



Minimum Planning Requirement (k)

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:

k) permit temporary housing in non-permanent structures as a use in all zones where it can be safely established to allow employees to live on or near their worksite during a work assignment for a period of time that can be reasonably tied to the duration of the project and that is explicitly set out in the development permit

How will the municipality meet this requirement?

- Proposed Regional Plan Policy S-0 identifies the Municipality's intent to remove barriers to housing, "including temporary housing in non-permanent structures where it can be safely established throughout the region."
- There are existing regulations for temporary construction uses in all Land Use By-laws. Adjustments to the current language will ensure the intent of the Provincial Requirement is met across the entire municipality.
- The Regional Centre, Suburban Housing Accelerator, and Downtown Halifax land use by-laws allow temporary housing uses on or near the work site, so no changes are needed in those areas.



Plans Affected:

All land use by-laws except Regional Centre, Suburban Housing Accelerator, and Downtown Halifax

What will this change mean for me?

- Temporary housing for construction sites can now be located on nearby sites, in addition to the construction site itself.

Have questions?

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Please share your comments by October 24, 2025.