



# WHAT WE HEARD: COUNCIL'S FEEDBACK ON VISION

## COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHAPING THE FUTURE

During the session, Council responded to a series of questions about York Region's future.

### What do we know for sure about the Region's future?

There will be...

- Growth and demographic shifts
- Change and uncertainty
- Financial and economic pressures
- Technology and innovation

### What should we consider when envisioning a preferred future?

- Changing communities
- Financial sustainability and resources
- Housing and affordability

### What living conditions matter most to residents, ranked in order of importance?

- Safe to walk home alone at night
- Quick attention in emergencies
- Confidence in tax dollars being used wisely
- Thriving local businesses
- Rare traffic jams
- Responsive government

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## IMAGINING AN IDEAL FUTURE FOR THE REGION

Council was asked to envision York Region's ideal future and compare it to what currently exists.

### What is most similar between the ideal future envisioned and the Region today?

- Caring and inclusive communities
- Green spaces
- Safety
- Diversity
- Prosperity
- Service delivery

### What is most different between the ideal future envisioned and the Region today?

- Relationships
- Health and well-being
- Housing affordability
- Vibrancy of spaces

### What are Council members most excited to create for the Region?

- Connections and greater inclusion
- Increased quality of life and well-being
- Collaborations
- Increased safety



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## REVISITING VISION'S AREAS OF FOCUS

Council was asked to apply its preferred futures to the Region's four Areas of Focus, sharing in greater detail what each area could look like. Discussion revealed Vision's current community indicators most closely aligned with Economic Vitality and least with Good Government.



### ECONOMIC VITALITY

#### Council's envisioned Economic Vitality

- Thriving businesses
- Jobs and talent
- Innovation
- Community well-being



### SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

#### Council's envisioned Sustainable Environment

- Healthy green spaces
- Mobility and access
- Stewardship
- Innovation and technology



### HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

#### Council's envisioned Healthy Communities

- Access to supports and services
- Positive health and well-being outcomes
- Safety
- Inclusion and connection
- Nature and public spaces



### GOOD GOVERNMENT

#### Council's envisioned Good Government

- Financial responsibility and sustainability
- Good governance
- Decision making
- Strong talent attraction and retention
- Collaboration

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## SUMMARY

### Council described their value for boldness, stability, futureproofing and reliability.

Council expressed strong alignment around the following topics when discussing Vision:

- Safety
- Economic sustainability
- Environmental sustainability
- Connection making

The following words reflect Council's vision of a future state for York Region:

