

Vision

It is envisioned that the East Urban Community Mixed Use Centre will be a hub of activity for the residents of Orléans and surrounding communities. Its mix of housing, offices, shops and commercial services, combined with leisure and recreational opportunities will make it an attractive place to live, work, and play. Rapid transit will have successfully transitioned from bus priority measures on roadways shared with other traffic, to buses travelling on an exclusive Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) right-of-way. The BRT will provide excellent connections for commuters travelling to jobs in other communities or arriving to work in the Mixed Use Centre, which will offer a range of employment opportunities. A grid pattern road network with regularly spaced intersections will allow for efficient transit, cycling, and vehicular travel and pedestrian movements. The Hydro corridor will provide a strong linear corridor for pedestrians and cyclists and will form part of a Greenspace network which links features such as Innes Park Woods, watercourses, parks, and open spaces. With its compact form, mix of uses, and strong orientation towards walking, cycling and transit, the Mixed Use Centre will be a model of sustainable design and development.