

APPENDIX D

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

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Coo2(1)	Mary Ellen Donovan, Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes	Leah: This document was never designed as a direct response to the Themes & Direction document. We have some specific comments re Themes & Directrons which we will address at the August 5th mtg. I leave you to distribute as appropriate. M.E.Donovan on behalf of the Friends of BMBCL	Yes – Coo2(1)	Email
Coo2(2)	Diana Whalen, Friends of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes	Hello I am writing to ask for certain elements relating to the environment and to Sandy lake & BMBCL in the regional plan. I want to express my support and dedication to the preservation and protection for both these amazing wilderness areas. First - postpone any secondary planning decisions for sandy Lake and for BMBCL areas. There is adequate approved lands for the next Five years. I support postponing this decision for both proposed park areas and taking the “growth zones” designation off both areas. Second - use and include the wildlife corridor charette information in the updated regional regional plan. It was a comprehensive exercise and is needed for the city. Third - conduct a flood plane study of the Sandy lake park area and a thorough ecological study of the environmental assets and features of sandy Lake. These are needed in light of changing priorities related to the climate crisis (that city council has recognized as an urgent danger) Fourth Push for amendments to the Halifax Charter to give planners more tools to create parks and level the playing field for parks vs development. Section 237 is a perfect example. The time limit needs to be 5 years for the city to acquire declared park lands and NOT one year as currently written. It needs to the same time horizon as the city has	n/a	Email

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		for planning roads. Please allow time for the further studies to be conducted and postpone secondary planning on both BMBCL and Sandy Lake areas. There is a lot at stake about approving development in such valuable ecological zones. The public understand the great benefit to our health and wellness that comes from preserving wilderness for our use. This is also a matter of our future as climate change must be accepted and mitigated. Preserving these ecologically rich areas close to the city - will help ensure that we are doing our part to help the world		
Co11	John Whyte	Dear Ms. Fralic, My comments pertain to the toolkit available to planning staff to maintain the integrity and water quality of our coastal areas. I share my passion for coastal issues below and will always welcome questions from your team. John Whyte, Head of St. Margarets Bay 902.802.0813 Current challenges that need to be addressed: -Coastal areas are being “hardened” at an alarming rate in the HRM area. Typically, this work involves backfilling the land area behind the high-water mark., the removal of naturally filtering riparian vegetation. The result is increased flooding pressure on neighboring properties, unclean runoff from land areas that degrade coastal water quality, loss of beauty related to natural shorelines, and compromised opportunity for shore biodiversity and wetland development. Buffer zones should be more aggressively protected. Coastal landowners need better education on hardening and buffer excavation regulations and implications. -HRM planning has not operationalized a culture of coastal protection. While HRM has created strong coastal protection policies they tend to receive little or no attention in the operational day-to-day exercise of planning approvals. An “As of right” development mindset positions planners as agents of developers rather than protectors of the environment. The planning team is staffed with extremely talented people. Energy	n/a	Email

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		should be invested to spend more time exploring the power inherent in existing regulations to protect the coast and the ability to say no to bad developments. Coastal issues sensitivity training might be a way to think of it. -Coastal development is a privilege and not “As of right”: The coastline is a shared public asset, not unlike the road system. What happens on the coast impacts all of us. Just as driving is not a right, the public nature of the coast suggests that coastal development is a privilege and not a right. This “privilege” mindset needs to be communicated to developers, planning staff, and the public at large. The term “as of right” should be eliminated. -Land use regulations are not just development permit regulations: If they were, we should have named them building permit regulations and not land use regulations. Land use bylaws need to address the infinite lifecycle of land use and not just the period when development occurs. Recently I have learned that the enforcement of buffer regulations is considered to have force or “teeth” only during the time during which a development permit is active. If this is the case a developer or property owner can do whatever they would like with a coastal property once they occupy the site. I don’t think that would be the intention of the bylaws and this change in thinking should be operationalized or specifically captured in HRM regulations. -Vertical height above high-water regulations encourage extreme infilling. Vertical setbacks must act in coordination with reasonable horizontal setbacks. -Infilling is an ongoing threat to vegetative buffers and thus water quality. Landowner education and enforcement are required to slow this practice -HRM must raise the gating power of its own coastal development criteria. Too often I have heard that a development should proceed because TIR and DOE have said it is OK. Even with external approvals the city needs to take a more rigorous approach to ensuring its own criteria should be met. This gets back to the theme of coastal development as a privilege vs a right. Furthermore if a site can only be developed with		

