

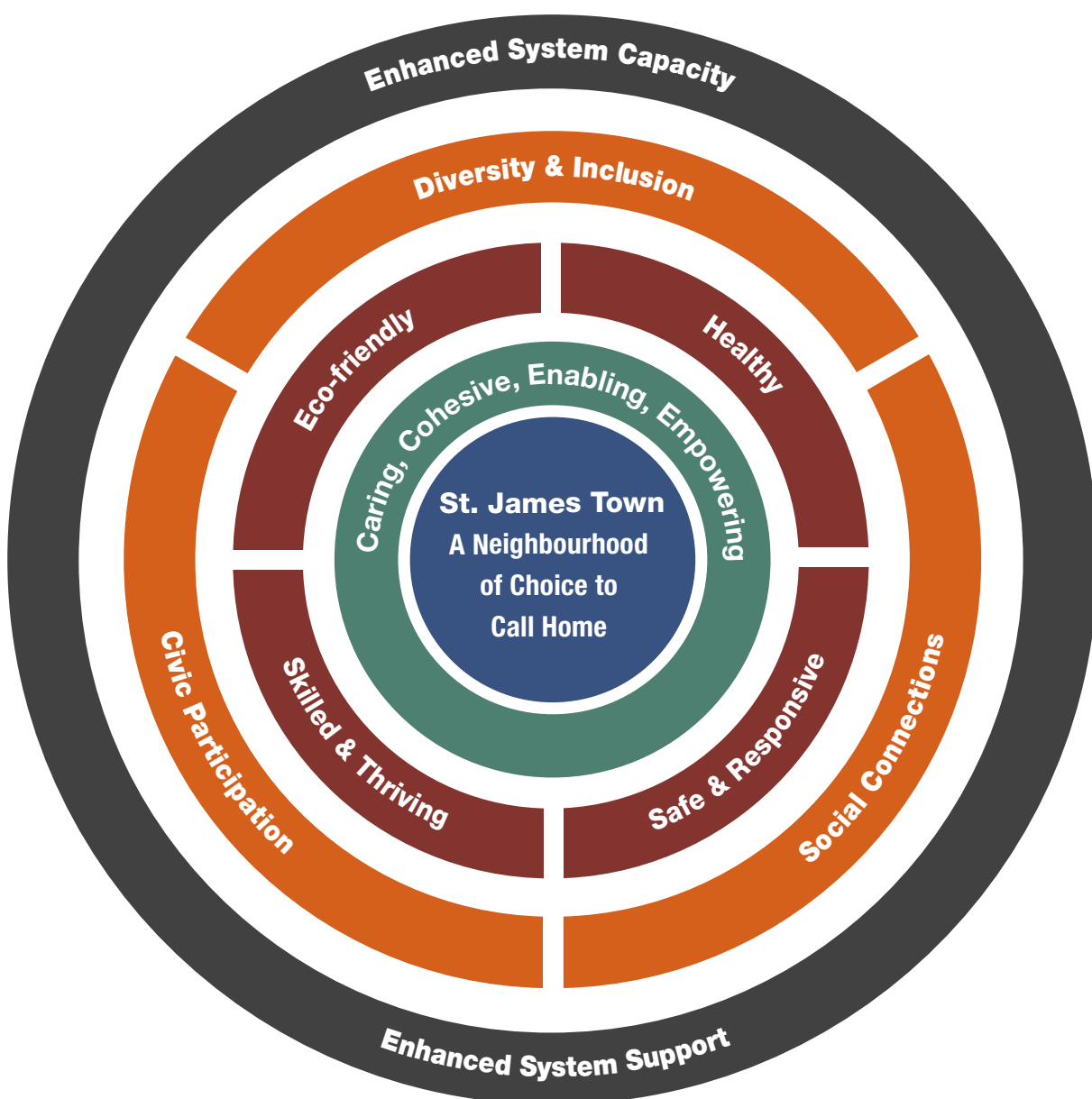
# Social Charter

**St. James Town** has a strong history of collaboration between residents, service providers, and stakeholders, working towards community development, advancing neighbourhood priorities, navigating challenges and addressing systemic barriers through collective action.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIONS

**The Social Charter** outlines a vision for St. James Town and helps to guide our collective work in 4 action areas in order to achieve the vision. It will be implemented by the the community, St. James Town Service Providers' Network and Health Access /The Corner.

It was developed by stakeholders with diverse backgrounds through a series of community consultations between 2013 – 2019 which included: residents, service providers, The City, Toronto Police Services, Toronto Community Housing, landlords, Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network, artists, Cabbagetown Business Improvement Area as well as academic and research institutions. This visual representation is the result of 18 months of consultations.



### PRINCIPLES

#### DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

We value our diversity and differences as a strength, and acknowledge the importance of mutual trust and reciprocity within the community.

#### SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

We value close contact with friends, family and neighbours, strong social networks, social gatherings and activities and that the community feels a sense of belonging.

#### CIVIC PARTICIPATION

We value the importance of our community getting involved in addressing local issues and advocating for changes through both formal (eg. voting and participation in democratic processes) and informal means (volunteering, faith or cultural groups, grassroots initiatives or organizations)

### DOMAINS / ACTION AREAS

#### Eco-friendly

Create a culture of Reduce, Repair, Reuse and Recycle  
Develop Green initiatives, like gardening  
Champion access to green, accessible and livable spaces  
Advocate to and hold public and private systems accountable

#### Healthy

Reduce social isolation to improve our mental and physical well being  
Raise awareness on health and wellbeing  
Support seniors to age at home in a safe environment  
Support youth in reaching their potential  
Connect communities to health care and preventative services

#### Safe & Responsive

Connect neighbours and local groups to support one another  
Raise awareness about safety measures and practices  
Work with public and private systems in improving and maintaining safe and secure building standards and neighbourhood infrastructure

#### Skilled & Thriving

Create skill building opportunities that support employment  
Develop opportunities that promote social entrepreneurship  
Work with businesses and organisations to promote local hiring