



Minimum Planning Requirement (b)

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:

b) require that priority be given to increasing the supply of safe, sustainable and affordable housing in the Municipality over other interests identified in the municipal planning strategy for the purposes of all processes, approvals and decisions made under the municipal planning strategy

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.
- Chapter 3 will include a new objective to “Rapidly increase the supply of housing by prioritizing safe, sustainable and affordable housing through approaches to land use planning, regulations and development approvals”.



What will this change mean for me?

- The Regional Plan will help guide future land use planning decisions and support an increase in housing supply and housing options that are safe, sustainable, and affordable.
- 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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