The West Harbour will...

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**

- Continue to grow and strengthen existing neighbourhoods.
- Promote a healthy harbour.
- Provide safe and continuous public access along the water’s edge.

**WATERFRONT**

- Create a diverse, balanced & animated waterfront.
- Promote a balanced transportation network.
- Enhance the physical and visual connections to the water.

**TRANSPORTATION**

- Establish a clear street hierarchy that recognizes the function and character of existing streets.
- Improve road connections to the waterfront and identify primary routes to waterfront destinations.
- Promote a balanced multi-modal transportation system, in which public transit, walking, cycling, walking, rowing and water taxis have a significant role.
- Be “waterfront-appropriate”, taking advantage of the harbour setting and promote waterfronts-long and year-round engagement and appreciation of the waterfront.
- Support and encourage a diversity of marine activity.

**CONNECTIONS**

- Mitigate or eliminate physical barriers to the waterfront.
- Promote a connected open space system along the waterfront, through the neighbouhoods and streetscapes.
- Promote the development of significant buildings and open spaces.

**CULTURE**

- Design and construct buildings that respect, complement and enhance the best attributes of West Harbour.
- Adap “best practice” technologies to achieve energy efficient buildings.
- Ensure the public make the area’s parks, squares, streets, trails and public buildings – designed, upgraded and maintained to the highest standards.
- Incorporate public art into the design of significant buildings and open spaces.
- Design and develop other cultural institutions to inform residents and visitors about the area’s heritage.
- Provide public open spaces for cultural festivals and other celebratory events.

**ENVIRONMENT**

- Land at the water’s edge, to a depth that can accommodate a trail, promenade or other desired open space or public facility, must be publicly-owned.
- Encourage water conservation, and maintain or enhance existing aquatic and shoreline habitats.
- Remove, replace or seal potentially harmful sub-surface materials, as per statutory policies and guidelines.
- Identify and protect key views and improve public access to the harbour.
- Increase the public’s understanding and appreciation of the harbour and watershed from an ecological perspective.

**DESIGN**

- Design and develop other cultural institutions to inform residents and visitors about the area’s heritage.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

- Clear paths of travel to all buildings and amenities.
- Fully accessible buildings.
- Completely barrier free residential units.
- Accessible signage throughout.

**AFFORDABILITY**

- Doesn’t cost more than 30% of family’s gross annual income.
- Suitable for families.
- Strata housing.
- Affordable homeownership.
- Non-profit housing (rent-to-buy.
- Condominium housing.
- Purpose-built private market rental housing.
- Supportive housing.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**

- Ensure new development respects and enhances the character of the neighbourhoods.
- Reserve heavy industrial uses and clean-up contaminated sites.
- Encourage compatible development as abandoned, vacant and under-utilized land.
- Support James Street as the area main commercial street.
- Encourage trees and mature trees that cater to the local climate conditions.
- Enhance the amenities and landscape in existing neighbourhood parks.
- Augment existing parks with additional publicly accessible open spaces.
- Ensure existing and future neighbourhoods are well served by community services, such as schools, parks, libraries, daycares, health and emergency services.
- Improve access to the waterfront and Downtown from the neighbourhoods.
- Protect, preserve and/or reuse buildings of historic or architectural significance.
- Preserve and maintain on street parking.
- Generally avoid appropriation of residential and commercial properties.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- The Setting Sail Secondary Plan was developed by the community, Council and the OMB.
- This draft of the Vision was developed by a City of Hamilton-facilitated Vision Working Group consisting of volunteers from the members of the public who attended a public engagement meeting on February 25, 2016.
- A final draft of the Vision will be created based on input received by the Vision Working Group at the City of Hamilton-facilitated West Harbour public engagement meeting held on March 31, 2016.

**CITY GOALS**

- The City of Hamilton will partner with the waterfront, government, the private sector and community housing providers to promote the development of the City-owned targeted land in the West Harbour for affordable housing and homeownership opportunities through the City Housing Initiatives - A.6.3.2.3 1995.

**EXPLANATIONS**

- Historic West Harbour has been the arrival point, the departure point, and a meeting place for generations of people. Many have made the West Harbour communities of Central, Beasley, the North End and Strathcona home for their families and businesses.

**THEMES**

- As an integral part of the residential, commercial, recreational, and creative heart of Hamilton, its residents have created a unique and dynamic culture that, together, are the West Harbour.

**THOMPSON**

- The need for recreational boating organizations for direct, safe and secure access to the harbour should be respected.

**SETTING SAIL**

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**SECONDARY PLAN**

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**TABLES**

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**TEXT EXTRACTS**

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**TEXT NARRATIVES**

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