

Healthy Neighbourhood Design



The Banff Community Plan, adopted in 2008, established the vision and goals of the community, developed by the community. It envisions a flourishing, socially diverse Banff, where high standards in architecture and in landscape, environmental and urban design reinforce our sense of place. Objectives include:

- monitoring and adjusting residential density to ensure community needs are being met
- ensuring new housing developments provide community amenities, public spaces and parks
- reviewing guidelines for infill housing

DENSITY DONE WELL ACHIEVES THIS.

GREAT COMMUNITY DESIGN CREATES LIVABILITY. LIVABILITY CREATES VALUE

- In quality of life for residents
- In attracting investment and reinvestment by the private sector
- In maintaining and enhancing the destination's global appeal
- In reducing costs for transportation, public health and social well being
- In remaining competitive in the international tourism marketplace



THE MAGIC OF DENSITY DONE WELL

- Offers more affordable housing choices – through economies of scale
- Builds vitality, diversity, and enhances safety in neighbourhoods
- Allows more cost effective public transit
- Reduces energy use in buildings – by reducing the ecological footprint
- Allows you and your family to be more active – neighbourhoods are walkable and transit is near
- Improves public health – by increasing activity, increasing social well being
- Offers more green design options – such as improved water management, protection and enhancement of natural systems and more efficient building heating systems

DENSITY DONE WELL:

1. LAND USE AND MOVEMENT ALIGNED
2. CONSISTENTLY HIGH DESIGN QUALITY
3. AMENITIES AND DIVERSITY MAKE NEIGHBOURHOODS MORE ENJOYABLE

