

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives build upon the objectives established in the Official Plan, and are based primarily on consultation with the community and the assessment of Cardinal contained in the Community Improvement Strategy.

Goal #1: Cardinal is a walkable, well-connected community that is integrated with its waterfront, the historic Canals and the Village Core.

Objectives:

- Improve the walkability of streets through sidewalk improvements.
- Improve major crossings in the Village core and crossings over Highway No. 2.
- Improve connectivity between the Village Core and waterfront through the provision of a new walkway.

Goal #2: Cardinal's community facilities and infrastructure are of a high-quality, supportive of a walkable community and waterfront tourism and use.

Objectives:

- To enhance the waterfront area along Legion Way as a key public destination that is well-connected by pedestrian routes.
- To enhance the boating facilities and tourism attractions in the waterfront area.
- Improve the range and quality of services in the waterfront area.
- Improve the range of retail services in the Village, including basic services (grocery store, financial services) as well as

community gathering places, such as coffee shops and continued support for public facilities, including the arena.

- Improve the walkability of streets through sidewalk and crossing improvements, as well as accessibility improvements

Goal #3: That Cardinal offers a range of housing types, including affordable housing and moderate income housing which is provided in the Village's core.

Objectives:

- Utilize upper storeys as residences through conversion or improvement of space.
- Support adaptive re-use of heritage buildings for residential uses, including residences for a full range of income levels.
- Work with the united Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, in the provision of affordable housing incentives and in the Counties' administration of programs, under the *Housing Services Act*.

Goal #4: That the Village's pride is evident in the care and maintenance of its buildings, landscaping and public space.

Objectives:

- Support façade improvements which are consistent with the character of the Village.
- Support property improvements, such as landscaping, to show pride in ownership.

- Plant trees in public areas and within the public right-of-way on Highway No. 2 and within the Village Core or offer trees/incentives for private property owners to plant their own trees.

Goal #5: Cardinal's existing historic buildings are well-utilized and restored.

Objectives:

- Encourage adaptive re-use of heritage buildings, including upper storeys.
- Encourage restoration of heritage properties.
- Set an example for historic preservation through utilization of the Galop canal as a pedestrian trail.

Goal #6: Encourage compatible new development and improvement of existing properties and buildings through private investment.

Objectives:

- Redevelop the building that was demolished at Lewis/Dundas, in a character that respects the historic, pedestrian-oriented form of the Village's core.
- Re-establishment of a range of retail services servicing basic needs (banking, grocery, etc.), and focusing in the long-term on boutiques and specialty shops to draw visitors into the village.
- Utilization of upper storeys of buildings as residences.
- Improved façades and properties.

Goal #7: The Village is an attractive community, with pedestrian-scaled streetscapes, high quality buildings and public spaces that have sense of place.

Objectives:

- Provide for pedestrian-scaled lighting, street furniture, public art, signage and other amenities which are designed to harmonize with the Village's historic features and the St. Lawrence River.
- Reintroduce pedestrians to the Galop canal and the waterfronts through improved connections.
- Support façade and property improvements which contribute positively to the character of the community.
- Improve the integrity of the Canal bank through restoration, in partnership with senior levels of government and external funding partners.
- Enhance the gateway at Highway No. 2 and Shanly Road.