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		compromises, for example to the buffer, to accommodate a waste treatment system then that is a sign that the lot is not developable. The HRM regulations should not be compromised to accommodate other government regulated needs. In the waste water example the developer should be asked to come up with an alternate design or to not develop the property if no acceptable design is possible. Coastal development is a privilege. -Undersized lots are given development rights beyond what they historically had. Too many undersized coastal lots in HRM have historical assessments that suggest they would never be eligible for use other than swimming, picnicking, fishing. Their owners and local communities have known this historically. Prior to amalgamation these micro-sized lots were governed by a Halifax County setback of 25' from the ocean which eliminated the option of development for many undersized coastal lots. Current application of grandfathering and buffer reduction rules has now encouraged the development of these compromised sites resulting in dwellings being placed as close as 8ft from the ocean, on 3800 sq ft lots that offer no resiliency to address future well or wastewater needs. HRM should immediately bring forward the 25ft setback in any discretionary buffer reductions. I'd propose that this is an operational interpretation issue that needs no change to bylaws or regulations. Undersized lots should not be given rights that they did not previously hold. That is the fundamental philosophy behind grandfathering, -Variance Process transparency for coastal developments: Given my assertion that coastal areas are a common good the traditional variance notification of adjacent property owners is not satisfactory. Coastal developments impact a much wider swath of stakeholders. A more appropriate process would see all candidate coastal development approvals be posted online with a comment period. Sincerely, John Whyte		

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Co21	Houssam Elokda	Thank you Kathleen, I will check it out. We are keen to ensure the transit service boundary remains intact, in close alignment with the MFTP and the IMP. Changes could compromise the integrity of the work done on these plans. Looking forward to hearing further on the project. Regards Houssam	n/a	Email
Co23	Simon Ryder-Burbridge	Dear Ms. Fralic, Thanks for this opportunity to contribute to the regional plan. I have been a resident of the North End now for five years and I love the city. I would really like to see more green space and more bike lanes (ideally protected behind parked cars) in the city. Bike lanes, or at least larger shoulder for walking, in places like St. Margaret's Bay and other more rural areas of the HRM would be great. We really need bicycle / pedestrian infrastructure for the Mackay Bridge. Really inappropriate that only cars can cross. I recommend taking a page out of Edmonton's book and developing a multi-use trails hanging down from below the bridge. We really need a bus that travels from the North End of Halifax over the Mackay to Shannon Park / the Bedford Institute. We have to get rid of the cash system at the bridges. Not to have tap after a global pandemic is kind of an embarrassment. Africville should be much better connected to the city. There should be a pedway connecting the north and south parts of the park over the highway. Also the other entryway from Barrington needs to be made a lot more welcoming / accessible. Please work with the community on this.	n/a	

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		Please, PLEASE do something about the affordable housing and homelessness crises going on in our city. Find ways to resist the urge to hollow out the affordability and culture of Halifax in favour of rich developers and wealthy tenants. Help people find places to live and we will all be better off. I would love to see some more work to make the Halifax Harbour a fun place for people to recreate. Why not a pilot program for oyster and mussel reefs to help clean things up? Would love to see a maximization of ecosystem restoration work done in places where it's still possible in the HRM. Let's start giving some of the city's unused or underused spaces back to nature. I am also in full support of recommendations by the Ecology Action Centre: - Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. - Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. - Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. - Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. - Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands. - Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services.		

