

District Council has approved the Guiding Principles!

The Guiding Principles were developed out of the community visioning process to date (surveys, in person interviews, kitchen table meetings and the public open house) and supplemented with principles from existing planning authorities.

The guiding principles form the foundation of the OCP and CCAS. The following principles will inform everything from developing objectives for policy-writing, to research, to public engagement, to mapping, land use allocation and decision-making.

- I. Encourage Growth in Existing Neighbourhoods, Making Each One Unique.**
- II. Generate Diverse Economic Opportunities that do not Undermine Elkford's Guiding Principles.**
- III. Provide a Mix of Transportation Options to Promote Walking, Cycling and Mobility for All Age Groups.**
- IV. Build a Strong and Mixed-Use District Core.**
- V. Foster a Unique and Consistent Elkford Design in All New Development.**
- VI. Climate Change is Considered in all Decision-Making.**
- VII. Develop Mixed and Affordable Housing Opportunities that Suit the Needs of All Residents of Elkford.**
- VIII. Utilize Smarter, More Cost-Effective Infrastructure and Green Buildings.**
- IX. Foster a Welcoming and Friendly District for all, but with Special Emphasis on the Needs of Youth (ages 0 – 19) and Seniors (ages 55+).**
- X. Nurture Engaged Citizens and Increase Two-Way Communications Between the Public and the District.**
- XI. Preserve Open Spaces, Parks & Trails, Natural Beauty and Environmentally Sensitive Areas.**