

North Meadows Secondary Plan

1.3.2 North Meadows Gateway & Commercial Hub

As part of a complete community, it is important to have a mix of land uses to satisfy the needs of residents and ensure they have easy access to places to play, shop, live and work. To serve the commercial needs of residents within the Secondary Plan Area, as well as the students at the secondary schools and employees of the industrial uses to the north, a commercial hub and gateway to the community is proposed at Adair Boulevard and Second Street.

The commercial hub within the Secondary Plan shall allow for small scale commercial uses which are sensitive to adjacent residential uses, and designed to complement planned future commercial uses on the north side of Second Street. The commercial hub will also act as a transition and a buffer between the residential lands to the south within North Meadows, and the institutional and industrial land uses to the north.

1.3.3 Community Focal Points

Two main community focal points are envisioned within North Meadows: a large community park to the west of the DeGroot Watercourse; and an integrated elementary school and smaller neighbourhood park to the east.

The surrounding communities within the northern portion of Strathroy do not currently have sufficient access to parks, playgrounds, and open space and the large Community Park is envisioned to serve the surrounding communities as well as those living within North Meadows. The community park will be integrated with the trail network and allow for a range of passive and active sports and recreational facilities including playgrounds, skateboard features, sports fields and courts, and open space.

To ensure that all areas of North Meadows have adequate access to parks and open space, a smaller local park is proposed to be located on the eastern half of the North Meadows Secondary Plan to serve the local community. The park will be integrated with a proposed elementary school and the recreational use trail network.

1.3.4 Recreational Use Trail System

The Rotary Memorial Trail runs from the skateboard park in Alexandra Park through the Sydenham River Valley and north along the edge of the North Meadows Secondary Plan to the secondary school(s) at Second Street and Adair Boulevard. Together with the Conservation Authority trails it contributes to the city-wide network of paths and trails. The Rotary Memorial Trail was identified as one of the most important and beloved features by residents and staff during the consultation for the North Meadows Secondary Plan.

To enhance and expand the trail system, improvements are proposed to the existing route along the western edge of the Secondary Plan Area and Second Street, as well as an extension along the edge of the Sydenham River Valley and DeGroot Watercourse. The proposed extensions to the trail network will ensure that all residents have easy and convenient access to the trail which will also be integrated with the proposed municipal parks, elementary school and the commercial hub, secondary school(s) and the Gemini Sportsplex.