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		- Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. - Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. - Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! - Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. I'm sure there are other things but that's probably good for now, eh? Sincerely, Simon Ryder-Burbidge		
Co24(1)	Wendy McDonald	Hello, I have been following the Reg Plan updates. I noted mention of the 102 West Corridor lands along with Sandy Lake are up for review (?) or discussion as a part of one of the many Themes. Please share with me the backgrounder currently associated with the need to bring this forward now. I understood there was a plan to maintain this Urban Reserve until the end of the life of the Plan as mentioned in past reviews. I could not find the context in posted materials. I look forward to a response and background text linking this justification and how this fits into public engagement. I may have missed it. Another topic that seems to be minimized with this review is Biodiversity. The province has recently approved provincial legislation but only related to crown lands. HRM must move forward with its own steps for Biodiversity as it crosses many areas including the	n/a	Email

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		Environment, Parks and the Green Network Plan. Give it some status. There is a need for professional and knowledgeable staff such as a Park Ecologist to help guide decisions related to this and other matters such as Invasive Species, Water Quality and Parkland Stewardship. As an alternate to contracting out on some of these issues it would be much more successful and sustainable with the addition of professional staff. Thanks for your attention to these important issues that are coming out as a result of the review. There are others that will await the opportunity for a community event perhaps where the public and residents can become more informed and engaged. One simple one is to impose a No Idling rule at all HRM owned and commercial sites...it's just common sense! W McDonald District 12		
Co24(2)	Wendy McDonald	Hello, I am pleased to share some thoughts on the Regional Plan Review, targeting the Green Network Plan and the environmental themes. If you have questions, please get in touch, Wendy McDonald	Yes – Co24 (2)	Email
Co32(1)	Shalom Mandaville	I wish to register and ask a couple of questions on behalf of my applied limnology group, the Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax (SWCSMH) (URL= http://lakes.chebucto.org/). Since the Q&A is only for 1 hour and if there are lots of people participating, I will ask only one (1) focused question. As an FYI, our team has participated in all of your Regional Plans dating back to the early 2000's. 3 of our key members including myself also attended most of the extensive workshops your predecessors organised during the first major Regional Plan evolution.	Yes – Co32(1)	Email

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		We also made extensive written submissions and progressively diminished the size and frequency since the HRM was not following them at all although they were all based on extensive published literature in the specialty of limnology (i.e., freshwater sciences). If interested, you can view them in our OneDrive with the URL, https://1drv.ms/f/s%21AuoxeIA-MCofgT6hH_HmNC5EW7Oe (see the folder titled “Our select submissions to Government agencies”, then access the subfolder “Halifax Regional Municipality”, onto the sub-sub folder “Regional Plan”). Only important submissions are included there for simplicity. Further, I am attaching 2 acknowledgements out of scores; first is from senior planner, Maureen Ryan MCIP, when she was with the former Halifax County (1996), and second from Dr. Tony Blouin PhD., when he was with the HRM's CAO's office (1998). Both of them have retired and Tony is now a volunteer member of the RWAB, HRM. Kindly preserve this email in your records under our name and thank you, Shalom Mandaville Post-Grad Dips., Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax (SWCSMH)		
Co32(2)	Shalom Mandaville	Preamble: Thank you for your speedy response, Kathleen. There is summary info for all of you planners and relevant URLs here, and pardon this somewhat lengthy email but I thought this is an opportune time since we can never summarize this in 5 minutes during the future public hearing of the RP+10. This email does not need response(s), but if you have any questions, please let me know. I have lots of time to attend to them. There are six (6) items below marked as Aspect #s 1 to 6 as well as 3 attachments to avoid potential confusion. Please add this to your file on the RP+10 process, and thank you profusely. Pardon me for any typos/grammar/omissions. Based on your below response of June 7, 2021 2:25 PM, I decided not to participate next week. If after the N.S. health emergency is lifted in full and there are in person public	Yes – Co32(2) *Excel spreadsheet for Phosphorus comparisons of select lakes in HRM was also submitted. This document is available upon request	Email

