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Heritage Advisory Committee: Downtown Halifax HCD Plan

Update #1 – Community Engagement Strategy

June 23, 2021

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Downtown Halifax HCD Plan

Steps Taken

- Downtown Halifax HCD Background Study approved by Regional Council on May 4, 2021
- Minister officially received Background Study on May 18, 2021
Minister has until July 17, 2021 (60 days), to request further studies
- Launched Online Portal (Shape Your City)
- Revamped Downtown Halifax Historic Districts web application

Downtown Halifax HCD Plan

Next Steps

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- Update Online Portal with Online Engagement Tools
- Install project signage

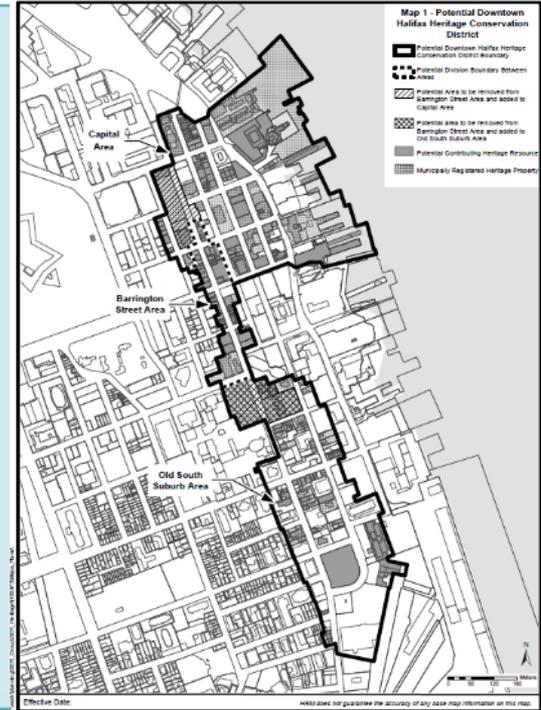
Stakeholders

Internal Stakeholders:

- HRM Councillor for District 7
- Planning and Development staff
(incl. heritage, planning applications, infrastructure, etc.)
- Parks and Recreation staff
- Cogswell District Redevelopment Project staff
- Develop Nova Scotia staff
- HRM Heritage Advisory Committee
- NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage

External Stakeholders:

- General public
- Property owners and tenants within the proposed HCD
- Downtown Halifax Business Commission
- Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia



Action Plan

Step 1 – Consultation and Information Sharing

Timeframe: Length of the project (spring 2021 - spring 2023)

Engagement Tools: Online Portal, Online Engagement Tools and Interactive Map

Step 2 – Engage the Public and Stakeholders

Timeframe: Summer 2021 to fall 2022

Engagement Tools: Stakeholder Meetings, Public Meetings

Step 3 – Learn Together / Draft HCD Plans and By-laws

Timeframe: Fall 2021 to fall 2022

Engagement Tools: HAC Meetings, Walking Tours, Signage

Step 4 – Formal Adoption Process

Timeframe: Fall 2022 to spring 2023

Engagement Tools: HAC, CPED, DRC, Regional Council, Ministerial Review

Tool / Technique
1. Internal/External Stakeholder Meetings Engaging with stakeholders at key points in the planning process to share progress and gather input in internal and external planning workshops.
2. Online Portal (Shape Your City) A municipally created and administered participatory platform on the internet where citizens contribute to the planning process.
3. Online Engagement Tools and Interactive Map Online engagement tools, including an interactive map, will provide platforms for the public to ask questions and provide specific comments.
4. Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) Meetings HAC meetings occur once a month. Staff will inform the HAC of progress made in the community engagement and planning process.
5. Virtual Public Meetings (A minimum of two Public Meetings is required) Engaging with the public and stakeholders at key points in the planning process to share progress and gather input in internal and external planning workshops.
6. Walking Tours and Signage Depending on public health measures, staff can provide tours of the proposed HCD to HAC members, stakeholders and the public. Signage will be placed in the Capital Area to inform the public of the HCD Plan process.

