

## Ten Directions to Guide Development

The following are the Ten Directions to Guide Development, as provided in Volume 1, Policy A.2.1 – Urban Hamilton Official Plan:

- Direction 1:** Plan for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Direction 2:** Encourage a compatible mix of uses in neighbourhoods, including a range of housing types and affordabilities, that provide opportunities to live, work, learn, shop and play, promoting a healthy, safe and complete community.
- Direction 3:** Concentrate new development and infrastructure within existing built-up areas and within the urban boundary through intensification and adaptive re-use.
- Direction 4:** Protect rural areas for a viable rural economy, agricultural resources, environmentally sensitive recreation and the enjoyment of the rural landscape.
- Direction 5:** Design neighbourhoods to improve access to community life for all, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, gender, ability, income and spirituality.
- Direction 6:** Retain and intensify existing employment land, attract jobs in Hamilton’s strength areas and targeted new sectors, and support access to education and training for all residents.
- Direction 7:** Expand transportation options through the development of complete streets that encourage travel by foot, bike and transit, and enhance efficient inter-regional transportation connections.
- Direction 8:** Maximize the use of existing buildings, infrastructure, and vacant or abandoned land.
- Direction 9:** Protect ecological systems and the natural environment, reduce waste, improve air, land and water quality, and encourage the use of green infrastructure.
- Direction 10:** Maintain and create attractive public and private spaces and respect the unique character of existing buildings, neighbourhoods and communities, protect cultural heritage resources, and support arts and culture as an important part of community identity.