

Downtown Halifax 5-year Review

DOWNTOWN HALIFAX SECONDARY MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY

What is the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy?

The Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (the Plan) is a policy document that came into effect on October 24, 2009. The Plan represents a shared vision for downtown Halifax, and provides guidance on growth and change in the downtown for the next 25 years.

The Plan provides a framework for building upon existing elements, while protecting important cultural, social and natural assets of the community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



A SUSTAINABLE DOWNTOWN



A LIVING DOWNTOWN



A DISTINCT DOWNTOWN



A BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN



A CONNECTED DOWNTOWN



A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

Making it Happen

The Plan proposes ten BIG MOVES, and uses a ‘precincts’ approach to co-ordinate and focus planning strategies geographically.

The direction and goals of the Plan will be implemented through the Downtown Halifax Land Use By-law and Design Manual, which delineate the form that development takes in the area. Changes in these documents will be the primary focus of the public consultation.

BIG MOVES

Defined & distinct precincts	Increase live & work opportunities	A protected & vibrant historic heart	Integrate Cogswell & Cornwallis Park Gateways	Improve the quality of existing buildings & structures
Great streets that support a culture of walking	Provide new & improved open space anchors & connections	Reinforce visual connections & civic pride	New developments designed to be well-mannered & pedestrian friendly	A transit & active transportation friendly downtown