

**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2025  
**Department:** Chief Administrative Office  
**Report No.:** CAO-2025-12  
**Submitted by:** Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Approved by:** Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT:** Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2055

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT:** Council receive Report CAO-2025-12 for information, and further;

**THAT:** Council adopt the Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2055 in principle, and further;

**THAT:** staff be directed to use the Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2055 to inform the ongoing Official Plan's comprehensive review, and further;

**THAT:** staff be directed to use the Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2055 to inform the upcoming Mount Brydges Waste Water Servicing Class "C" Environmental Assessment, and further;

**THAT:** the Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2055 be used as a guide in the development of future plans by the Municipality.

**BACKGROUND:**

David Cash of Cash & Associates facilitated two workshops with Council on May 12 and 26, 2025 to formulate ten vision statements generally describing the vision for Strathroy-Caradoc for the next 30 years.

In May 2024, Council provided direction regarding the additional information they required to support a decision on the settlement boundary expansion (Official Plan Comprehensive Review). The new Provincial Planning Statement 2024 (PPS 2024) was released in October 2024, offering further guidance on population projections. These updated projections have been incorporated into new forecasts prepared by Watson and Associates, including a detailed breakout of Strathroy-Caradoc population and employment projections for Strathroy-Caradoc extending beyond the standard 30-year planning horizon. The Comprehensive Review team is utilizing these projections to assess potential

additional lands for inclusion within the settlement boundaries of Mt. Brydges and Strathroy. If Council directs as proposed the review team will also use the Council vision to inform the recommendations regarding the location of lands to be added to the expanded settlement boundaries.

Likewise, in June 2025, the Municipality released a RFP seeking responses from qualified companies to conduct a Class “C” Environmental Assessment on the needs for waste water infrastructure to handle the growth of the Mount Brydges area. If the recommendation is approved, this document will serve as one of the reference pieces used in this study.

### **COMMENTS:**

The ten vision statements provide Council’s view of how Strathroy-Caradoc may grow and develop over the next thirty years based on their knowledge of the community, the current regulatory framework and various reports that have come before them during their term of office. There is no financial commitment from Council resulting from this report at this time. Its purpose is to provide the community and staff with Council’s insight to how it predicts the community and the corporate organization may grow and mature over the longer term.

### **CONSULTATION:**

The Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2025 was developed with the input and collaboration of all of Council.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE**

### **ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. (Alternative, if any)
2. Council to provide alternate direction.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

- **Local Infrastructure:** Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks.
- **Economic Development:** Strathroy-Caradoc will have a diverse tax base and be a place that offers a variety of economic opportunities to current and prospective residents and businesses.
- **Community Wellbeing:** Residents of all ages in Strathroy-Caradoc will have access to community amenities and activities that are accessible and support active lifestyles and wellbeing.
- **Customer Service:** The municipality offers seamless, responsive service and an exceptional experience for every customer.
- **Growth Management:** Strathroy-Caradoc will be an inclusive community where growth is managed to accommodate a range of needs and optimize municipal resources.

- **Destination Building:** Strathroy-Caradoc will provide distinct experiences that celebrate its past and future by prioritizing innovative new ideas that set the community apart.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Strathroy-Caradoc Vision 2025