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# WHAT IF INTO HOW TO

LET'S SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR REGIONAL CENTRE

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**HALIFAX**



## WHAT IS THE REGIONAL CENTRE?

**The Regional Centre is the urban core of the Halifax Regional Municipality. It includes the Halifax Peninsula and Dartmouth within the Circumferential Highway.**





## **WHY IS A CENTRE PLAN NEEDED?**

- » **To update existing Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies (SMPS) and Land Use By-Laws (LUB)**
- » **Protect unique and stable neighbourhoods**
- » **Align HRM policies with the goals of the community and the Regional Plan**
- » **Eliminate confusion caused by a lack of policy standardization for residents and developers**
- » **Help determine where appropriate development should occur**

## **THE CENTRE PLAN WILL:**

- » **Include an Urban Design Framework that protects the scale and character of existing neighbourhoods**
- » **Update and consolidate Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies**
- » **Remove barriers for well-designed and appropriately scaled development**
- » **Assist HRM staff in improving the Regional Centre through large and small scale planning and investment initiatives**

# THEMES



**LAND USE & DESIGN**



**MOBILITY**



**PUBLIC SPACES & PLACES**



**CULTURE & HERITAGE**



**HOUSING**



**SUSTAINABILITY**



**JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Street and sidewalk design
- » Commercial streets and centres
- » Building sizes and locations
- » Places for mixed-use: homes, businesses and shops
- » Areas for growth
- » Areas to be protected
- » Waterfront planning

What do you think are the planning and urban design priorities for the neighbourhoods you live, work and play in?

How can we improve how the Regional Centre looks and functions?





## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Safe, welcoming streets
- » Accessible, convenient public transit
- » Encouraging active transportation, including cycling and walking
- » Parking supply
- » Road network improvements
- » Connections and access to parks and other public community facilities

**Do you think it's easy to move around the region?  
Why or why not?**

**What  
would  
enable you to  
walk, bike or take  
transit more  
often?**



# PUBLIC SPACES & PLACES



## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Parks and open space
- » Recreation and community facilities
- » Urban agriculture
- » Greenways and trails
- » Community safety
- » Access to services and facilities

**How do you think public space could enrich the Regional Centre?**

**Where does the Regional Centre need more public spaces or places?**





# CULTURE & HERITAGE



## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Public art
- » Cultural landscapes and scenic views
- » Heritage Conservation Districts
- » Arts development
- » Outdoor venues and street festivals
- » Role of museums and historic sites

How do you think the Regional Centre can evolve to create a rich network of cultural places like museums, creative communities, and public art?

What does culture in the Regional Centre mean for you?

How can we promote culture and heritage in the Regional Centre?





## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Affordability
- » Housing for seniors, low-income individuals and new Canadians
- » Housing stock rehabilitation
- » Home-based businesses
- » Diverse housing types

**Taking into account the current and future needs of a diverse population, what do you think are important considerations?**

**Is housing affordability a concern in your neighbourhood? Why?**



# SUSTAINABILITY



## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Stormwater management
- » Urban forests
- » Sustainable energy
- » Climate change
- » Environmental protection
- » Sustainable development and design methods
- » Identifying sensitive or high-hazard areas for limited development

**What do you think the Centre Plan could do to support sustainability?**

**Which areas of the Regional Centre should be preserved?**

**Why is sustainability important to you?**



# JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## The Centre Plan can help shape policy on:

- » Harbour and port activity
- » Business parks and employment lands
- » Retail and office facilities
- » Tourism

**What opportunities do you think would help build economic diversity?**

**What can be done to increase jobs in the Regional Centre?**





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