

Growth in the Numbers

The Town of New Tecumseth is poised for significant growth over the next 30 years. As of 2021, New Tecumseth currently has a population of 43,450 with approximately 15,600 housing units, and home to around 20,570 jobs. The Town is expected to reach a total population of approximately 81,000, 17,600 housing units, and an employment target of 31,550 jobs by 2051.



This translates into the Town requiring about 448 hectares (1,107 acres) of residential land and 75.2 hectares (186 acres) for employment land to achieve the population and employment forecasts to 2051. This is based upon a density of 55 people/jobs per hectare.

When planning for complete communities and for new growth areas usually called Greenfield lands, it has operational impacts. This means that the Town will be responsible in these new areas for:

- plowing new roads, sidewalks and bike lanes
- street sweeping and line painting
- maintaining parks and street trees
- cutting the grass at parks and maintaining trails
- ensuring regulatory compliance with the addition of new water and sewer pipes
- stormwater management
- maintaining playing fields and playground equipment

An exercise was undertaken by Engineering, Planning and Parks, Recreation and Culture to help visualize what new growth may look like on the ground. A 40-hectare (100 acre) parcel was broken down into what this means in terms of capital works using a comparable subdivision under construction in New Tecumseth. This will help to prepare for additional operational demands when growth is proposed using these general figures:

Units	Item
585	Lots consisting of single detached, semi-detached and townhouses
5.2 km	Roadways
5.6 km	Sidewalks
5.5 km	Water Pipes/Watermains
5.0 km	Sewer Pipes/Sanitary Sewers
5.1 km	Stormwater Pipes/Storm Sewers
90	Sanitary Maintenance Holes
90	Stormwater Maintenance Holes
61	Fire Hydrants

216	Catch Basins
585	Street Trees
2.0 ha	Municipal Parkland representing 5% of the total area
2 ha	Stormwater Management Pond Block
0.5 ha	Other Municipal Infrastructure (pumping station and water tower)

This is something for everyone to ponder while the Town is embarking on a Growth Management Study to plan for future growth and take steps to prepare for operational maintenance once the new residents move in.