

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