The Orbit: Innisfil
RURAL RE-IMAGINED

PARTISANS + Innisfil
Welcome to the ORBIT

The Orbit is our vision for a complete, cutting-edge community where our small town and rural lifestyles are enhanced by the benefits and attributes of urban living.
The vision recognizes Innisfil for its unique context and character; proposes a new urban fabric that will push the limits of possibility; igniting interested and inspiring citizens today and tomorrow to be part of this new place. At the heart of it we imagine a cohesive center for Innisfil, currently a municipality of clustered hamlets, that will gravitate and grow around a new regional transit link and cultural center slated to be built over the next four years.

**The city, inspired by the idea of an orbit and ripple, is a dynamic embrace of its agricultural roots with 21st century city building and architectural thinking.**

The Orbit is a vision for a Next Generation Community located 60 km North of Canada’s largest city, Toronto. The planned project has the capacity to absorb over 40 million square feet (4 million square meters) of newly built modern community. It will truly be a place to grow.

The Orbit is a cutting-edge community where small town and rural lifestyles co-exist with the benefits and attributes of urban living. The public realm is at the forefront with housing density & affordability, mobility, transit, arts, culture, technology, connectivity, business, digital innovation, economy, healthcare, social cohesion & infrastructure, sustainability, agriculture, open spaces, access to trails & waterfront and walkability, which are all part of this rural reimagination.

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The Orbit means great architecture. It’s where architecture and design push the envelope towards an artful yet sustainable city of the future.

The Orbit is a clean slate to reimagine how a community of tomorrow is built today. Mobility, transit links, innovative streets and infrastructure, streetscapes, social interaction, health and wellness, a digital and connected community with a vibrant and robust modern economy based on critical thinking, technology, new tech agriculture, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, combined with a vibrant “start up” energy and culture all shape the Orbit towards the future of placemaking and city building.
The Orbit will feature a fast, secure fibre-optic network woven throughout the community's sidewalks, streets, buildings and more, designed to support innovation from local community members and entrepreneurs, while being governed by the appropriate privacy protection policies.
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The characteristic Orbit plan and density ripple, is based on an innovative series of concentric “squircles” (literally where squares and circles merge) emanating from the new transit hub and melding with the existing grid of the region. Imagine that our squircle is a modern version of an old European city layout.

Without a doubt, our shared future depends on everyone living closer together and in this regard, the Orbit potentially offers the world’s first example for how to build such a community. A traditional suburban population consuming a 50km² area will instead constitute a more efficient and sustainable 2km² model. Through intelligent and superior architectural design, the Orbit seamlessly consolidates and reduces sprawl, while providing communities with a closer relationship to nature while reducing pressure on infrastructure.

\[ \text{CIRCLE} + \text{SQUARE} = \text{SQUIRCLE} \]
The Orbit, will grow over generations to a population target of 150,000 people, creating a dynamic center of activity for visitors and residents alike, appealing to a variety of lifestyle activities that are possible and available in the area. Famed Canadian cottage country destinations, Lake Simcoe and the Muskokas, as well as Collingwood are a stone’s throw away, as is the greater Toronto Area. Offering a rural-urban, all-season experience and easy access to the city.
We know and understand that our population will continue to expand and the Orbit allows Innisfil to grow in a way that preserves our natural landscapes and habitat by concentrating all of our future expansion into one place; our natural agricultural lands, forests, trails, habitats, historical buildings will be untouched - just as our community has always wanted.
Tower Separation Distances

TBG recommends a minimum 25m separation between towers, and achieves it by recommending a 12.5m setback from PLs, and the CLs of streets and lanes (pp. 55).

This option shows an arrangement where 56 Temperance would have a covenant (or equivalent) on title to permit a larger tower at 360/366 Bay St.

366 Bay St
360 Bay St
56 Temperance
372 Bay St
Continuing across to 56 Temperance

379m² (4,080 ft²) floor plate

12.5m or greater
12.5m or greater
CL
CL

3m or greater
Bay St

2m cantilever

137m (450')

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Height Overlay Map (439), June 18, 2012

New accessible roof

Buildable Area
Total as-of-right: 11,196 m² (120,500 ft²)
Transfer potential from 56 Temperance: 790 m² (8,510 ft²)
10 floors w/ 10,040 ft² floor plates (existing)
+ 8 floors w/ 3,635 ft² floor plates
+ DC's = $
Getting Around

Within the next few years, Innisfil will be home to a new GO Station transit hub - something that will provide faster, better access to regional transportation. With this in mind, our complete community is designed with how people will live, travel, interact, play and work - or Orbit - in and around it; without a doubt, this is the defining design principal of the vision.

As the first municipality to implement a ride-sharing transit system, Innisfil has a history of tapping into innovation to move people; the Orbit will accelerate and evolve this system by adopting a crowd-sourced model, powered by autonomous electric vehicles, providing the world with an example of what could be the most sustainable transit model ever conceived.
The region around Toronto is experiencing a housing crisis. The Orbit is a response to that need as well as the reality that people have a real desire to live in communities that provide access to major economic centers while offering the peace of a rural context.

A key principle in building safe, balanced, healthy neighbourhoods is ensuring a mix of individuals and families from all socio-economic backgrounds. As a result, the Orbit will boast a variety of homes for individuals from all walks of life and shared equity programs will be available to provide ownership opportunities for those who would normally be unable to afford it.

Providing 30 - 50 million ft\(^2\) of built form and population increase of 150,000 people.
Summary

1. A New Transit Hub
2. A hub for Startups and the Ecosystem to Support their Growth
3. Committed to bringing Jobs & Industry to the Orbit
4. Proximity to Healthcare
5. Proximity to Education, K12 to Post Secondary
6. Recreation and Lakes within 15 minutes
7. Equidistant to the Muskokas + Downtown Toronto
8. Proximity to Pearson International Airport