



# GENERAL PLAN & ZONING BY-LAW 2022 PROPOSED VISION

## IT'S EVERYONE'S VISION... HAVE YOUR SAY!

As you may know, the City is creating a new General Plan and Zoning By-law! Together, these documents will guide how Iqaluit grows over the next 20 years.

Throughout Spring and Summer, the City undertook research, analysis, and consultations to build a better understanding of the issues most important to our community as we grow. The findings and feedback from this work were then used to help us identify a Vision for our City and develop Policy Directions to help us achieve it. We're excited to now present these to our community for feedback!

In this document you'll find our proposed Vision for the new Iqaluit General Plan, made up of six key vision statements. Each statement contains specific objectives to help us guide and monitor our actions. We encourage Iqalummiut to review this vision carefully and share your feedback and ideas with our team. Your input will be crucial in helping us refine this vision before it is presented to Council.

Once our Vision and Policy Directions have been finalized, the new General Plan and Zoning By-law will be drafted – these will contain more specific details on proposed updates. We will reach out again for feedback on the draft documents in early 2023.

Thank you!

All feedback should be directed to:

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a **unique** arctic capital

a place to call **home**

an **engaged and responsive** city

a **resilient** city

a **connected and accessible** city

a city of **opportunity**

## Iqaluit will be a **unique arctic capital**

*Iqaluit will be a distinctive and vibrant city that represents the unique cultural heritage of all Nunavummiut.*

### **This will be achieved by:**

- Incorporating Inuit culture, art, and language into buildings and public spaces to develop a distinct urban form that reflects its people and location.
- Developing a consistent approach to urban design into the City's planning framework.
- Enhancing the city's role as a gateway to Nunavut and the Arctic by requiring a high standard of development along the main road from the airport.
- Ensuring flexibility for territorial, and federal governments to develop required facilities efficiently.

## Iqaluit will be a **place to call home**

*Iqaluit will be a welcoming, liveable, and accessible city for both existing and new residents.*

### **This will be achieved by:**

- Ensuring that Iqalumiut have access to diverse and affordable housing options.
- Ensuring that Iqalumiut have good access to a full range of commercial, recreational, and institutional needs to meet their daily needs.
- Ensuring development patterns that prioritise public health, safety, and well-being.
- Preserving and integrating Inuit and arctic lifestyles and way of life into all aspects of city-building.

## Iqaluit will be an **engaged and responsive city**

*Iqaluit will be a city that meaningfully engages its citizens on important development decisions.*

### **This will be achieved by:**

- Ensuring that planning processes provide opportunity for the community to input on important planning matters and development decisions.
- Ensuring that planning processes are open and transparent by using easy to understand language when communicating with the public.
- Ensuring that Inuit values and traditional knowledge are incorporated into the consultation processes and decision-making.

## Iqaluit will be a **resilient city**

*Iqaluit will be a city that assesses, plans, and acts to preserve a high quality of life in the face of future challenges, both known and unknown.*

### **This will be achieved by:**

- Protecting the city's natural environment through long-term planning and development controls.
- Assessing, planning for, and preparing for the impacts of climate change on the city and its infrastructure.
- Seeking opportunities in the development process to reduce carbon emissions and waste.
- Ensuring the efficient use, long-term planning, and monitoring of infrastructure.
- Developing an equitable framework to recover the costs of new development and fund improvements to infrastructure and public spaces.

## Iqaluit will be a **connected and accessible city**

*Iqaluit will be a city where all Iqalummiut, can efficiently, safely, and equitably navigate and access all parts of the city.*

### **This will be achieved by:**

- Enhancing the existing transportation network to offer effective means of travel for all modes and users.
- Formalising, preserving, and enhancing existing trail networks.
- Incorporating principles of universal accessibility into development proposals and the design of public spaces.
- Creating new developments and neighbourhoods that allow citizens to be less reliant on private vehicles for travel.

## Iqaluit will be a **city of opportunity**

*Iqaluit will be a city that supports job creation and business development and continue to be a Nunavut-wide logistics and travel hub.*

### **This will be achieved by:**

- Long-term planning of the city's industrial base to ensure there is both sufficient land and infrastructure to support industry and businesses.
- Creating an active, dynamic, and concentrated central core for commercial activity.
- Developing policies and regulations to support businesses at all stages of their development.