

Complete Communities

Opportunities

Historically, many suburban communities in HRM have been developed with a clear divide between residential and commercial land uses. Many suburban communities were designed for residents to own cars, with less priority given to transit and active transportation options.

Complete communities allow residents to travel to the places they need to go daily by active transportation, transit, or a short drive. This reduces traffic congestion and leads to healthier and more enjoyable communities. In HRM's suburban communities, there may also be opportunities to create new mixed use for creating new mixed use core areas or main streets which contain many of the building blocks of complete communities.

Building blocks of healthy and complete communities



A range of housing types suitable for people with different needs.



Places to learn, work, and shop, including schools, libraries, and employment areas.



Places to play and access nature, including parks and recreation centres.



Places to celebrate culture, heritage, and arts.



Important environmental and natural resource areas that are protected.



Access to healthy and affordable food.



Frequent, convenient and accessible transit, active transportation, trails and sufficient road networks.



Basic services, including emergency services, waste collection, and health care facilities.



The Suburban Plan can:

- ▶ Support people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to live, work, shop, learn, and play within a short journey
- ▶ Recognize the local context and needs of existing communities

Promote mixed use neighbourhoods that

- ▶ have safe and convenient access to food, essential services, and facilities that provide opportunities for social, supportive and healthy living
- ▶ Use an equity lens when developing land use policies to address housing shortages

