



Visioning Survey – Town of Prescott Official Plan Review 2019-2021

This survey is being conducted by the Town of Prescott as part of the Official Plan Review process. The Official Plan is a policy document prepared under the Planning Act, which:

- Describes a vision for growth and development;
- Details strategic objectives to implement the vision;
- Guides where land uses (e.g. residential, retail, office, industrial, parks) should be located;
- Directs what natural and cultural heritage features should be protected and/or enhanced;
- Identifies future roads and new infrastructure; and
- Reflects Provincial and local interests and values.

The Town's existing Official Plan is available on the Town's website [here](#). The purpose of this survey is to gather input from residents to help establish a vision for the future of the Town, so that land use policies can be developed to guide growth and development for the next 20 years, to the year 2039.

The Town is seeking your input on key land use policy themes. Should you have additional comments or questions related to the Official Plan Review, please contact the Town at 613-925-2812 or opreview@prescott.ca.

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Section 1: Prescott Today & In the Future

1) When you think about Prescott today, what are 1 or 2 words that come to mind?

2) What are 1 or 2 words to describe how you envision Prescott in the future?

Section 2: Economic Development

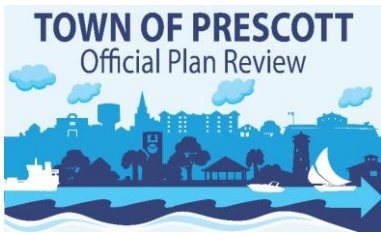
- 3) Do you support a broad mix of uses (e.g. retail, office, personal and professional services, residential, institutional, tourism-related, entertainment) and mixed-use buildings in the Downtown Core land use designation (see map)?
- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Not sure

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Official Plan Schedule A Excerpt (May 2018) – Downtown Core land use designation (brown)

- 4) What specific type of uses should be located in the Downtown Core? Select all that apply.
- ☐ High-density residential uses (e.g. apartments)
 - ☐ Grocery stores
 - ☐ General retail stores (e.g. hardware)
 - ☐ Specialty retail stores (e.g. bookstore, florist, clothing, specialty grocer, gift shop)
 - ☐ Personal services (e.g. hair salon, barber)
 - ☐ Professional and public service offices
 - ☐ Arts and entertainment (galleries, theatres, museums)
 - ☐ Restaurants and patios
 - ☐ Financial institutions (e.g. banks, credit unions)
 - ☐ Commercial lodging and accommodations (e.g. boutique hotels, bed and breakfasts)
 - ☐ Tourism-related services
 - ☐ Convention services
 - ☐ Institutional uses (e.g. libraries, schools)
 - ☐ Parks and open space
 - ☐ Mixed-use buildings (e.g. retail on the ground floor, with apartments on upper floors)
 - ☐ Other – please specify: _____
- 5) The current Official Plan includes enabling policies for the Town’s Community Improvement Plan (CIP), which is available on the Town’s website [here](#). A CIP is a revitalization tool that allows a municipality to direct funds and implement policy initiatives toward specifically defined project areas. The CIP currently includes four (4) areas where financial incentive programs are available: Area 1 – Riverwalk District and the Historical Downtown Core; Area 2 – Employment Area; Area 3 – Designated Heritage Buildings Area; and Area 4 – Brownfields Area.

