



REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

Themes and Directions

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OVERVIEW

- »» Why are we here today?
- »» How are we engaging the public?
- »» What are the Themes & Directions?
- »» Focus on Regional Growth and Mobility





WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

We are reviewing the Regional Plan.

We are here to provide an **overview of the proposed Themes and Directions**. This is the first major deliverable of the Regional Plan Review. We are kicking off a month-long engagement period on this work, including webinars on 6 key themes.

The comment period will close on July 16, 2021.

The Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan) is a strategic document built on a common vision and principles for the municipality to achieve balanced and sustainable growth.

Originally adopted in 2006, the Regional Plan provided the first comprehensive guide for future growth for the entire municipality following amalgamation. It outlines where, when, and how future growth and development should take place between now and 2031.

WHAT DOES THE REGIONAL PLAN DO?

- » Provides policy direction for planning at the regional and community level
- » Sets up region-wide land use by-law regulations
- » Establishes the Municipality's intent to conduct future research programs or studies
- » Identifies programming or partnership opportunities



REGIONAL PLAN TIMELINE



We Are Here



HOW ARE WE ENGAGING THE PUBLIC?

Virtual Tools and Community Networks.

Social media, print media and community networks will be used to **get the word out and receive feedback**. The team will be available to provide presentations to stakeholders and community groups. The team will also consult with Standing Committees of Council, Advisory Boards and Committees, and internal staff teams.

The Regional Plan Review webpage is the primary point for engagement:

www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan

Important Dates:

Overall Comment Period

May 20 – July 16

Survey

June 3 – July 16

Virtual Presentations + Q&A

Social Policy

Housing

Climate Change

Environment

Mobility

Long-Range Planning

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Regional Plan Review



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This website is the place where you can access content, materials and supporting research for the Halifax Regional Municipal Planning Strategy Plan Review. You can also find out about the project process, including public engagement

activities. We welcome your input and participation in the process. Through the Regional Plan Review we are focused on the following ideas:



WHAT ARE THE THEMES & DIRECTIONS?

Key Ideas, Issues and Potential Changes.

The Themes & Directions document **shares ideas about key planning issues and provides details of the work** that will be completed during the Review. The purpose of this document is to demonstrate the scope of the Regional Plan Review to the public, stakeholders, Council, and ultimately to seek feedback on the content.

The feedback will help provide focus and direction for our work during the Review.

11 THEMES

THEME 1
CONSIDERING THE REGIONAL SCALE FIRST

THEME 2
BUILDING HEALTHIER AND MORE COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

THEME 3
RECONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL LANDS

THEME 4
TRANSFORMING HOW WE MOVE IN OUR REGION

THEME 5
SOCIAL PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

THEME 6
CELEBRATING CULTURE & HERITAGE

THEME 7
INTEGRATING COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PARKS

THEME 8
ENHANCING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

THEME 9
LEADING THROUGH ACTION ON CLIMATE

THEME 10
IMAGINING HRM INTO 2050 AND BEYOND

THEME 11
ASSESSING THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

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CENTRAL QUESTION

Regional-Scale

How do we locate housing and employment in smart (strategic) locations, so that growth can happen easily, and in a way that furthers the municipality's most important goals?



REGIONAL-SCALE QUESTIONS

How Are We Growing?

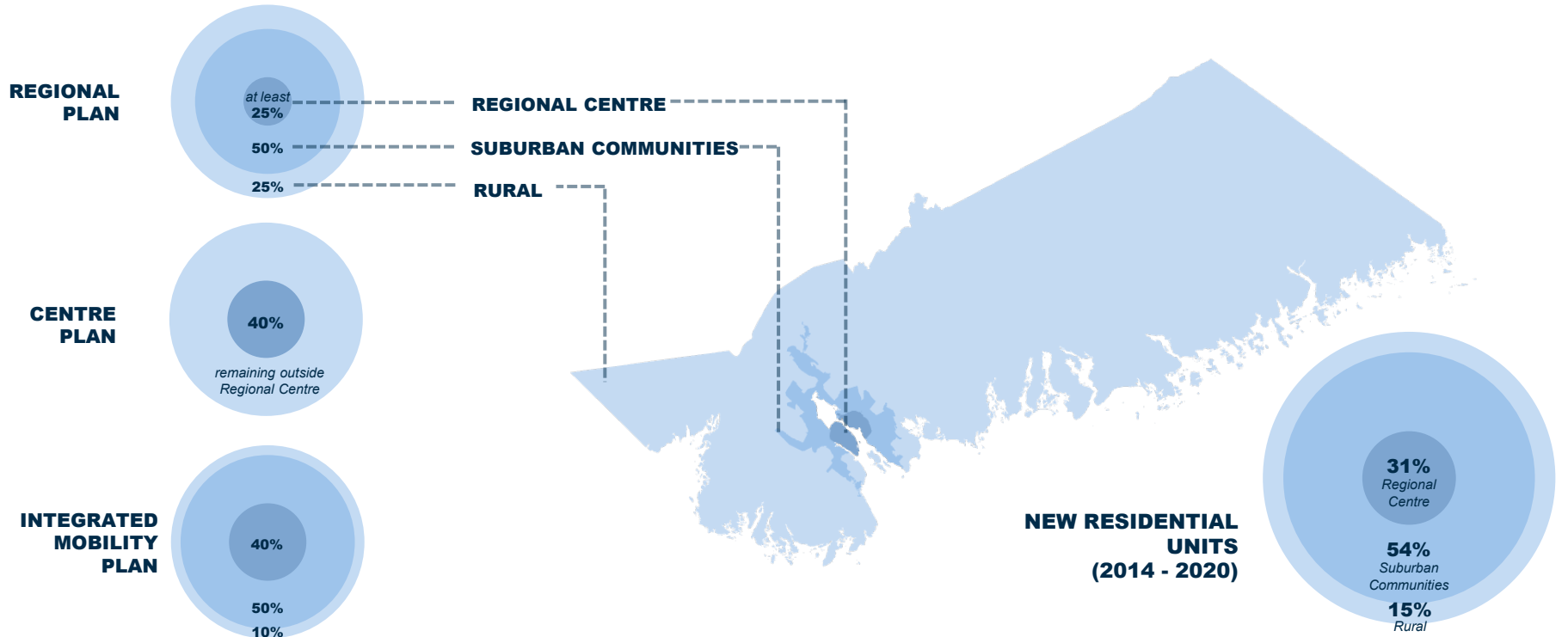
What is the projected demand for housing and employment over the horizon of the plan and into the future?

