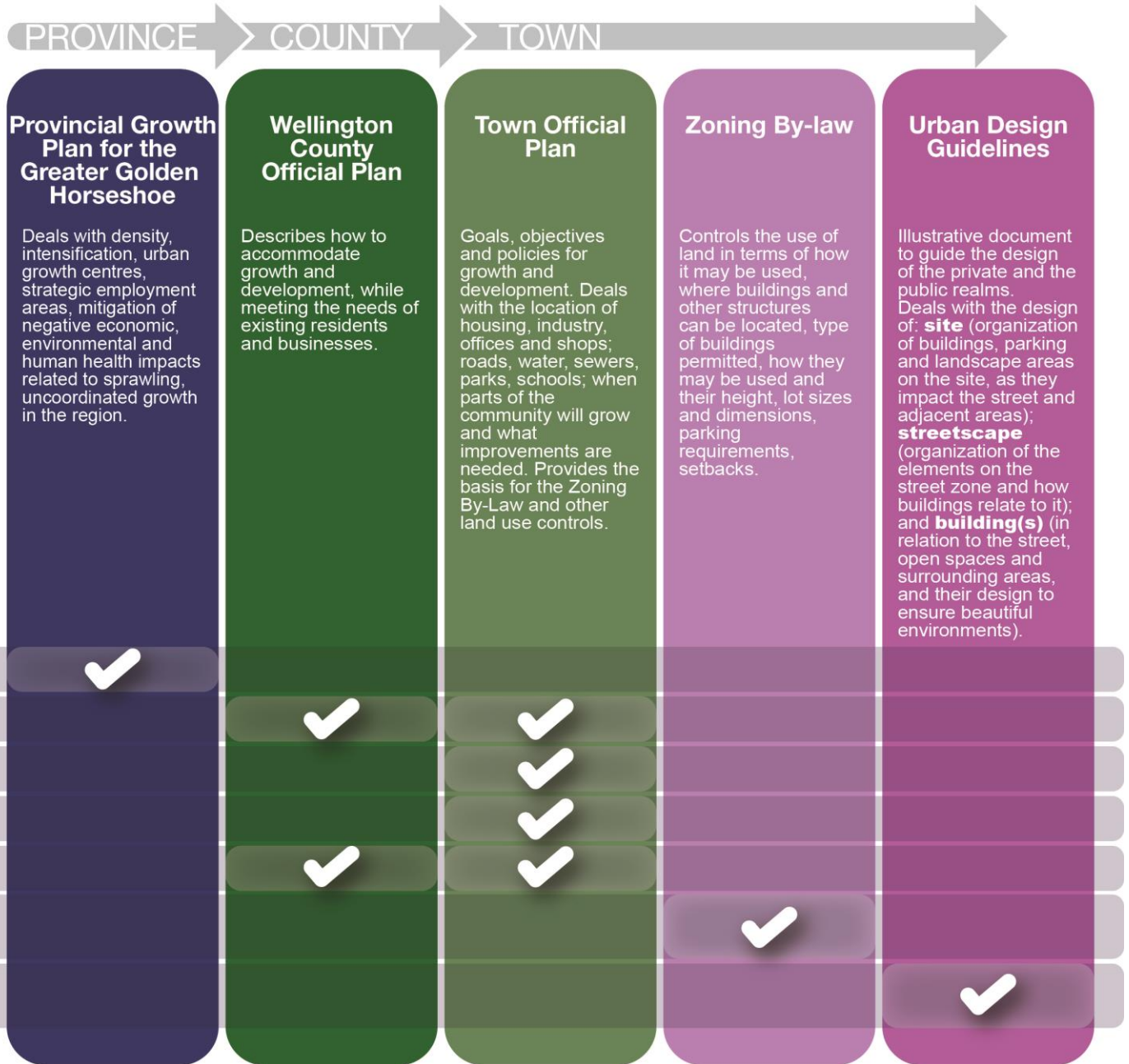
What the Guidelines Do

- ✓ Will provide direction to the Town and developers for the design of buildings, streets and open spaces, and the relationships between them.
- ✓ Will help developers understand the municipality's objectives for the design of Erin.
- ✓ Will contain conceptual diagrams that demonstrate the design intent of the guidelines.
- ✓ Will inform municipal Council and staff in their review, and approval of development applications. Community and Architectural Design Guidelines are intended to influence the design of new development through Zoning, Plans of Subdivision/Condominium, Site Plan Approval and even the Minor Variance process.
- ✗ Will not determine the types, locations and numbers of different building types in specific neighbourhoods or areas in the community.
- ✗ Will not include development concepts for any particular location.

