



# REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

## Themes and Directions

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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.

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

**[www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan](http://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?

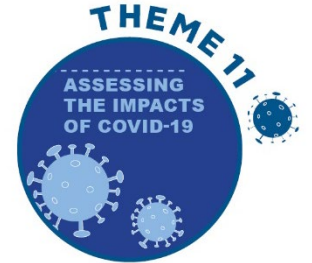
### Key Ideas, Issues and Potential Changes.

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





## SHARING OUR STORIES

The 2014 Regional Plan called for HRM to adopt Sharing Our Stories. This Plan will be used to inform and determine priorities for culture and heritage programs and policy. It will also provide direction for the Municipality to support culture, arts and heritage with specific attention to celebrating under-represented communities from across the municipality. The broad goals of Sharing Our Stories are to:

- » Express Culture Through Place
- » Support Cultural Capacity
- » Value Creativity



## CULTURE & HERITAGE RESOURCES

Registered heritage properties play an important role in defining the character and identity of communities.

Currently, some of HRM's secondary planning strategies allow owners of registered heritage properties to request additional development rights using a Development Agreement. The Regional Plan Review will provide Heritage Development Agreement policies to allow registered heritage property owners across the municipality to have this opportunity.



## HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

The approach to the identification and prioritization of HCDs used in the Regional Centre will be studied further to guide how the Municipality creates HCDs at a regional scale. This approach uses the following criteria:

- » Areas that include a high concentration of registered heritage properties;
- » Areas that include rare examples of historic architecture;
- » Areas that are experiencing a high rate of change based on development permit activity in the past five years; and
- » Areas that include the potential for large-scale redevelopment as a result of their current land use designation.



## CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

The Heritage Property Act identifies cultural landscapes for potential formal designation. However, the Province has not yet created regulations that allow municipalities to designate areas as cultural landscapes at this time.

In the meantime, the Municipality has worked to identify, preserve and commemorate cultural landscapes. This has included the completion of the Cultural Landscape Framework Study, which established a process for the evaluation of cultural landscapes and began to identify potential sites.

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

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