

WHAT WE HEARD

Summary of Feedback

PLANAPP 2023-00466

Application by Sightline Planning + Approvals, requesting site specific amendments to the Bedford MPS and a development agreement to enable a private marina, boathouse, and multi-use court recreational facility on PID 40018079 as an accessory structure and uses to the two abutting properties at 9 and 23 Shore Drive, Bedford. (PIDs: 41462441 and 41462458).

Summary of Consultation

Public consultation took place from June 26, 2024 to July 29, 2024. Consultation consisted of:

- a mailout notification to nearby residents which highlighted the proposal, identified how to find out more information, and outlined how to provide comments/feedback;
- on-site notification signage installed which can be viewed from Shore Drive or the adjacent multi-use pathway; and,
- a Halifax.ca web page which included additional information about the planning application process and the development proposal.

Methodology

A count of mailed notifications sent, and their response rate is included. Webpage visits and average time spent on the application webpage are also documented below. Written feedback received by email was grouped into themes and provided below.

Data for Public Consultation Period

Reponses	
Total Notification Mailouts	85
Emails/Phone Calls Received	6
Response Rate	7%
Number of Webpage Visits	65
Average Time Spent on Webpage (minutes:seconds)	00:53

Summary of Feedback Received

Five emails and one phone call were received from nearby residents and property owners during the consultation period. Their feedback and concerns can generally be categorized into the following two themes:

Concern about Status of Approval

- This work was completed last summer, so I wonder what the purpose of notifying the public is?
- Is this a matter of putting the cart before the horse, in other words, were the improvements made without permission by the HRM?
- You will see that they have already constructed the tennis court and outbuilding and more or less started well ahead of the permit approval in my opinion.

Public Access to Coastline

- Nova Scotia coastlines continue to be developed for private use limiting the public access. Bedford basin is a very popular location for many residents of all ages who enjoy. Why should this change?
- Is the planning application 2023-00466 is considering to have a walking access for the public?
- Before the infilling and development started, the waterfront was freely accessible to the public. It is now fenced off and “private” signs have been posted.
- I don't object to their plans, but I believe the public should still have unobstructed access to the shoreline.