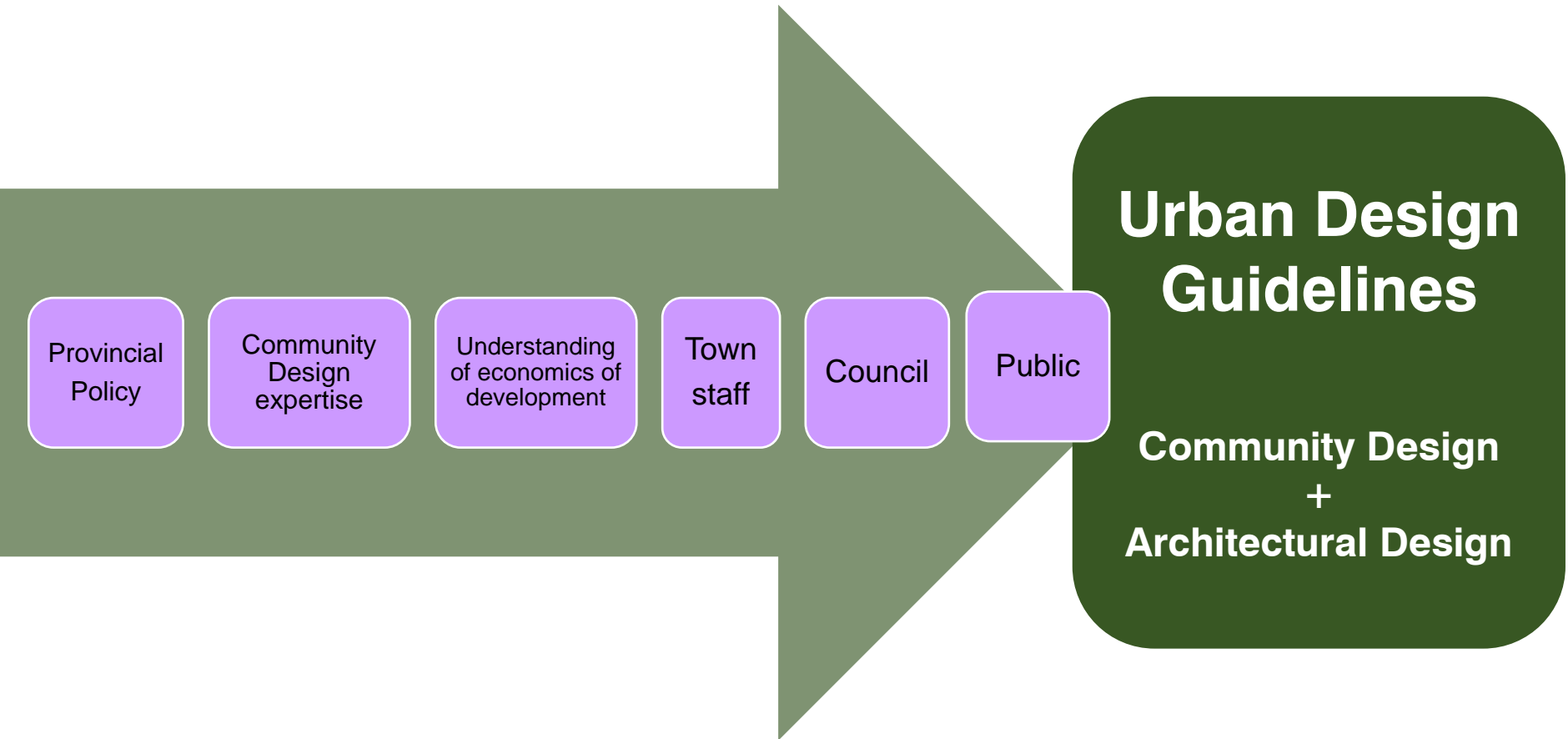
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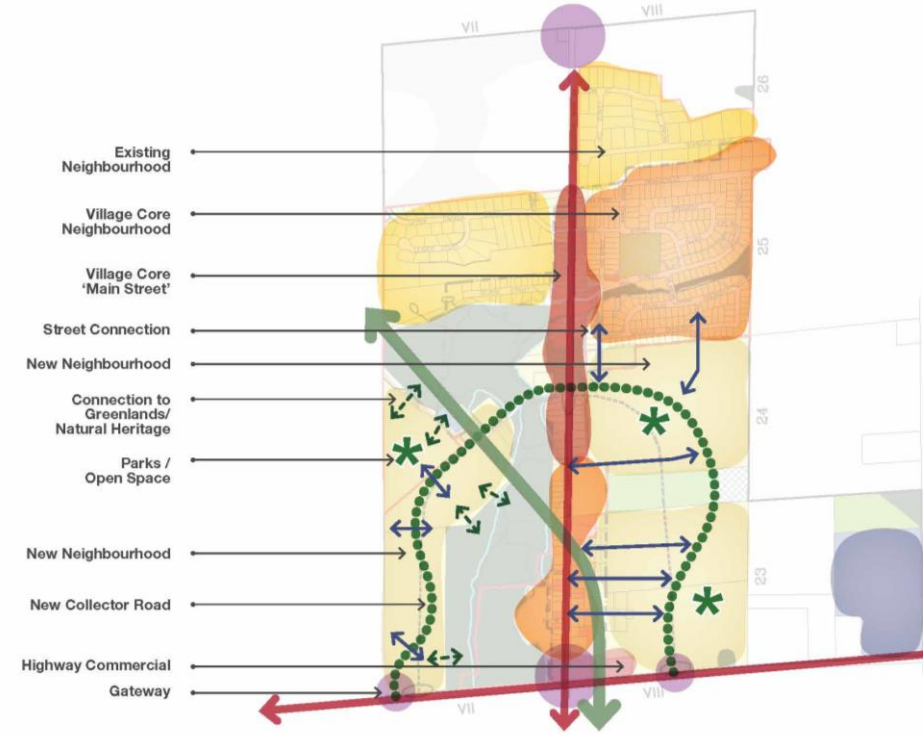
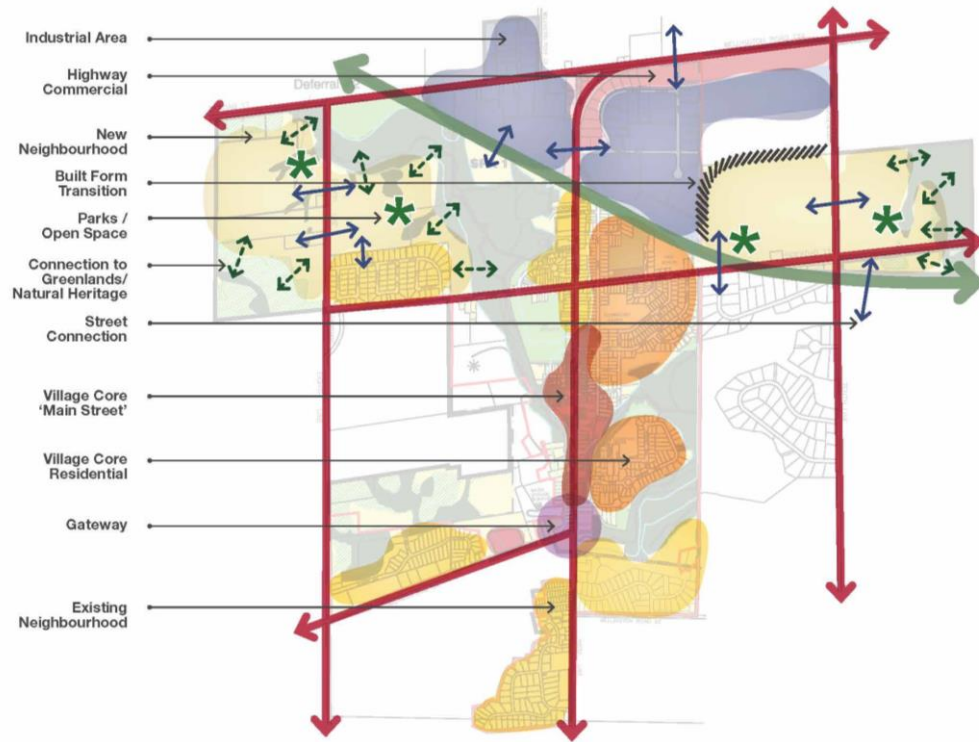
The Urban Design Guidelines are just one of many tools used to manage development. Have a look at the chart to see where all of the aspects of design and development are addressed.

