Strategic Plan 2024-2027







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Change is all around us: We must be ready

Demographic change

Fastest growing municipality in Durham Region between 1996-2021

More than doubling of the population in the next 28 years from 103,585 (2022) to 221,000 (2051)

Economic change

Employment targets - from 29,000 jobs to 70,300 jobs

Environmental change

Climate volatility and the need for environmental resilience

Socio-cultural change

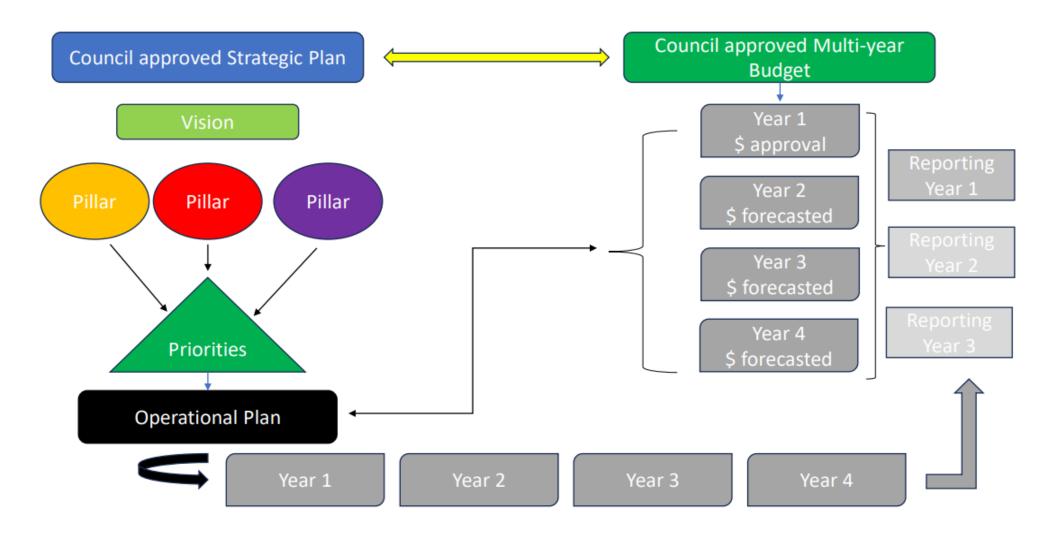
Increasingly
diverse
community;
tremendous
opportunities to
embrace equity
and diversity
and promote an
even more
collaborative
and welcoming
community

Technological change

Increase in technologyrelated jobs, artificial intelligence and robotics

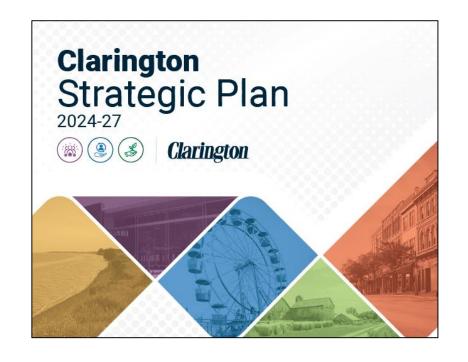


Operationalizing our Strategic Plan





Making Strategic Investments







Strategic Planning: A Cyclical and

Integrated Process





Creating our Strategic Plan



^{*}Public engagement on the draft plan led to several enhancements that are reflected in the final plan.



Top Priorities: Initial Public Survey

Top five priorities identified by survey respondents:

Population Growth/Urbanization

Development/Urban Sprawl

Affordability/Cost of Living

Traffic Management

Taxes/User Fees



790Survey
Participants



1%	<18
17 %	18-35
50 %	36-55
29 %	56-74
3%	75+



Top Priorities: Council

- Shift from "good enough" to "great"
- Shovels in the ground!
- Responsible growth
- Traffic, speeding and safety
- Integrated approach to parks, trails and open spaces
- Communications and engagement

- Customer experience
- Leveraging economic opportunities
- Arts, culture and programming
- Internet/Cellular service gaps
- Vision for the community
- Co-ordinated advocacy efforts



Draft Strategic Plan

Vision

A dynamic, welcoming community focused on the future while honouring our past.

Mission

To enhance the quality of life in our community.



Create a resilient and connected community that prioritizes the importance of our environment.

- · Support responsible growth and development
- · Promote a diverse mix of housing options
- · Protect our environment



Ensure that our programs and services are designed and delivered from the customer's perspective, where residents and businesses see value.

- · Engage and inform our community
- · Offer customer-centric programs and services
- · Demonstrate the effective and efficient use of municipal funds



Build a strong, thriving and safe community, where everyone is welcome.