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		meetings/conferences, perhaps during year-2022, I would love to participate and have a little discussion going not unlike at scientific workshops. But we (the SWCSMH) have already made six (6) submissions along with a consolidated submission to your RP+10 process. Aspect #1 (of 6): What I was planning to ask next week though is why you are allowing major consulting firms of the HRM to recommend/set phosphorus (TP) standards which are not based on the Canadian CCME (2004) TP policy. Even prior to the CCME's (2004) formal policy, the concept described there has been known to us who specialize in limnology (i.e., freshwater scientists) dating back to the ~1970s. Aspect #2 (of 6): We already made a written brief submission (3 pages only) to the ESSC in June 2016 and I am attaching it here (Lake Carrying Capacities.pdf). That explains quite clearly. I recall staff of the Energy & Environment may have been there since they attend many of the ESSC meetings. Essentially, your consulting firm recommended that HRM accept even higher TP values in the Shubenacadie Lakes subwatershed, perhaps resulting in even more algal blooms some of which could be toxic depending on other environmental conditions. It is very costly, if at all possible, to restore lakes to their pre cultural values. Aspect #3 (of 6): You can view the CCME TP (2004) policy (6 pages) easily in our web site, http://lakes.chebucto.org/DATA/PARAMETERS/TP/ccmefactsheet.pdf Aspect #4 (of 6): Re the potential of cyanobacterial toxins, I herewith attach a small scan that I made of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s report of 2011 (WHO2011.JPG). Aspect #5 (of 6): We are not the only ones `critiquing' the major consultants to the HRM. As just one other example, please view the strong critique of Dr. David Patriquin (Retired biology professor, Dalhousie Univ.) and this is about a HRM consultant study of Sandy Lake (Bedford). The shortcut URL is http://versicolor.ca/sandylakebedford/waters/lakes/#critique		

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		Aspect #6 (of 6): Attachment of an MS Excel file, Phosphorus comparisons of select lakes in HRM.xlsx: Previous versions of this went to all present and former municipal councillors as well as NS Environment ministers and present/former staff there. As we stated in one of our submissions to the RP+10, we carried out predictive TP modelling of one thousand (1,000) lakes/ponds over 1ha in size, mostly within HRM. The Phosphorus comparisons of select lakes in the HRM.xlsx Excel file does not contain all the thousand lakes/ponds since it is too time consuming to tabulate. But they are available to you on request per our submissions to your RP+10. Field sampling archives are also summarized there. This attachment also summarizes the modelling of your consultants and you can see a major difference between AECOM and Stantec re high priority lakes, Banook, MicMac, and Charles, all of Dartmouth. We had not modelled Banook and MicMac (although some of our associates live there) since we could not obtain the info on storm sewers from the former Engineering Dept., of the City of Dartmouth as they were mapping them at that time. We did not go back since we had 1,000 lakes/ponds to do. Best wishes to all four of you planners, Shalom Mandaville Post-Grad Dips., Soil & Water Conservation Society of Metro Halifax (SWCSMH)		
Co35	Mike Crosby	"I understand that the Regional Plan is considering placing a housing development in the Sandy Lake – Sackville River watershed. Yes, the city needs more housing, but Sandy Lake is a valuable part of the Sackville River watershed and 33 years of effort have gone into making that water system support Atlantic Salmon again. I request that the city preserve the area as park." Have a great day. Mike Crosby	n/a	Email

