

Complete Communities





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What is a complete community?



Provides convenient access to housing, employment and services.



Increases opportunities for walking, cycling, driving and public transportation.



Housing Diversity

Includes a wide range of housing for all ages, incomes and abilities.



Safety

Promotes pedestrian and community safety through "eyes on the street".

Do you know someone who had to leave their neighbourhood when they moved into a different stage of life?

Complete communities meet people's needs for daily living throughout an entire lifetime by providing convenient access to an appropriate mix of jobs, local services, and diversity of housing as well as community infrastructure including affordable housing, schools, recreation and open space. They offer accessible opportunities to individuals of all ages, incomes and abilities and offer residents the ability to age in place. Individuals can work, live and play within the same community and select a preferred transportation method from a variety of choices including walking, cycling, taking public transportation, or driving.

The provision of daily needs is essential to a complete community. Individuals should be able to access their day-to-day needs such as groceries, recreation or child care within their community. Services within a community should reflect a diverse range of users, ensuring inclusivity.

Did You Know?

Accessibility

Accessibility is a measure of the capacity to reach a site or building, or use a specific service, by individuals of all ages, incomes and abilities.



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Transportation Choice



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Transportation choice within neighbourhoods is established through the convenience and availability of cycling, pedestrian, transit, ride share and other transportation infrastructure to destinations that provide opportunities for people to work, shop and recreate close to home.



Housing Diversity

Housing diversity refers to the inclusion of a variety of housing options in terms of density, built form and tenure within close proximity to each other. Housing diversity is essential for compact development, successful mixed-use and multi-modal transportation including cost effective transit.



"Eyes on the Street"





"Eyes on the street" refers to the understanding that by increasing the amount of people who are able to observe a space, that space becomes safer and less susceptible to crime. The more active a street is by increasing its comfort and walkability, having more people with increased density and mixing uses with increased business activity contribute to neighbourhood vibrancy, reduced social isolation and sense of community.