- · Prioritize arts, culture and recreation
- · Embrace a diverse, equitable, and safe community
- · Seize economic development opportunities



Community Engagement: By the numbers

Initial Survey



790 Survey Participants



1% <18 17% 18-35 50% 36-55 29% 56-74 3% 75+

Final Survey



1,678 Survey Participants



2% <18 13% 18-35 39% 36-55 39% 56-74 7% 75+

Engagement Sessions



4 Community Meetings

Newcastle, Bowmanville (Hybrid), Orono and Courtice



3 Staff Activation Sessions

165 Staff Survey Participants





Total Survey Participants



Community Engagement: What we heard

Access

- To medical services and health care professionals
- To the broader community and beyond: through enhanced connectivity (biking, walking trails) and cellular and internet connectivity – this was noted as a big issue in the rural areas
- To information: community engagement needs to be multi-channel and bridge the digital divide)
- To elected officials (informal meetings)

Equity

- Leave no one behind; address homelessness, as this is a growing concern across the Region
- Housing is a critical concern (for seniors who need to be able to age-in-place; for those who require transitional and/or supportive housing; attainable housing is also an issue)

Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

- Increased protection of natural areas
- Protection of agricultural lands
- Very strong support for environmental protection

Responsible Growth

- Balance between economic growth and environmental stewardship and sustainability
- Infrastructure must support growth

Revenue Generation

Pursue grant funding opportunities and identify innovative opportunities to diversify revenue



Enhancing the Plan

At a high level, the enhancements are centred around:

- Adjustments to ensure actionable and measurable language.
- Created categories of Expected Results, Priorities and Actions, which are reflective of best practice. The categories also instill accountability for delivery and provide the ability to measure progress.
- Several items were pulled up a level to reflect their strategic nature (moving from a work plan to a strategic plan) or re-organized to align more accurately based on common Expected Results.
- Modifications to address key issues raised by both staff and the community.

Do things right: seize opportunities while they exist and before they are no longer available!

Structure of our Strategic Plan







Objective: To be a leader in the delivery of efficient, effective and meaningful municipal services.

- An employer of choice.
- Finances and operations are efficiently and responsibly managed.
- Exceptional program and service delivery.
- Residents are engaged and informed.





CONNECT

Safe, Diverse, Inclusive and Vibrant Community

Objective: To cultivate a strong, thriving and connected community where everyone is welcome.

- A connected community.
- Residents are safe and healthy.
- A diverse, equitable and inclusive community.
- Arts, culture and recreation are prioritized.





GROW RESPONSIBLY

Resilient, Sustainable and Complete Community

Objective: To promote responsible and balanced growth by developing the economy while protecting the environment.

- A strong local economy.
- Growth is proactively addressed.
- Unique community spaces are prioritized.
- Healthy and resilient environment.



Priorities and Actions





















Multi-year Budget Alignment







Priority (L.4.2):

Proactively communicate with residents about the planning process and how we are responsibly addressing growth

Action:

 Undertake public education campaign as part of Official Plan process

Budgeted:

Yes: continued funding of staffing and related resources.

Priority (C.4.2):

Begin construction on a new multiuse recreation facility

Action:

 Complete design and begin construction of the South Bowmanville Recreation Centre

Budgeted:

Yes: design and construction funds included in budget.

Priority (G.2.3):

Develop and begin implementation of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan

Actions:

- Develop and complete Master
 Plan
- Prioritize action items for implementation

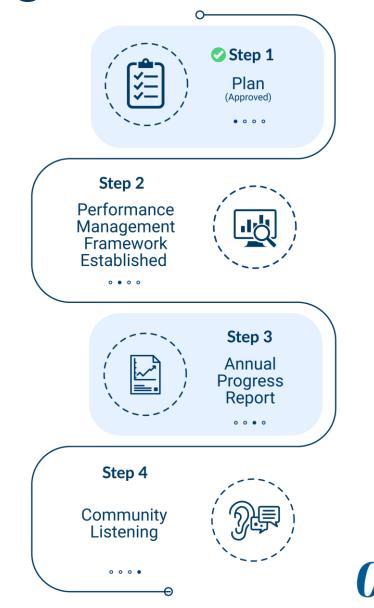
Budgeted:

TBD (Partially): capital funding to be addressed in 2024.



Implementing the Strategic Plan

- Performance Management Framework (early 2024)
 - Measure(s) of success
 - Timelines
- Annual Progress Report (December)
 - Status of implementation (by Action)
 - Indicators and targets
- Communications and Engagement
 - Annual engagement through Clarington Connected





Questions?