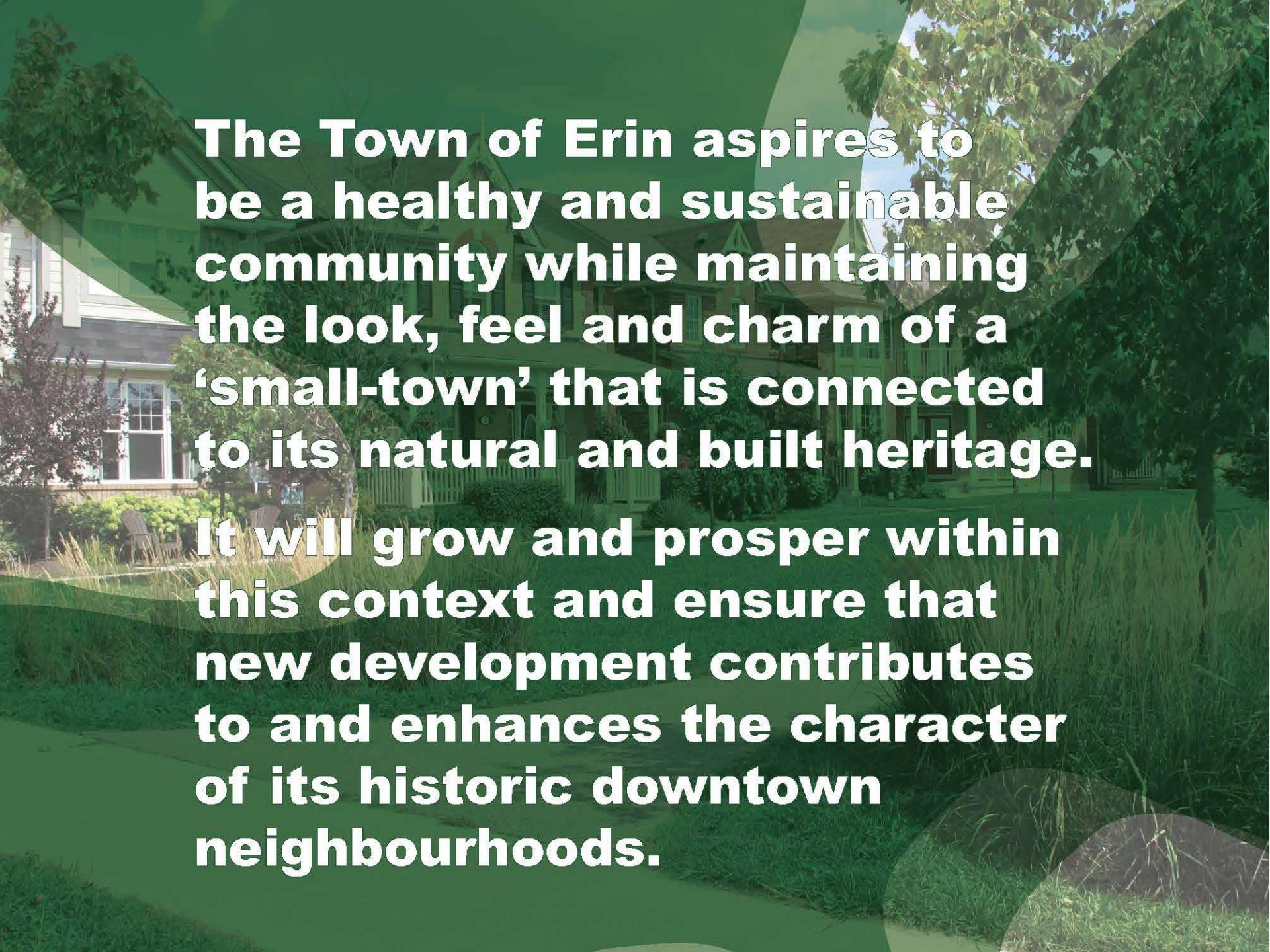


Many inputs to the development of the Guidelines



Where the Guidelines Apply





The Town of Erin aspires to be a healthy and sustainable community while maintaining the look, feel and charm of a 'small-town' that is connected to its natural and built heritage.

It will grow and prosper within this context and ensure that new development contributes to and enhances the character of its historic downtown neighbourhoods.

Six Guiding Principles underpin the Guidelines

Incorporate and integrate the surrounding natural heritage



Encourage quality built form



Enhance the character and attributes of the community



Create pedestrian friendly urban spaces and streets



Support active transportation and community connectivity



Integrate sustainability into the design of building, open space and infrastructure



An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood, showing a grid of streets, houses, and green spaces. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. Two large, overlapping circles are drawn on the image, one centered over the top text and another centered over the bottom text. The text 'PARKS + TRAILS' is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font, and 'Afternoon Session' is written in a white, sans-serif font below it.

PARKS + TRAILS

Afternoon Session

What We Heard

Green Space – agreed with this direction

97%

The design of new new neighbourhoods should have street and land use patterns that enable and enhance views to natural areas.

97%

The design of new neighbourhoods should maintain the rolling topography.