Online Portal (Shape Your City)

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Downtown Halifax Heritage District

HRM Regional Council recently initiated a process to establish a new Heritage Conservation District (HCD) in Downtown Halifax. An HCD is a defined area of historic or architectural value. It is protected by regulations governing such things as demolition, exterior alteration, and new development. Financial incentives may apply to encourage private architectural conservation and programs may enhance public amenities.

There are currently two HCDs in Downtown Halifax: Barrington Street and Old South Suburb. The new Downtown Halifax HCD will integrate these two established HCDs with a new area called the Capital which will include Province House square, Granville Mall, and Historic Properties.

The new consolidated HCD Plan will promote the distinct heritage values and character of these three historic areas of Downtown Halifax.



[Click here](#) to learn about some heritage properties in the proposed Downtown Halifax HCD



Coming Soon!

A public meeting (virtual) where you can learn about the project.

Complete a short survey on this web page about how you would like to be consulted in the drafting of the Downtown Halifax HCD Plan.

Post your ideas on this web page and pin your thoughts on an interactive map. Some questions to consider:

Are there Modernist buildings, open spaces, and wharfs that deserve conservation?

What design aspects of new development seem to be consistent and compatible with the traditional architecture?

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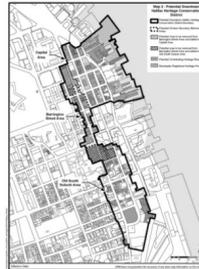
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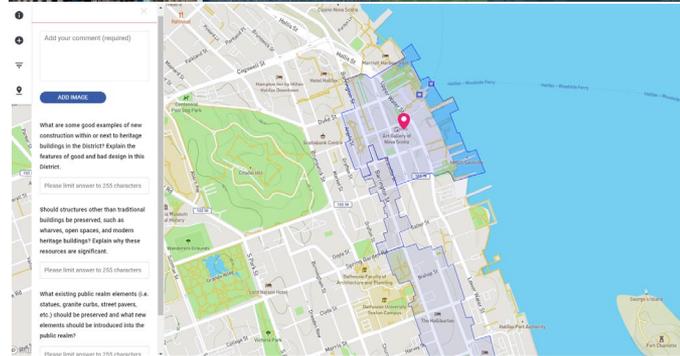
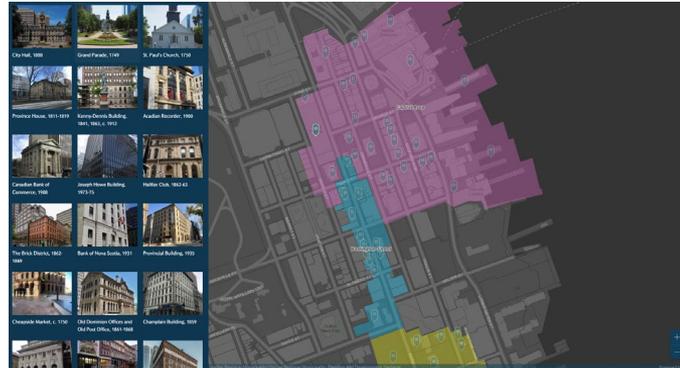
DH HCD Background Study - Approved 4 May 2021.pdf (2.03 MB) (pdf)

Proposed Heritage District Boundary



Project Phases

Background Study and Public Participation Program Approval



Downtown Halifax Heritage District:

- <https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/downtown-halifax-heritage>

Next Steps

Staff and HAC set date for 1st Public Meeting between July 19 and August 6

- **Tentative date: Thursday, July 29, 2021 (after HAC meeting on July 28)**

Send out and post notices of 1st Public Meeting

- **Notice of meeting in Chronicle Herald and letter to all households within proposed HCD (Min. 14 days before Public Meeting)**

Hold 1st Public Meeting

- **HAC Chair to open the meeting**

Meet with several External Stakeholder organizations

- **DHBC, Develop NS, HTNS, property developers**

Update Online Portal with Online Engagement Tools

- **Complete a Short Survey; Post your Ideas; Pin your Thoughts on a Map**

Install project signage

- **Large 48”x 76” coloured sign in Granville Mall**

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Thank You Questions/Comments

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