

November 20, 2025

Item 12.1
HALIFAX

Halifax Parks and Recreation Rural Recreation Strategy

Year One Update

Origin

January 9, 2024, motion of Halifax Regional Council

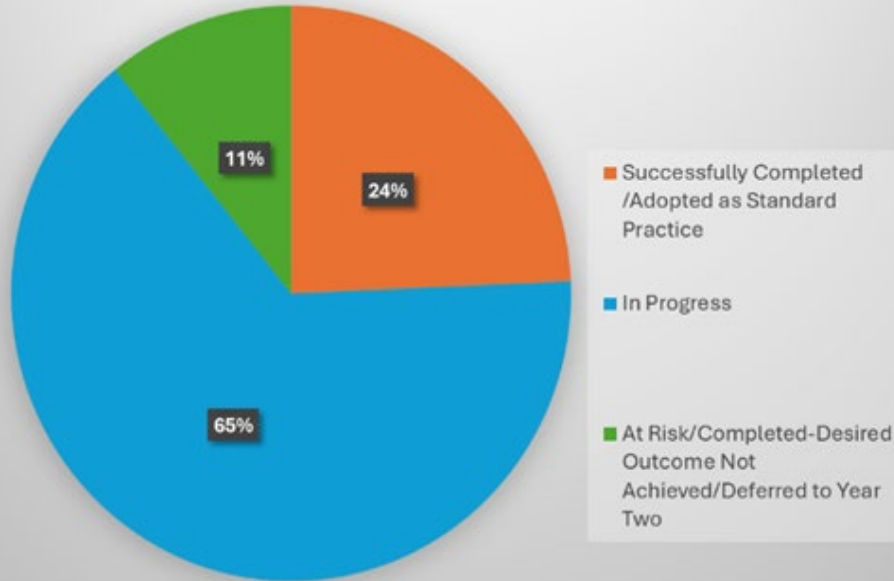
MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard
THAT Halifax Regional Council:

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out the actions contained in the Rural Recreation Strategy as part of the multi-year budgeting and business planning process.

Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to Regional Council via Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee with a progress report after one year of the adoption of the Rural Recreation Strategy.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Rural Recreation Strategy
Year One Implementation Status
At a Glance
37/60 RRS Actions Executed



37 Actions In Year One

10 - Successfully Completed /
Adopted as Standard Practice

23 - In Progress and Well on the
Way to Completion

4 - At Risk/ Deferred/Desired
Outcome Not Achieved

Direct Programming

- Saturday Access to Schools
- A Second Recreation Bus
- Accessible Equipment Loans
- Program Proposal Platform
- Rural Access Swimming Lessons
- Community Profiles



Parks Maintenance and Planning

- Rural Depot and Staffing
- Asset Condition Rating Change



Support to Community Organizations

- Facility Management Tool Kit
- Community Event Kits
- Regional Round Tables
- Volunteer Training Catalogue



Improved Communications

- Intergovernmental Meetings
- Corporate Rural Communication Strategy



Insights Gained from Year One

- A lot to accomplish in a short period of time
- Challenged by other priority projects, staff changes and vacancies
- Work was needed to strengthen foundations to accomplish the actions
- Actions that involved outside agencies were difficult to achieve
- Keeping the momentum high with staff and community requires visible accomplishments
- Motivating change within the Municipality takes time



Moving forward - Year Two and Three

- Focus on Youth
- Parks and Park Maintenance
- Outreach Recreation Programming and Supports
- Financial Support Review and Budget Realignment



Thank You and Questions

