

# KINGSTON IN 2010

## OUR VISION

(A Working Draft)

Strategic & Long-Range Planning  
City of Kingston  
March, 2000

**Theme: Building On Our Strengths**

- our people
- heritage buildings/sites/districts
- waterfront
- unique history i.e., First Capital
- arts, culture, recreation & leisure opportunities
- natural assets & open spaces
- neighbourhoods
- economic sectors:
  - tourism
  - knowledge-based industries/businesses
  - health & education
  - agriculture
- our location in the Toronto-Montreal-Ottawa triangle

**Theme: Economic Prosperity**

- achieved substantial growth of priority sectors:
  - tourism
  - knowledge-based industries/businesses
  - health & education
  - agribusiness
- maintain an aggressive marketing strategy nationally & internationally
- innovative partnerships are at work creating and attracting new businesses
- we are a demonstrated leader in small business creation
- we have demonstrated excellence in jobs training and life long learning initiatives

**Theme: Sustainable Infrastructure**

- residents and business enjoy use of an efficient and effective transportation network
- affordable and accessible transit is meeting the needs of rural and urban residents
- City Council is committed to long range capital planning for roads & water/sewers appropriate to the needs of rural and urban communities
- through urban intensification, cost efficiencies in infrastructure have been achieved

**Theme: Our People**

- we are proud of :
  - our residents
  - our volunteers
  - our community organizations
  - our neighbourhood associations
  - our diversity
- we recognize our people as our most valuable resource and reward their efforts on behalf of our community
- we care for our citizens from infancy through their elder years by offering services that they need and value:
  - progressive education
  - continuum of health care
  - support for special needs
  - affordable and accessible housing
- we boast a highly developed network of organizations and associations and a coordinated community information system

**Theme: Well-Being**

- we are recognized for:
  - our stewardship of the environment
  - planning for healthy lifestyles
- residents feel safe in secure in our community

**Theme: Governance & Finance**

- we take pride in our equitable and inclusive local government epitomized by:
  - fair representation for all
  - open and responsive elected officials
- residents are proud of Council's ability to provide leadership as demonstrated by:
  - its clear vision of the future
  - shared priorities for action
- for their tax dollars, residents and businesses receive services that they value
- services are provided in an efficient, effective and user friendly fashion at the community level
- rural and urban identities exist harmoniously together

