



Discussion Paper Vision

The Official Plan's Vision is intended to guide land use planning and the decisions of public authorities regarding development in the Township. Key goals and objectives are related to the themes of the Official Plan. The Vision is based on an understanding of past and future trends and the wishes of the Township's residents. The goals and objectives that form the basis of the Official Plan support the Vision.

Provincial Policy

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario provide direction on specific issues. The Township Official Plan must conform to the PPS which sets out the following policies:



The PPS sets out a vision for integrated and long-term planning through a policy-based approach. The Vision in the PPS is based on matters of Provincial planning interest as expressed in Section 2 of the Planning Act.

The PPS Vision for Ontario's Land Use Planning System aims to ensure the long-term prosperity and social well-being of Ontario through planning for strong, sustainable and resilient communities for people of all ages, a clean and healthy environment, and a strong and competitive economy. The Vision speaks to diverse urban, rural, and northern communities

as well as addressing cultural diversity. It is a key goal of the PPS that growth and development should be focused within urban and rural settlement areas while supporting the viability of rural areas. Efficient patterns of land use and development should be carefully managed, and development should avoid significant resources and areas which may pose a risk to public health and safety. A range of housing options should be permitted and facilitated, and a compact mix of land uses should support livable and healthy communities. The wise use and management of the Province's natural heritage resources, water resources, agricultural resources, mineral resources, cultural heritage and archaeological resources is a key Provincial interest.

Current Township Policies

The current Official Plan contains a Vision, Goals, Strategic Objectives, and a Land Use Concept in Part A. As laid out in the introduction to the Official Plan, the Land Use Vision for the Township is based on the following planning principles:

- Protect and enhance the character of both developed and undeveloped lakes in the Township;
- Protect and enhance the natural environment and natural heritage features of the Township;
- Manage development by directing it to appropriate locations;
- Protect rural and resource lands from incompatible development;
- Provide appropriate services to support an excellent quality of life;
- Foster the development of a prosperous economy by encouraging appropriate economic development in the best locations; and,
- Deliver responsive and effective local government.

See Section A.1 for the full Vision for Seguin Township.



What changes would you like to see?

Your opinion matters! Visit the Official Plan Website to give your input on what changes you would like to see by answering the questions below on the [forum](#) or [private comment](#).

1. Are you satisfied with the current vision or would you like to see changes?
2. Should the scope and size of the vision be simplified?
3. What attributes about Seguin contribute to its unique character and quality of life? What makes Seguin a great place to live, work, play, and travel to?
4. Are there any changes you would like to see regarding the goals and objectives related to natural environment, waterfront areas, growth and settlement, settlement areas, rural/resource areas, cultural heritage, economic development, services and transportation, energy conservation, and mineral and aggregate resources?