

ATTACHMENT F

Public Participation Program

BE IT RESOLVED by Halifax Regional Council that the Revised Public Participation Program for the Regional Plan Review is amended as follows:

1. The title page is amended by deleting the number as shown in strikeout and adding the number shown in bold:

DECEMBER ~~2020~~ **2021** UPDATE

2. The Introduction is amended by deleting the text as shown in strikeout:

After 5 years of directing and managing growth in the region, the first Regional Plan review (RP+5) was initiated in 2011 to ensure the Plan still reflected the Municipality's goals for growth and development. The Plan was readopted in 2014. The second five-year review began in 2020, with the Regional Council approvals process anticipated to begin in 2022. ~~The next significant review of the Regional Plan is being planned for 2026-2030 (at the end of the 25-year horizon of the 2006 Regional Plan).~~

Staff will also use this review period to identify any key emerging trends or planning research that might be required to establish the policy program for the next significant review period ~~expected to begin in 2026~~. As well, the Regional Plan will establish policy direction to continue guiding the Plan & By-law Simplification program.

3. The Engagement Overview is amended by deleting the text as shown in strikeout and adding the text shown in bold:

~~The purpose of this document is to identify opportunities and establish ways and means of seeking the opinions of the public on the Regional Plan Review.~~ This document recommends *who* to engage and consult with, as well as *how and when* consultation should be done. A series of engagement tactics are recommended to enable Regional Plan Review staff to target a variety of stakeholders across the region. This work plan will give staff the meaningful feedback needed to bring forward amendments to the Regional Plan for Regional Council to consider.

This review of the Regional Plan is positioned to include engagement from other region-wide projects and to build upon the 2006 and 2014 Plans. The engagement is intended to include a two-way flow of communication where planning staff share information about the review with the public while also identifying changing priorities through their feedback. Engagement tactics will be divided into phases; the tactics selected for each phase will reflect the type of public input appropriate at that stage of progress in the Regional Plan Review.

~~The Engagement Plan has been updated since the initiation of the Regional Plan Review by Regional Council in February 2020 to reflect the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the timelines and engagement approaches for the project. The Engagement Plan was first adopted in February 2020 at the time of Regional Council's initiation of the Regional Plan Review. The plan was updated in November 2020 to reflect the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the timelines and engagement approaches for the project.~~

This document is the revised Engagement Plan as of December 2021.

4. The Engagement Tactics is amended by deleting the text as shown in strikeout:

A. Online Engagement

The main engagement tactic that will be used to gather feedback throughout the Regional Plan Review will be the project's Shape Your City page ~~(www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/regional-plan)~~. The Regional Plan Review page will be designed to be informative and interactive. It will feature clear project updates and messaging, access to reference documents for review and a variety of engagement tools to allow residents to provide feedback and ask questions. Engagement tools that may be used include:

5. The Engagement Timeline is amended by deleting the text as shown in strikeout and adding the text shown in bold:

Engagement is planned to take place in distinct phases throughout the review process. Some overlap of tactics will occur across the phases. ~~General correspondence via mail, phone and email will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Some overlap of tactics will occur across the phases.~~ Originally the Regional Plan Review was expected to occur in three phases. However, since the adoption of the original engagement plan, disruptions such as COVID-19 and faster than anticipated growth and supply challenges have led to adjustments in the work plan. The revised Phasing is presented as follows:

Phase 1 began when the Regional Plan Review was initiated by Regional Council on February 25, 2020 and will continue into **Fall 2020 Winter 2021**. The focus of Phase 1 is to ~~meet with internal and external stakeholders to develop the scope and initial approach to the Regional Plan Review~~ introduce the Municipality's approach to the Regional Plan Review and receive feedback.

Phase 2 will ~~begin following the release of the Themes & Directions report, anticipated for Winter 2021. This document will introduce the municipality's approach to the Regional Plan Review and public and stakeholder engagement to receive feedback will take place in weeks following.~~ began in May 2021, when the project team presented the Themes and Directions Report. The goal of this phase of engagement was to provide an overview of the draft policy framework highlighting the proposed major changes. This Phase concluded in December 2021.