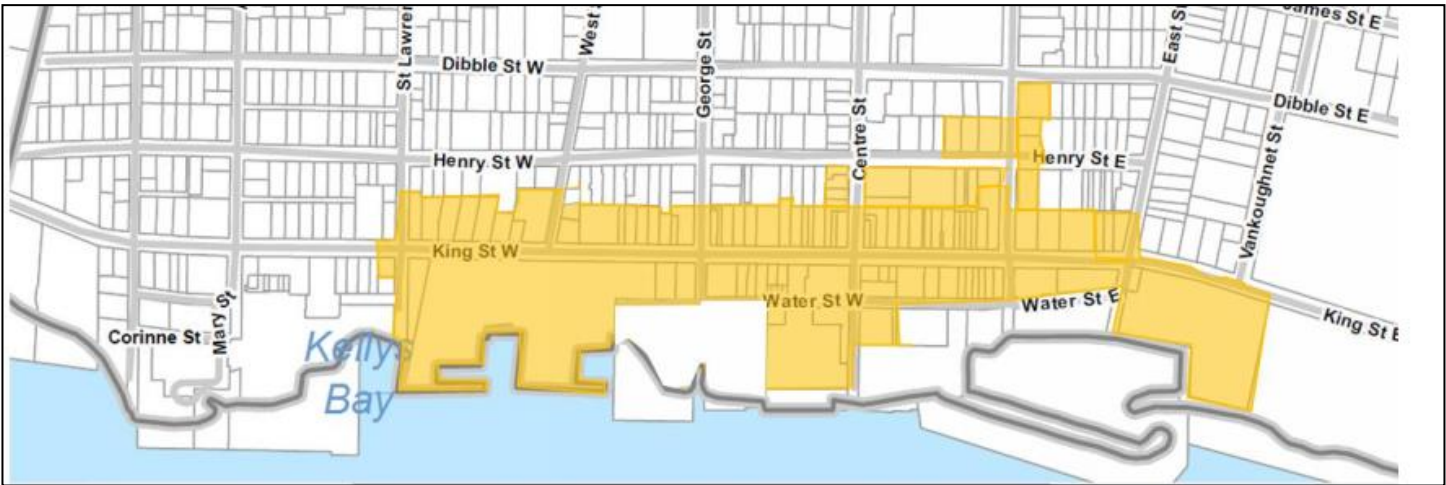


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Do the current Community Improvement Project Area 1 boundaries for the RiverWalk District and the Historic Downtown Core include all areas where financial incentive programs should be made available Downtown (see map of Area 1)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If 'No', what other areas within the Town should be eligible for the financial incentive programs available in Area 1?



Area 1 – RiverWalk District and the Historical Downtown Core

6) How can the Town better promote the Community Improvement Plan?

7) Would you like to see more commercial lodging and accommodations in the Town?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

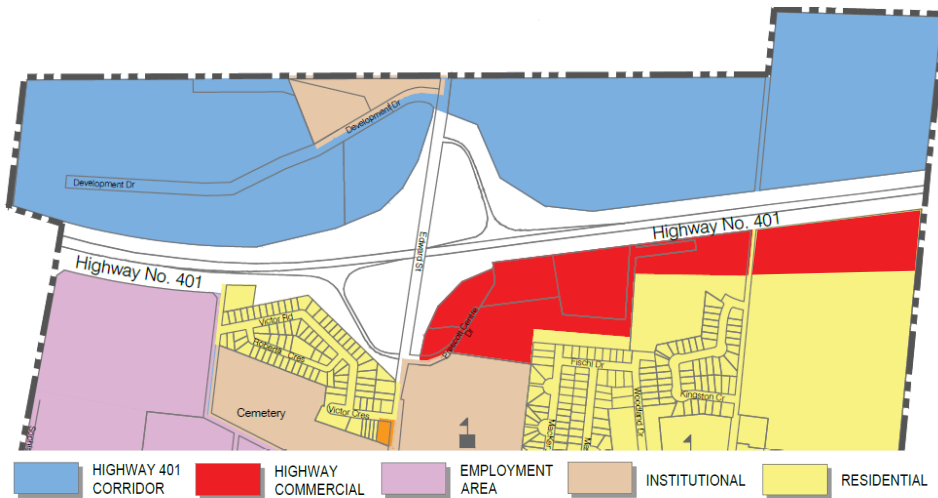
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If 'Yes', what types of commercial lodging and accommodations would you like to see? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Large hotels
- ☐ Motels
- ☐ Boutique hotels / inns
- ☐ Bed and breakfasts
- ☐ Air BnB (i.e. short-term private rental accommodations)
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

8) What types of industrial and commercial uses should be permitted on lands adjacent to Highway 401 (see image)? Select all that apply.

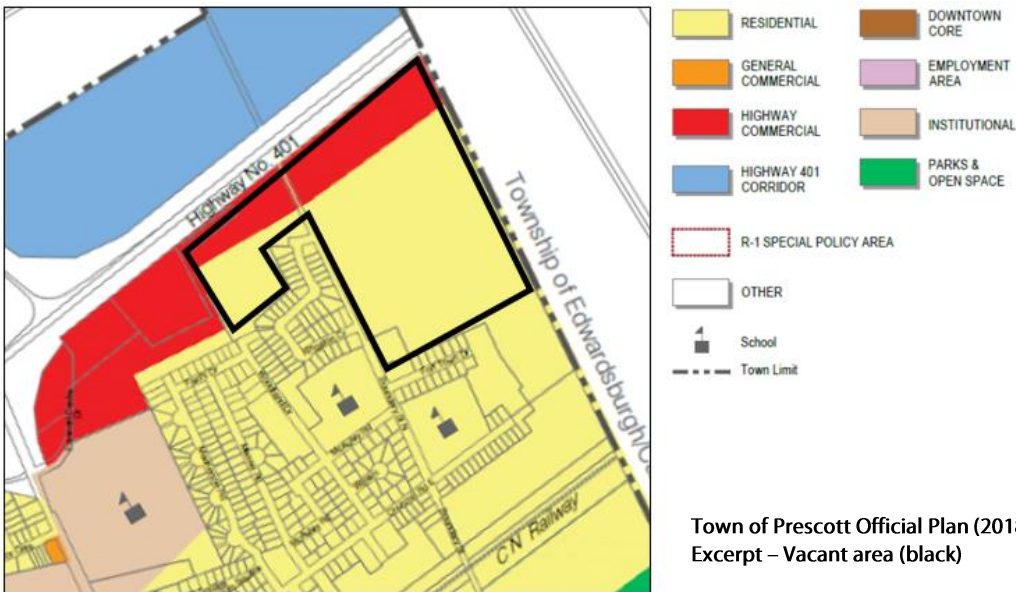
- ☐ Big-box retail (e.g. Canadian Tire, Walmart)
- ☐ Automobile vehicle sales / dealerships
- ☐ Large-format grocery stores
- ☐ Light industrial uses (e.g. warehousing / storage, research and development, light manufacturing, processing)
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____



