



Minimum Planning Requirement (a)

The Government of Nova Scotia has required that Halifax Regional Municipality include mandatory content in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan) to address the issue of housing supply. This will require the municipality to make changes to the Regional Plan, community plans and land use by-laws.

For a full list of changes click [here](#).

Requirement:

a) include a statement of policy that expressly recognizes that the Province and, in particular, the Municipality are experiencing a housing shortage crisis and specifies that the most urgent priority in municipal land-use planning, regulation and development approval is to rapidly increase the supply of housing in the Municipality

How will the municipality meet this requirement?

- A new policy has been drafted for the Regional Plan that reflects the language of this minimum planning requirement.
- The new policy is proposed to be included in Chapter 3 of the 2014 Regional Plan. It will be the first policy of the Settlement and Housing Chapter, to signify the urgency and priority of rapidly increasing housing supply within the Municipality.



Plans Affected:

Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan)

What will this change mean for me?

- This policy will acknowledge that increasing housing supply is an important priority for the municipality and will be a focus of future land use planning and development.
- While no immediate changes to zoning or land use regulations are proposed with this new policy, increasing the supply of new housing across the region will be an important consideration in future land use planning efforts.

Have questions?

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