~~Phase 3 of engagement is anticipated to take place in Fall 2021, following the release of the first draft of amendments to the Regional Plan. The goal of this phase of engagement will be to provide an overview of the draft document, highlighting the proposed major changes, and receive feedback. will take place over the first 6 months of 2022. The goal of this engagement is to solicit feedback on the projects and smaller policy adjustments being made to advance housing projects in advance of the Regional Plan Draft Document.~~

~~Additional engagement will take place in 2022, following the release of the final draft of the Regional Plan amendments, to be considered for approval by Regional Council. The goal of these activities will be to provide an overview of the final draft of the Regional Plan amendments and highlight how public input from the previous engagement phases has been used to inform recommendations. This is intended to help residents, stakeholders and Council understand how feedback has been received and used, particularly in the absence of more traditional in-person engagement.~~

Phase 4 will take place following the release of the Regional Plan Draft Document. The goal of this engagement will be to provide an overview of the draft of the Regional Plan amendments and highlight how public input from the previous engagement phases has been used to inform recommendations. This is intended to help residents, stakeholders and Council understand how feedback has been received and used, particularly in the absence of more traditional in-person engagement.

Phase 5 will take place once the Regional Plan has been amended and will focus on advancing lands to support the long-term growth of the municipality.

Detailed scheduling for each engagement phase will be released on the website when available.

6. The Revised Engagement Timeline for Regional Plan chart is deleted.
7. The title for A. Online Engagement, B. Email/Telephone Commenting, and C: Stakeholder Meetings are amended by adding the text shown in bold:

A: ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

PHASES ONE, TWO, THREE, **FOUR, FIVE**

B: EMAIL/TELEPHONE COMMENTING

PHASES ONE, TWO, THREE, **FOUR, FIVE**

C: STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

PHASE ONE, TWO, THREE, **FOUR, FIVE**

8. The title for D. Committee Review is amended by deleting the text in ~~strikeout~~ and adding the text shown in **bold**:

D: COMMITTEE REVIEW

PHASE ~~TWO, THREE~~ **ONE, FOUR**

WHAT	~~Present the Regional Plan Review Themes & Directions to the relevant advisory boards and committees of Regional Council to inform of the scope of the project and gather feedback.~~
WHO	~~Relevant advisory boards and committees of Regional Council~~
WHEN	~~Phase 2 (Themes & Directions Report) and Phase 3 (Draft Amendments)~~ Phase 1 (Themes & Directions Report) Phase 4 (Draft Regional Plan)
WHERE	N/A
WHY	- To increase awareness of the Regional Plan Review and the role of the Regional Plan - To gather feedback from relevant board and committee members (based on their terms of reference)
HOW	Meeting protocols established by the various boards and committees.
MATERIALS NEEDED	- Engagement materials - Project documents - PowerPoint presentations

9. Table 5 Engagement Tactics and Materials Matrix is deleted and replaced with the following table:

Engagement Materials	1-A	1-B	1-C	1-D
	Online Engagement	Email/Telephone Commenting	Stakeholder Meetings	Committee Review
1. PDF Themes & Directions	●		●	●
2. Site-Specific Amendments	●	●		

3. PDF Regional Plan Draft	●	●	●	
4. Online Surveys/Polls	●			
5. Online Q&A Forum	●			
6. Online Idea Boards	●			
7. Online Comment Forum	●			
8. Maps	●		●	●
9. Calendar of Events	●		●	●
10. PowerPoint Presentations			●	●
11. Website Updates	●	●		
12. Social Media Postings	●	●		
13. Online/Newspaper/Radio Advertising	●	●		
14. Contact Email/Telephone Number	●	●	●	●
15. Video/Phone Conferencing		●	●	●