

Didn't plan on housing crisis

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The Winnipeg metro area is now estimated at 773,000 people, with 700,000 residing within the city itself, according to Statistics Canada. And more people are expected soon.

In fact, our modest but resurgent growth forced city planners to come up with a new land-use blueprint a few years back -- Our Winnipeg, whose goal is nothing less ambitious than to map out how the city will house and employ an additional 180,000 people over the next couple of decades.

Much of this document involves general land-use principles planners are supposed to consider when they make development decisions. But there are actual maps marking out future areas where the likes of new roads, industrial areas and residential homes are supposed to go.

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