83%

Every new neighbourhood should have a park at its centre

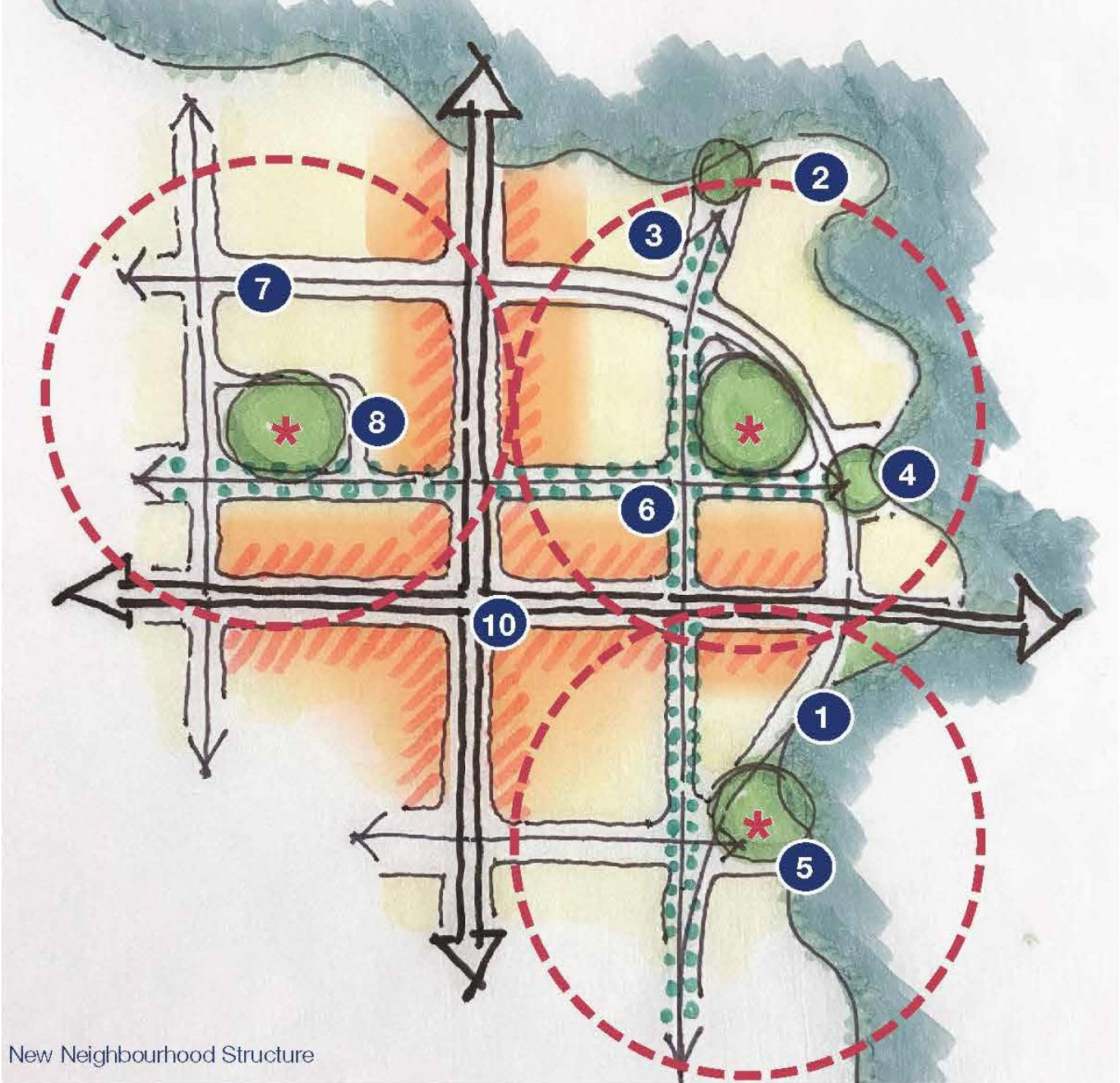
90%

Include a variety of types, sizes and forms of public parks

89%

Plant deciduous canopy trees both sides of the street

Parks and Trails



New Neighbourhood Structure

Neighbourhood Parks

- Locate neighbourhood parks within a 400m radius (5 minute walk) of most residents.
- Provide for a range of facilities to encourage recreation and activity for all ages, abilities.
- Support a variety of parks uses, passive and active.
- Enhance the urban tree canopy.



Parkettes

- Locate parkettes within a 200m radius (2 – 3 minute walk) of most residents.
- Locate parkettes to buffer / enhance the greenlands system.
- Incorporate existing healthy trees, where possible.
- Support passive and active recreation.
- Promote naturalization along buffers.
- Use a natural approach to design.



Open Space Vistas

- Locate parks to provide views and access to the Greenlands and trails system.
- Incorporate passive and active recreation opportunities.
- Use a natural approach to design.



Trails

- Connect to / expand the Elora Cataract Trailway.
- Design trails for a range of users and abilities.
- Provide trail entrances where they meet the public street.
- Provide signage, seating and waste/recycling receptacles at trail entrances.
