

2.14 INSTITUTIONAL AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Preamble

Institutions and protective services are vital contributors to the health, safety, and well being of a community and its residents. Successful cities require excellent school systems and institutions of higher education so that the youth of the community have the skills necessary to be active participants in society and the workforce. Healthy cities need a comprehensive health care system that provides residents with access to necessary services and they also need services and programs that proactively focus on wellness and the prevention of health problems. Safe cities require effective police and fire services to protect people, property, and quality of life in the community. Compassionate communities offer a wide range of social and community services to those in need including those services offered by the City's places of worship. The municipality recognizes the importance of the City's institutions and protective services and intends to work with other levels of government, community and non-profit groups, and other agencies involved in the delivery of these important services.

2.14.1 OBJECTIVES

- (1) To provide for all institutional and community land uses to be properly and conveniently located to meet the needs of the population.
- (2) To encourage the continued improvement of the City's health care services and facilities.
- (3) To work with the District School Board and Provincial Government to achieve the highest possible quality of school facilities which are accessible and in central locations.
- (4) To encourage the continued growth and development of the universities and other higher educational facilities.
- (5) To provide an adequate level of police and fire protection services to all residents of the City.

2.14.2 POLICIES

Generalized Future Land Use Map

- (1) Council shall designate the City's major educational, government, medical and other public uses of City-wide significance as Institutional on Schedule "A" - Generalized Future Land Use Map.

Minor Institutional Uses

- (2) Council shall provide for minor institutional uses such as elementary schools, places of worship, libraries and nursing homes within the other primary land use designations subject to the relevant provisions of this Plan and the Zoning By-Law.

Development Guidelines

- (3) Council shall have regard to the following factors when considering proposals for new or expanding institutional uses:

- (a) The use should be oriented so as to provide sufficient buffering from residential neighborhoods;
- (b) The scale and design of the proposal should complement adjacent land uses;
- (c) Traffic should be routed to arterial and collector streets and should avoid residential neighborhoods;
- (d) On-site parking should be sufficient to minimize spill-over parking on adjacent local streets;
- (e) Appropriate pedestrian and transit access should be designed into the project.

Schools

- (4) Council shall encourage the Provincial Government and the School Board to ensure:
 - (a) All schools in the City provide a high standard of educational facilities and services;
 - (b) All schools, particularly elementary schools, are situated in locations central to the student population that they serve which minimizes the need for bussing.
- (5) Council shall encourage agreements with the School Board to provide for:
 - (a) The use of school gymnasiums and facilities for community uses;
 - (b) The use of school properties for recreation uses, where appropriate.
- (6) Council shall encourage the provision of elementary schools in all growing residential areas of the City. Specifically, elementary school sites should:
 - (a) Have well maintained, safe and convenient pedestrian access into surrounding residential areas;
 - (b) Be oriented to minimize the need for children to cross busy streets;
 - (c) Be located adjacent to parks to enable the joint use and development of space and facilities;
 - (d) Include gymnasiums.

Health

- (7) Council shall seek to ensure that the physical growth, development and change within the City provides for the reasonable safety and well-being of people.
- (8) Council shall seek to ensure that all public municipal facilities, operations and services are designed and managed to provide for the reasonable safety and well-being of people.
- (9) Council shall pursue the development of Fredericton as a healthy community and the participation of the City in a healthy community concept.
- (10) Council shall co-operate with government and community agencies to:
 - (a) Increase public awareness of health and safety concerns;
 - (b) Encourage quality health care facilities and services;
 - (c) Guide the location of health care facilities and medical clinics to convenient and accessible locations.

- (11) Council recognizes the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital as the primary health care facility in the Fredericton region and shall seek to ensure:
 - (a) The provision of adequate vehicular, transit and pedestrian routes and access to the hospital;
 - (b) The development of compatible land uses in the vicinity of the hospital.
- (12) Council encourages the development of community health care centres in suitable locations throughout the City.
- (13) Council encourages the provision of additional nursing homes and other senior's accommodations and health care facilities, as required, which are designed and located to best meet the needs of seniors.
- (14) Council encourages the provision of innovative senior's health care services and housing which reduce the demand for large institutional care facilities. Specifically, Council shall:
 - (a) Provide for garden and in-law suites in single family neighborhoods (See Policy 2.5.2 (18));
 - (b) Encourage the Provincial Government and other organizations involved in seniors care, to continue to provide extra mural health and other services and housing opportunities which better enable seniors to live in a non-institutional environment.

Social Services

- (15) Council recognizes the importance and need for a wide range of social and community services and shall:
 - (a) Encourage the use of the Victoria Health Centre for such uses;
 - (b) Seek to ensure that other locations for such uses are convenient, involve sites and facilities that can adequately accommodate the uses, and are compatible with surrounding land uses.
- (16) Council shall continue to support the work of the Community Liaison Officer in the coordination of various programs for the provision of social services to the residents of the City.

Libraries

- (17) Council shall recognize the City Centre as the most appropriate permanent location for the main City and regional libraries.
- (18) Council shall encourage the establishment of additional branch libraries in schools, secondary commercial areas or other central and convenient locations.

Community Centres

- (19) Council shall encourage the use of schools and places of worship throughout the City to serve as community centres.

Places of Worship

- (20) Council may permit the establishment or expansion of places of worship in any land use designation suitable for development in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Plan, the Zoning By-Law and the following:
 - (a) Sites in residential neighborhoods should be located on collector or arterial streets;
 - (b) Adequate parking should be provided on the site;
 - (c) Sites should be planned, landscaped and buffered in such a manner as to minimize negative impacts of traffic, noise and visual intrusion on residential neighborhoods;
 - (d) Sites should be fully serviced.

Fire And Police Protection

- (21) Council shall permit fire and police stations in any area designated and suitable for development on Schedule "A" - Generalized Future Land Use Map.
- (22) Council shall give priority to the construction of two new fire stations to serve the Silverwood/Hanwell and Marysville/Devon areas.
- (23) Council shall seek to minimize emergency response time and ensure alternative access points when planning new roads or evaluating development proposals.
- (24) Council shall ensure that the Fire Prevention By-law incorporates regulations to adequately prevent the spread of fire while also providing for the economic use and redevelopment of all structures, particularly in the City centre.
- (25) Council shall seek to ensure that security considerations are taken into account with respect to development approvals and the planning of all facilities intended for public use.

2.14.3 PROPOSALS

Schools

- (1) Council shall endeavor to co-operate with the School Board to achieve the necessary improvements and new schools required in the City. Council shall encourage the following:
 - (a) Improvements to Albert Street Middle School;
 - (b) Another school for francophone students;
 - (c) As demand warrants, new schools in Northeast Fredericton, Northwest Fredericton, and the Doak Road areas;
 - (d) It is noted that Council priorities shall be reviewed periodically and may be subject to change without amendments to this Plan.

University Student Housing

- (2) It is proposed that Council encourage the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University to provide an adequate supply of housing to meet the diverse needs of the student community.