

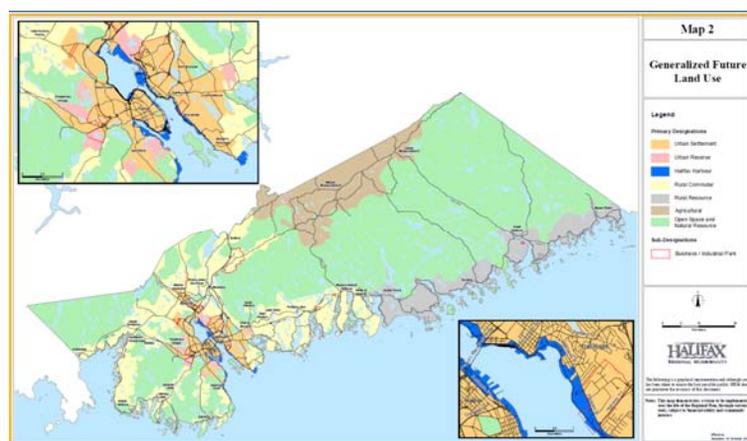
Context

- The world is urbanizing and this will likely continue
- Canada – heavily and increasingly urbanized
- Nova Scotia - an outlier:
 - less urban than Canada as a whole
 - urbanizing more slowly
- Halifax is unique -
 - most urban part of NS and
 - the largest rural area and rural population in NS
- Among Canadian cities only Ottawa is similar

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Rural Halifax



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Ideas for action

- Starting points:
 - Economic development leads services **not** vice versa
 - Build on the assets of rural Halifax
- To understand, support and strengthen rural Halifax:
 - Develop a rural component of the Halifax Index
 - Identify appropriate service standards
 - Engage rural residents
 - Identify economic and social assets
 - Include “rural Halifax” in the updated economic strategy
- And while doing the above analysis
 - Identify some immediate action steps eg
 - Advance projects like the 100 Wild Islands or others
 - Investigate improved internet connections

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CPED Motion

- 1. Request a staff report identifying implementation and cost implications to develop a Halifax Rural Index, including possible participation by Halifax Partnership and in coordination with the Planning and Development Rural team, and;*
- 2. Engage neighboring municipalities, UNSM and the Province in identifying standards and measures that could be included in the index.*
- 3. Request a staff report on the formation of a rural action committee to consult with residents in rural communities that would include HRM and neighbouring councillors, neighbouring municipal staff and representatives of rural areas.*
- 4. Send this report (submitted information report) to Regional Council for information and presentation.*

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