

CHAPTER 4

VISION & POLICIES



COMMUNITY VISION & POLICY PLAN

Establishing a clear vision for the City's future is a critical component of a comprehensive plan. The vision is based on the facts underlying the community's past and present. The vision and policy plan are intended to describe how the community will appear and function into the future. It is an over-arching framework that permeates the plan and informs supporting policy and strategy decisions. Based on the analysis of the community survey, demographics, and existing land use patterns and trends, the City of Dundas developed the following community vision and associated policies.

Community Demographics

The review of the City's demographic and economic information has provided insight into the community's character and impactful trends. The City is experiencing residential growth which outpaces the growth in most other area communities. The City has especially grown in the number of families. Also, as with every other community in the region, there is a growing aging population.

While residential growth has been strong, the City needs to ensure that commercial and industrial development opportunities remain present. To keep the City balanced, an increase in the number of jobs per capita and expansion of commercial uses are ideal.

City Survey

A survey was conducted to gain insight into the views of the residents. The community values efficient provision of municipal services, which would result in lower taxes. Residents also strongly valued the unique, traditional small town character of the City.

Residents favored making improvements to the Downtown, attracting new businesses, and expanding employment opportunities. The residents liked the City's predominately single family nature and the good parks and trails.

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Community Vision

Noting the themes from demographics and the survey, as well as considering past planning concepts, themes forming a community vision are established:

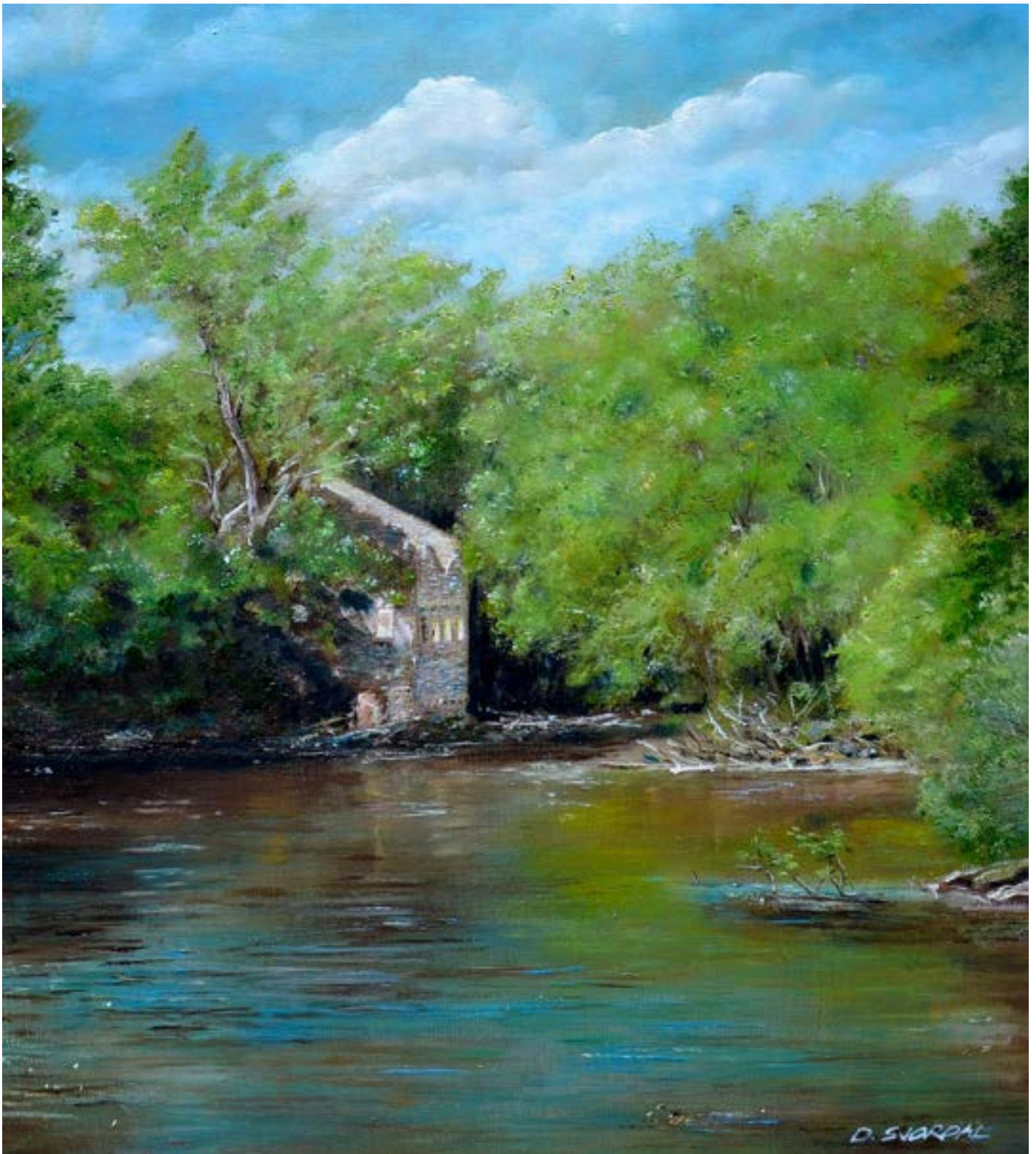


The following vision statement combines these themes into a concise statement of purpose for the City:

The City of Dundas is an independent, historic small town on the Cannon River with unique natural characteristics that provides a quality residential environment with ample employment and commercial opportunities.

Policy Development

Supporting the vision, the defined key policies aid in defining the character, values, and priorities of the City. These policy statements act as an ongoing statement of general purpose and inform specific policy objectives related to each topic. These policies are intended to focus the community on the future, using the past as a mooring point but also the community's general creativity to shape the future. These ideas are intended to be a unifying concept for the community to share and to assist in evaluation of new ideas.



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MAINTAIN AN
ECONOMICALLY
BALANCED
COMMUNITY



CONNECT KEY
FEATURES OF
THE COMMUNITY



PROVIDE EFFICIENT
SERVICE PROVISION



EMPHASIZE ACCESS
TO NATURAL
AMMENITIES



HONOR THE CITY'S
RICH HERITAGE



PROVIDE
EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES



PRESERVE
THE CITY'S
SENSE OF PLACE



ESTABLISH
HIGH QUALITY
RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORHOODS



ENERGIZE
AND EXPAND
COMMERCIAL AREAS

