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#### **Goals**

Together the following goals provide the context within which the policies in this Plan should be interpreted.

- To establish a growth pattern for the Town, including rates and location of population and employment growth that maximizes the overall quality of life for Caledon's residents.
- To protect and steward ecosystems in the Town.
- To conserve and promote cultural heritage resources in recognition of the non-replaceable nature of cultural heritage, as well as the contribution it makes to the character, civic pride, tourism potential, economic benefits and historical appreciation of the community.
- To preserve high capability agricultural lands in agricultural production as well as lands which have special agricultural potential and to maintain a viable farming community.
- To establish a settlement structure that enhances the existing model of a community of communities, establishes a hierarchy of settlements that optimizes orderly development and convenient access to services for residents, protects and stewards ecosystems, focuses growth away from sensitive cultural resources and supports municipal fiscal sustainability.
- To provide residents with a quality of community life that provides access to community based services in a manner that best responds to the need for employment, learning, shopping, culture, recreation and social opportunities.
- To provide residents with an open space system which promotes a diversity of recreational and leisure opportunities.
- To achieve a mix and range of housing that responds to the needs of the community.
- To preserve, expand and diversify the Town's employment base.
- To strengthen the local economy and tax base.
- To plan and support a transport system that provides for both inter and intra Town traffic movements, balances demand with capacity, protects and stewards ecosystems,

and protects heritage sites and sensitive human environments.

- To allow development in a manner that provides the best opportunity to optimize municipal service provision.
- To achieve user charges and tax rates that are acceptable to tax payers.
- To provide the opportunity for a pattern of public and private service support that efficiently and conveniently meets the needs of the Town.
- To prevent undue property damage and reduce the potential for injury and loss of life as a result of naturally occurring hazards.
- To balance the protection and use of mineral aggregate resources now and in the future with other goals of the Town of Caledon as expressed in the Official Plan, including, but not limited to, maintenance of the local community/social values; protection and stewardship of the Town of Caledon's natural ecosystems and cultural/human heritage resources; and strengthening the local economy and tax base.
- To recognize the Town of Caledon's mineral aggregate resource industry as an important component of the Town of Caledon's economic base and to provide for the continuation of presently licensed mineral extraction operations; to protect existing licensed facilities from new adjacent land uses which may hinder their operation; and to stress the need for progressive rehabilitation in existing facilities, as well as rehabilitation of abandoned pits and quarries.
- To identify high potential mineral aggregate resource areas in Caledon, to protect them for possible use and to establish policies that allow as much of the resource as is realistically possible to be made available for use, to supply resource needs, in a manner consistent with this Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan where applicable.

These Goals are to be read in their totality and in conjunction with each other. In preparing new policy and in reviewing specific proposals, it is the Town of Caledon's intent to balance all of the goals set out above, taking into account specific circumstances, and natural heritage, cultural heritage, social, community, natural resource and economic factors.

These goals provide the basis for the policies in this Plan.