

The Middle Sackville Master Planning Process



Definitions

Regional Council

Regional Council is the main decision-making body for the Municipality. The members are the Mayor and all 16 Councillors.

Community Council

Community Council is a subset of Regional Council. There are four Community Councils, each consisting of five to six districts. They consider local matters, make recommendations to Regional Council, and provide opportunities for public input.

Council Initiation

Regional Council authorizes staff to commence the project.

Detailed Staff Review

The proposal is distributed to various HRM and external departments for technical review such as Planning, Development, Engineering, Halifax Water, NS Environment, Parks and Recreation, and Halifax Transit.

Public Engagement

Staff facilitate information sharing sessions whereby the public can learn about the planning process and proposal details and staff can collect public feedback on the proposal.

Staff Report

Staff prepare a report, which is presented to Regional Council before they decide to approve/refuse the proposal. The report includes background information, details about the proposal, a summary of the public feedback, an analysis of the proposal, and staff's recommendation. The report is also available to the public before a public hearing.

Public Participation Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, and Community Council Recommendation

These groups advise Regional Council whether to approve or refuse the proposal based on the planning policy, technical review, public feedback, and any other matter of concern.

First Reading

Regional Council is formally presented the staff report and decides if to schedule a public hearing.

Public Hearing

The public can express their comments about a proposal directly to Regional Council before Council decides to approve or refuse a development proposal.