Official Plan Schedule A Excerpt (May 2018)

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- 9) There is a large vacant land area in the Town located east of the Independent Grocer and south of Highway 401. The Town's current Official Plan designates this area for Highway Commercial uses immediately adjacent to Highway 401, and Residential uses further south (see images). What types of land uses should be located here in the future, and where should the boundary between commercial uses and residential uses be?



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Section 3: Housing and Neighbourhood Design

10) Residential “intensification” refers to the development of a property, site or area at a higher density (i.e. more dwelling units) than currently exists, through new development, redevelopment, infill, expansion, or conversion of existing buildings. What types of residential intensification are compatible with existing residential development and neighbourhoods in Prescott? Select all that apply (see example images).

- ☐ Semi-detached dwellings (i.e. two separate dwelling units with a shared vertical wall)
- ☐ Link-detached dwellings (i.e. two separate dwelling units which share basement and/or garage walls)
- ☐ Duplexes
- ☐ Triplexes
- ☐ Townhouses
- ☐ Stacked townhouses
- ☐ Low-rise apartment buildings (up to 4 storeys)
- ☐ Mid-rise apartment buildings (between 5 and 9 storeys)
- ☐ High-rise apartment buildings (10 or more storeys)
- ☐ Additional residential units, which are residential units located within a single-detached, semi-detached or townhouse dwelling (e.g. a basement or upper floor apartment), or located within an ancillary building or structure located on the same lot (e.g. above a garage). “Ancillary” means a building or structure that is secondary to the primary dwelling.
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

Images source- www.realtor.ca



Single-detached



Semi-detached



Link-detached



Duplex



Triplex



Townhouses



Stacked townhouses



Low-rise apartment
(up to 4 storeys)



Mid-rise apartment
(5 to 9 storeys)



High-rise apartment
(10+ storeys)

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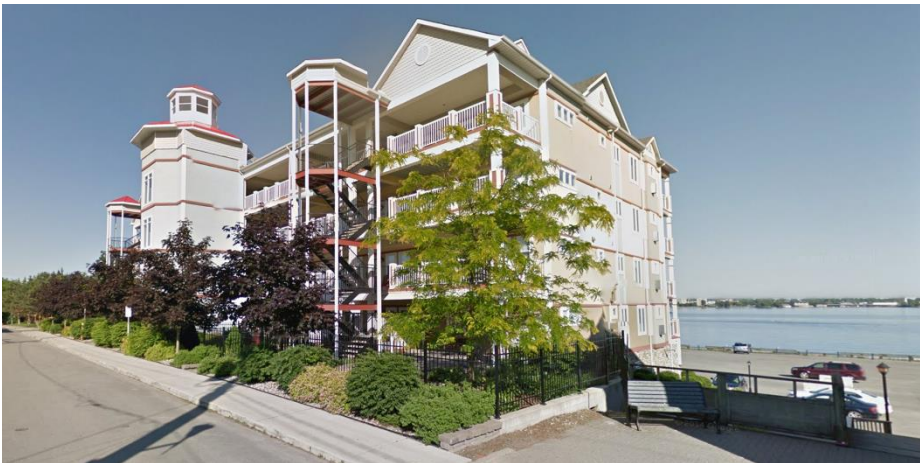
11) Where should residential intensification be directed in the Town? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Anywhere that there are existing residential uses
- ☐ Downtown Core
- ☐ Specific areas or neighbourhoods – please specify:

- ☐ Not sure

12) The Town's current Official Plan permits new buildings in the Downtown Core to be between 2 and 4 storeys in building height. For example, the Mariner's Club condominium on Water Street is between 4 and 5 storeys (see image – Source: rmpconstruction.ca). What should be the maximum building height in the Downtown Core, on streets like King Street and Water Street?

