



REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

Themes and Directions

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HALIFAX

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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.



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

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



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 4 

TRANSFORMING
HOW WE MOVE
IN OUR REGION



THEME 7 

INTEGRATING
COMMUNITY
FACILITIES
& PARKS



THEME 10 

IMAGINING
HRM INTO 2050
AND BEYOND



THEME 2 

BUILDING
HEALTHIER AND
MORE COMPLETE
COMMUNITIES



THEME 5 


SOCIAL PLANNING
FOR COMMUNITY
WELL-BEING



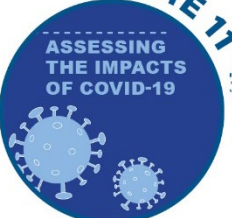
THEME 8 

ENHANCING
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION



THEME 11 

ASSESSING
THE IMPACTS
OF COVID-19



THEME 3 

RECONSIDERING
EMPLOYMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL
LANDS



THEME 6 

CELEBRATING
CULTURE &
HERITAGE



THEME 9 

LEADING
THROUGH ACTION
ON CLIMATE



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.

CENTRAL QUESTION

Community-Scale

Now that we have identified the best places to grow and locate residential and employment lands, how do we organize development and enable sustainable, people-oriented design?



COMMUNITY-SCALE QUESTIONS

How should our communities change as we grow?

What are the vision and community design objectives in our Suburban and Rural Areas?

How are we going to organize brand new communities?

In the places we are going to expand the service boundary how do we ensure a sustainable design? Considerations include:

- » Organizing the development pattern to avoid ecological and cultural resources;
- » Assessing the impact to receiving waters and the overall watershed; and
- » Any required upgrades to regional infrastructure, including any possible shared costs.



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

What are the most important factors to consider when planning for the next 30 years?

- » Immigration or Decline
- » Climate Resiliency
- » Social Movements
- » Pandemics
- » Technological Disruption

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

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