

Culture and Heritage

The Suburban Area is diverse. 8,056 residents identify as Indigenous (3.6%), 42,431 residents identify as a visible minority (19.2%), and 30,755 residents identify as an immigrant to Canada (13.9%).

Sharing Our Stories (Culture & Heritage Priorities Plan) is the municipality's plan to better represent groups that have been underserved and underrepresented, particularly Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian communities. This requires fostering partnerships, increasing commemoration and representation, and supporting community-led processes.

The Suburban Area includes many historic buildings, sites and landscapes that make each community unique.

Tools

- Implement African Nova Scotian Community Action Plans wherever possible.
- Increase recognition and integration of Mi'kmaq and Indigenous histories, perspectives, and cultural practices including the concept of Two- Eyed Seeing, into planning and development.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the African Nova Scotian Community Action Program (ANSCAP) team.
- Identify significant cultural landscapes and heritage districts as places that connect residents and visitors to local history.
- Provide discretionary development options to support unique culturally sensitive designs.

Opportunities

There are currently 51 registered heritage properties in the Suburban Area. The Suburban Planning process will continue to support the identification, protection and celebration of the significant heritage and cultural assets.

The Suburban Planning process is an opportunity to identify and consider lands of cultural significance, special views, heritage properties, landmark buildings, and potential Heritage Conservation Districts.



The Suburban Plan can:

- ▶ Encourage public art, placemaking and outdoor venues
- ▶ Recognize and consider cultural landscapes and scenic views
- ▶ Identify future potential heritage conservation districts