- ☐ 2 storeys
- ☐ 4 storeys
- ☐ 6 storeys
- ☐ 9 storeys
- ☐ 10+ storeys
- ☐ Not sure



13) What should be the maximum building height on lands near Highway 401 (e.g. Edward Street North, Prescott Centre Drive, Development Drive)?

- ☐ 2 storeys
- ☐ 4 storeys
- ☐ 6 storeys
- ☐ 9 storeys
- ☐ 10+ storeys
- ☐ Not sure



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14) In land use planning, “compatibility” between different types of adjacent land uses considers how one land use (e.g. commercial or industrial) may impact another more sensitive type of land use (e.g. residential). What are the biggest concerns around compatibility between different types of land uses (e.g. commercial uses adjacent to residential uses)? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Building separation and setbacks
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Light spillover
- ☐ Views / shadowing
- ☐ Privacy
- ☐ Parking / traffic
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

15) If a 6-storey apartment building were to be proposed on a vacant lot next to an existing residential area made up of 1 to 2 storey residential dwellings, what are the biggest concerns around compatibility?

- ☐ Building separation and setbacks
- ☐ Light spillover
- ☐ Views / shadowing
- ☐ Privacy / overlook due to building height and/or balconies
- ☐ Parking / traffic
- ☐ Landscaping requirements and outdoor amenity areas for apartment residents
- ☐ Design of the apartment building
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

Section 4: Cultural Heritage

16) The Town’s Community Improvement Plan (May 2018) offers grants for property owners to encourage conservation of designated heritage buildings within “Area 3”, which includes the Downtown Core and residential areas south of the railway corridor (see map). Under the current CIP, property owners can apply for grants to assist in improving a building façade, building accessibility, or interior building elements, as well as a reimbursement for architectural / engineering reports and permit fees. What other ways can the Town further encourage conservation and preservation of commercial and/or residential designated heritage buildings?



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Area 3 – Designated Heritage Buildings Area, Town of Prescott Community Improvement Plan (2018)

Section 5: Recreation, Tourism, and Wayfinding / Active Transportation

17) What are the Town's key tourism assets that should be promoted? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Historic Downtown
- ☐ Central Waterfront
- ☐ RiverWalk Park
- ☐ Kinsmen Amphitheatre
- ☐ Sandra S. Lawn Harbour and Marina
- ☐ Shakespeare's Gardens
- ☐ Centennial Park
- ☐ Heritage River Trail
- ☐ Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
- ☐ Fort Wellington
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

18) Are additional parks required in Prescott?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

If 'Yes', where are additional parks required?

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19) How big should a new park be? For example, Chick Kirby Memorial Park is 7.54 hectares, Centennial Park is 3.91 hectares, the Central Waterfront Area is 3.06 hectares, Fairway Park is 2.25 hectares, Prince Street Park is 1.73 hectares, Sarah Spencer Park is 0.45 hectares, and Fader's Park is 0.20 hectares (see map).

- ☐ Less than 1 hectare
- ☐ 1 to 2 hectares
- ☐ 2 to 3 hectares
- ☐ 3 or more hectares



Source: Mapping by Sierra Planning and Management



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20) What types of park amenities would you use? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Open space
- ☐ Ball diamond
- ☐ Sports field
- ☐ Tennis court
- ☐ Splash pad
- ☐ Play structures
- ☐ Skateboard park
- ☐ Dog park
- ☐ Fitness equipment
- ☐ Picnic pavilion / shelter
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

21) Where are improved active transportation facilities needed, to encourage more walking, cycling, wheeling, and other non-motorized transportation modes?

22) What types of wayfinding improvements (e.g. signage) are needed and where?

Section 6: General Information and Comments

23) Which of the following best describes your age group?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-44
- ☐ 45-64
- ☐ 65-80
- ☐ 81-99
- ☐ 100 or older



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24) Which best describes you? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Year-round resident
- ☐ Business owner
- ☐ Tourist / Regular visitor
- ☐ I live and work in Prescott
- ☐ I live in Prescott, but work elsewhere
- ☐ I work in Prescott, but live elsewhere
- ☐ Other – please specify: _____

25) How would you prefer to stay informed about the Official Plan Review project? Select all that apply.

- ☐ In person, at community engagement events
- ☐ Newspaper notices
- ☐ Printed materials (e.g. bulletins, flyers)
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Town's website
- ☐ Town's social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram)

26) Please provide any other comments you would like to add, related to the Official Plan Review.

Thank you for your participating in this Visioning Survey as part of the Town of Prescott Official Plan Review, and helping to shape the Town's future.

The survey results will be presented on the Town's website in November 2020. A draft Vision Statement will be included in the Draft Official Plan, and presented at a Statutory Public Open House later in the project process.

For more information, draft documents, and updates throughout the Official Plan Review process, please visit: www.prescott.ca/en/op-review.asp.