



2 Workshop One

2.1 Purpose

The first of two Design Workshops convened on June 18th, 2009 was intended to introduce workshop participants to preliminary background information about the study area and to identify and examine the area's core attributes and qualities.

Building on the participants' understanding of the area's attributes and qualities, participants and the consultant team worked collaboratively to establish a set of principles to serve as a guidepost for the development of both the Design Options and the resultant Preferred Plans.

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2.2 The Ten Guiding Principles

As a starting point for any community design exercise, it is important to establish key principles that articulate the fundamental values, desired outcomes and broad approaches to the achievement of those values and outcomes.

The following is a summary of the ten (10) principles that were developed in consideration of the key Provincial policy directives and in collaboration with workshop participants who identified what they felt should be key design priorities. The resulting ten guiding principles informed the development of the Design Options and Preferred Plans:

1. The protection and enhancement of natural heritage features and environmental resources is a priority.
2. New development will be balanced with the existing heritage features of the community, including the Heritage Conservation District, buildings and other structures, sites and cultural landscapes.
3. All new development shall be designed to be compatible with the scale and character of the existing community.
4. All new development shall reinforce the role of Kleinburg-Nashville within the City as a rural village centre, while maintaining the integrity of the surrounding countryside area.
5. All new development shall be integrated with existing development with appropriate connections and interface treatments that manage the transition from the old to the new.
6. All new development shall combine with the existing villages to promote the creation of a complete community that is designed for all stages of life and includes a mixture of land uses providing a variety of employment, cultural and educational opportunities, places for active and passive recreation, health care facilities, commercial opportunities, meeting places and a full range of housing types.
7. Parks, natural heritage features, trails and stormwater management facilities shall form a connected and accessible open space system. Accessibility includes both physical access, as well as visual access and integration.
8. The achievement of the City's sustainability objectives under the Environmental Masterplan shall be promoted.
9. A high quality of urban design for new development projects will be expected. LEED certified or other green building technologies are to be promoted.
10. Streetscaping that includes large street trees, street furnishings, and other landscaping features are to be included in all new development in order to enhance the urban forest and the pedestrian experience.