Where Should We Grow?

Where are the best places to locate residential and employment growth? Considerations include:

- The current land use framework and development pattern;
- The existing and future location of services and infrastructure;
- The areas we want to preserve, protect, or treat with special attention; and
- Our aspirations for a sustainable future.

GROWTH TARGETS



The logo for the Halifax Integrated Mobility Plan features a dark blue background with a network of white dashed lines and nodes. Various icons representing different modes of transport are placed at the nodes: a blue car icon, a yellow bus icon, a green bicycle icon, a red pedestrian icon, a blue car icon, a purple car icon, a yellow bus icon, and a blue car icon. The text "HALIFAX INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters.

HALIFAX INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN

The Integrated Mobility Plan

The Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP), adopted by Council in December 2017, represents a region-wide vision for mobility and directs future investment in transportation demand management (TDM), transit, active transportation (AT), and the roadway network.

- The Regional Plan will be updated to reflect the IMP's approach and set policy intent for future integrated mobility planning.



Functional Plans for Multi-Modal Corridors

Some roads across the region have been identified as “strategic multi-modal corridors”. These are important connections for moving people and goods, by vehicle, transit or active transportation.

THE REGIONAL PLAN WILL:

- Update Regional Plan policy to identify strategic multi-modal corridors that connect communities
- Study opportunities for land acquisition tools to inform an acquisition strategy for these corridors



RAPID TRANSIT STRATEGY

MAY 2020

Implementing the Rapid Transit Strategy

Adopted in 2020, the Rapid Transit Strategy aims to build a rapid transit network by 2030. It recommended a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network and three new ferry routes connecting a new terminal to downtown Halifax.

THE REGIONAL PLAN WILL:

- Plan for higher-density mixed use development around Rapid Transit, and create policy direction for providing affordable housing, connectivity of local streets and active transportation infrastructure near stations and terminals

The Next 10 Years

Growth Area

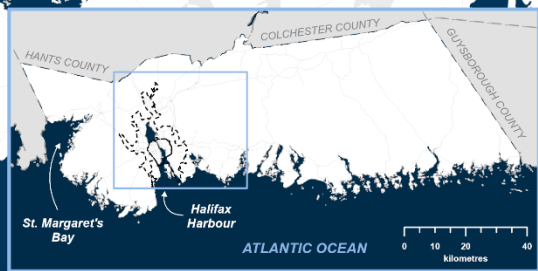
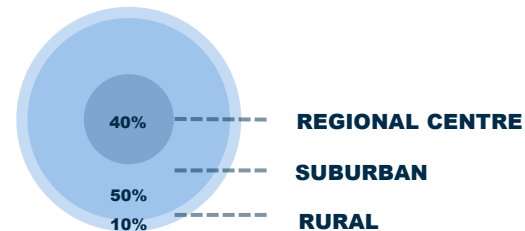
- Centre
- Corridor
- Higher-Order Residential
- Downtown
- Future Growth Node
- BRT Walkshed
- FutureServedCommunities
- Remaining Approved Development
- Sub-Area Boundary

BRT: Bus Rapid Transit

SUBURBAN AREA

REGIONAL CENTRE

GROWTH ALLOCATION: INTEGRATED MOBILITY PLAN



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Map created by Halifax Regional Municipality Research & Data Group.
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Regional Transportation Planning

The Regional Plan review offers an opportunity to set up future study of additional Rapid Transit corridors or areas that may be suitable for Rapid Transit expansion once the proposed network is implemented.

- The Regional Plan review will establish the framework for a long-term study and visioning process for land use and transportation beyond 2031.





Accessibility



Many residents are affected by accessibility concerns and with an aging population, the amount of people with mobility limitations will increase. Creating an accessible city helps create barrier-free and safe journeys for everyone.

THE REGIONAL PLAN WILL:

- Review and update planning documents to ensure they support the Accessibility Strategy and work toward making HRM an inclusive

To learn more, ask questions, join the project's mailing list and make your voice heard:

Visit: www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan

Email: regionalplan@halifax.ca

Phone: 902.233.2501

Stay updated on other events and engagement opportunities by following the Halifax Regional Municipality on social media and Shape Your City.