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PIC #2: Comment Sheet

What is your Vision for Columbus?

The proposed Vision, Principles and Objectives for Columbus are attached to this comment sheet. Please read through the Vision and Principles and provide your feedback below.

Please provide your thoughts about the proposed Vision, Principles and Objectives for Columbus. Is there anything that you believe is missing? What do you like or dislike?

Please provide any other comments that you may have regarding the background reports or about the Study in general:

Please feel free to submit your comments to lmoeb@oshawa.ca. Additional information can be found on the Study website at www.oshawa.ca/ColumbusStudy.

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Proposed Vision

Columbus will be a vibrant, healthy and complete urban community that is focused on the historic four corners at the intersection of Columbus Road and Simcoe Street North and the approaches to the intersection. Future growth will be sensitive to the Community's historical context and cultural heritage, considering land use compatibility, scale of development, and urban design. The Natural Heritage System and a system of parks, open spaces and trails will provide the framework for the balanced, sustainable development of the community including interconnected neighbourhoods.

Proposed Principles and Objectives

Vibrant and Complete Community

Create a vibrant, complete community composed of neighbourhoods which reflect the historical context, are pedestrian oriented and human-scaled, and integrated with the natural environment and surrounding rural area.

Objectives:

- Promote the development of inspiring, meaningful and memorable places and neighbourhoods that reinforce the history and cultural heritage of Columbus, including new public spaces for gathering and recreation.
- Create a compact, walkable, accessible community composed of neighbourhoods which are connected internally and externally with the surrounding rural area and the rest of the City.
- Focus higher density, mixed use development along Simcoe Street North and establish a detailed streetscape plan to reinforce the area as a "main street" for Columbus and a gateway to the community.
- Provide opportunities for commercial amenities and community services, including schools and parks and recreation facilities within walking distance for residents.
- Identify and conserve cultural heritage resources.
- Ensure that transitions between new development and the surrounding rural area and future industrial uses are carefully and appropriately addressed.



Healthy and Sustainable

Design the community for healthy, active living. Provide a mix of land uses including a diversity of housing choices at appropriate densities with appropriate municipal services to ensure long-term sustainable development which is fiscally responsible.

Objectives:

- Provide for a diversity of housing types and, in particular, opportunities for affordable housing.
- Provide for a mix of land uses appropriate to the character of the community.
- Ensure development and infrastructure design is fiscally responsible.
- Establish urban design, land use and engineering policies that address the interaction between the site, building and mobility infrastructure design and grading.

Connected with Mobility Choice

Establish a multi-modal mobility network that provides choice and connects neighbourhoods to each other, the surrounding rural area and the rest of the City. Create a network of parks, open spaces and trails to provide opportunities for active and passive recreation, as well as active transportation choices.

Objectives:

- Establish a modified grid road system that allows for traffic movement and dispersion for all modes of travel.
- Establish road and mobility design and urban design policies and standards which create a walkable community and complete streets.
- Provide facilities within the public and private realm which encourage cycling, including off-road cycling facilities.
- Design to support transit service on Simcoe Street North and Columbus Road West, and ultimately throughout the community.
- Manage parking in a manner that supports transportation and urban design objectives.
- Establish a network of parks, open spaces and trails including locations of such facilities adjacent to the Natural Heritage System where appropriate.
- Balance views and access from development to the Natural Heritage System with protection of its function.



Balanced and Liveable

A valued and liveable community which reflects the right balance between protecting the environment and fostering a healthy, equitable and complete community.

Objectives:

- Ensure the Natural Heritage System is protected while creating a complete and diverse community.
- Design development to reflect healthy, accessible and sustainable neighbourhood design principles.
- Accommodate a share of the City's greenfield growth to 2041 appropriate to the character of the community.

Green and Resilient

Protect, maintain, restore, and where possible, improve water resources and the Natural Heritage System. Support resiliency and environmental sustainability through measures such as energy efficiency, water conservation and green infrastructure.

Objectives:

- Integrate innovative stormwater management, water conservation and reuse, and other green infrastructure practices.
- Promote energy efficient design.
- Design to protect natural heritage features and water resources and for natural hazard protection and avoidance.