- Incorporate special pavement and features at trail entrances; these are the gateways to the trails system.



More Than Meets the Eye?

Many of the summer insects like dragonflies and mosquitoes that you see buzzing around start out as larvae in these fast-moving streams. These and other aquatic invertebrates are an important part of the ecosystem; they are the primary source of food for fish, amphibians and smaller mammals living in or near the streams. A key indicator of a healthy stream environment is an abundance of caddis fly larvae, which are extremely sensitive to water pollution. Look closely! Can you see any?

Planting Strategy

- Promote species diversity and ecosystem potential.
- The right tree in the right place.
- Provide appropriate planting conditions for successful landscapes.
- Year-round, hardy trees that are drought, disease and salt tolerant.

MAIN STREET - FRONT YARDS



Hedges Dogwood - winter Dogwood - spring Pagoda Dogwood

COMMUNITY GATEWAYS - SPECIAL PLANTINGS



Sugar Maple Eastern Redbud Grey Birch Black Maple
Arrowwood Cornelian Cherry Cornelian Cherry Fragrant Sumac Meadowsweet

PARKS & OPEN SPACES



Black Maple Chinquapin Oak Tulip Tree Black Cherry Yellowwood Black Gum Shingle Oak Wild Crabapple

NATURALIZED TRAILS & SWM PONDS



Sugar Maple Bitternut Hickory Trembling Aspen Musclewood Pin Oak Ironwood White Pine