



## **IMPORTANT PUBLIC ADVISORY LAND USE RISK ASSESSMENT STUDY – HALIFAX GRAIN ELEVATOR REPORT**

Dear property owner/ resident,

The Halifax Regional Municipality, in partnership with the Halifax Port Authority, has completed a land use risk assessment study on acceptable land uses near the Halifax Grain Elevator. As our records indicate that your property or residence is near the facility, we are writing to inform you that the report resulting from the study is publicly available at [halifax.ca/grainelevator](http://halifax.ca/grainelevator).

The Halifax Grain Elevator, which has been in use since 1924, is an industrial facility that currently stores grains, soya beans and wood pellets transferred to, and from, bulk cargo ships and rail cars. The facility is located on lands owned by the Halifax Port Authority, and is operated by a private company, Halifax Grain Elevator Limited.

The land use risk assessment was initiated in December 2021 to help inform land use planning decisions as part of the municipality's Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (Centre Plan). While it is understood that any residential property that is located near an industrial area has some inherent risk, the municipality identified a need to better understand and manage potential public safety risks associated with the Halifax Grain Elevator in order to shape future land development in the area.

The assessment study concluded in November 2022 and based on accepted risk-based land use planning guidelines, it found that certain existing and proposed land uses are closer to the Halifax Grain Elevator than recommended. In the months since, ongoing coordination between the municipality and the Halifax Port Authority, has taken place to confirm the details and recommendations in the report.

In terms of next steps, the *Land Use Risk Assessment Study – Halifax Grain Elevator* report provides recommendations to the municipality for future land use in the area between Marginal Road and approximately Barrington Street, at Foundry Lane, through Atlantic Street, at McLean Street. The municipality will use the information from the risk assessment study report to update land use plans and by-laws that manage future development.

The safety of our residents and protection of property and infrastructure within the municipality are paramount. As such, the municipality will continue to work in partnership with the Halifax Port Authority to ensure risks outlined in the study continue to be monitored, assessed and managed.

The Halifax Port Authority and the operator of the facility have done considerable work to reduce safety risks and that process is ongoing.

As a current property owner or resident within the area identified in the *Land Use Risk Assessment Study – Halifax Grain Elevator* report, you are encouraged to review the report to be informed of the risks that have been identified to determine what impact it might have on your property or residence. Any questions relating to municipal planning can be directed to 311.

For more information and to read the *Land Use Risk Assessment Study – Halifax Grain Elevator* report visit: [halifax.ca/grainelevator](http://halifax.ca/grainelevator).

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