

2003 Ottawa Official Plan

The City's Official Plan establishes clear direction and vision for the development of new communities in Ottawa

Key Principles for Developing Communities in the Official Plan

- Accommodate compact and mixed-use development.
- Serve with quality transit, walking and cycling facilities.
- Protect forests, wetlands and other natural environment areas
- Increase the supply of affordable housing.
- Provide a good balance of facilities and services, including schools, community facilities, parks, a variety of housing, and places to work and shop.
- Balance land use types to contribute to achieving the mix of jobs and households for the larger area.
- Require high quality design.
- Maintain familiar landscapes and heritage buildings.
- Provide open and inclusive planning process.

Some Community Design Plan Directions from the Official Plan

- Maximum 60 % single-detached and semi-detached houses.
- Minimum 10 % apartment dwellings and the remainder other multiple dwellings.
- Average for single-detached, semi-detached and townhouses of 29 units per net hectare.
- Establish a modified grid system of roads to maximize access and egress points, pedestrian and transit accessibility to all areas, and to enhance personal navigation.
- Achieve a distinctive identity and a variety of building form.