



# Council Strategic Priorities | 2020-2022

Developed with input from the community, Richmond Hill's Council Strategic Priorities 2020-2022 set the City on a solid path to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, minimizing the financial impact on residents while continuing to emphasize environmental initiatives, community building and transportation.



## Balancing Growth and Green

Recognizing the critical balance between economic development and environmental protection, this includes stewardship of green spaces such as wetlands, parks and trails and longer-term sustainability planning and climate action initiatives, alongside decisions that promote responsible economic intensification and prosperity.

### Examples of major projects:

- Official Plan Update
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plans
- Urban Forest Management Plan
- Resilient Richmond Hill
- Comprehensive Zoning By-law
- Climate Change Framework
- City Transformation Project
- Single-use Plastics Reduction



## Strong Sense of Belonging

This placemaking priority combines a desire for everyone to feel welcome in Richmond Hill and a commitment to community building in places like the downtown core, Lake Wilcox and the Richmond Hill David Dunlap Observatory.

### Examples of major projects:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative
- Age Friendly Community Initiative
- Recover Richmond Hill Action Plan
- Affordable Housing Strategy
- Official Plan Update
- myRichmondHill community e-newsletter



## Getting Around the City

Council will prioritize ease of movement around the city by promoting Richmond Hill's multiple transportation interconnections, being well-positioned for the Yonge subway extension and improving active transportation networks for cyclists and pedestrians.

### Examples of major projects:

- Richmond Hill Centre Secondary Plan
- Yonge North Subway Extension project
- Transportation Master Plan
- Official Plan Update



## Fiscal Responsibility

Council will endeavour to keep tax increases below the cost of inflation and will avoid unnecessary expenditures in order to emerge from COVID-19 in a strong financial position.

### Examples of major projects:

- Financial Sustainability Strategy
- Revenue Generation Initiative
- Asset Management Plan
- City Transformation Project
- Investment Attraction Strategy