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Co38	Janet Barlow	I write on behalf of Hike Nova Scotia in response to HRM's 2020-22 Regional Plan Review Consultation. We know that Haligonians love our natural areas, green spaces and outdoor recreation areas. We think they deserve protection and investment. Attached is a submission from Hike Nova Scotia for the Regional Plan Review. Thank you for your consideration.	Yes – Co38	Email
Co39	George Hudson	Please accept the attached as the submission on behalf of the residents of Uplands Park through the Board of the Neighbourhood of Uplands Park Association in support of the protection of Sandy Lake and its environs.	Yes – Co39	Email
Co42	Kathleen Hall & Martha Leary, Backlands Coalition	Dear Planners, Thank you for your patience. Attached you will find our written response to the Themes & Directions report. We look forward to our stakeholder meeting with you on August 3, 2021. Sincerely, Kathleen Hall - WLCC Director, Co-Chair Backlands Coalition Martha R Leary - WLCC Director, Member Backlands Coalition	Yes – Co42	Email/ Stakeholder Meeting
Co43 (1)	Walter Regan	Hi Kate In the new Regional Plan Could you include 1)more Staff for Urban Forestry 2) Increase set back to 30 metres from 20 and change set bracket to Public Owned Buffer 3) More A/T Staff 4) Start 3rd Mode Funding for A/T	n/a	Email

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		5) More Environmental Staff (at least 10) 6) Test al Lakes, Rivers and water courses HRM Wide 7) Start Water Quality Montoring Functional Plan 8) Increase Sandy Lake Regional Park by an additional 1,800 acres 9) Finish Floodplain Mapping of the Little Sackville River and Sackville River and Sandy Lake 10) Aquire Little Lake on Little Sackville River (head water lake) 11) Start treating Storm water before discharge into water courses 12) Green the Red and White Books 13) Daylight more Brooks and Rivers in HRM (e.g Howe Brook and Freshwater Brook) 14) Repair storm surge damage to feeder Brooks and streams 15) Start floodplain mapping of ALL rivers in HRM 16) Stream Gauage all rivers and Brooks in HRM 17) Increase Bedford Basin to Class A waters 18) Increase Top soil Inspectors of Constriction Sites 19) Start entire Watershed Studies of all 100 watersheds in HRM 20) Buy Union Street Houses on Floodplain Bedford Thank You Walter N Regan President, Sackville Rivers Association		

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Co43 (2)	Walter Regan	Submitted attachments for discussion during a meeting.	Yes – Co43(2)	Email
Co46	Burkhard Plache & Charles Cron	Please see the attached document, submitted on behalf of Burkhard Plache and Charles Cron, Presidents of the Halifax Field Naturalists and the Nova Scotia Wild Flora Society. Please confirm receipt of the document.	Yes – Co46	Email
Co48(1)	Gary Edwards	Hi Kathleen Thanks very much for sending me this info and keeping me in the loop ! I am glad to see this process has begun and anxious to participate in the review. Having said that, I am re-sending my original letter of Sept 2020 and offer the following additional comments: As previously stated, the commercial area must be extended geographically(perhaps along Cow bay road to include the intersection of Caldwell and Cow Bay) as this will eventually be a central part of the community as the Caldwell Road connector becomes a reality, as well as allow for additional square footage, height, and footprint. The ability to put higher density along the main road on the waterside is a must as the demand for housing in desirable locations has become more dominant.(leaving peninsular Fisherman's Cove as is ,restricted) These are only a few additional comments/suggestions for your consideration as this process progresses, and I again thank you for the ability to provide my comments and wish to be involved as it does. Thanks Gary	Yes – Co48(1)	Email

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Co48(2)	Gary Edwards	Hi Kathleen I have previously submitted a small letter of introduction as well as a few specific suggestions. I have a few more suggestions for consideration if that is ok (and I do get somewhat confused in regards to your review, as I don't know whether it pertains to the whole of HRM or the smaller surrounding areas) My comments however only pertain to the communities /land use and by laws of Eastern Passage and Cow Bay. 1/ Is there any consideration to extend municipal services (Water only) to Cow Bay (more specifically the area of Spruce Drive as they are on central wells provided by Halifax Water) This would lead to potentially new development of Cow Bay (Cow bay is a beautiful area and a desired place to live) and when I say new development I mean to mirror the existing (At least 30,000 square foot lots with septic) However, this would involve removing a current by law applicable only to Cow Bay which states (only one lot per year may be developed) by doing this a few more lucky people will get to enjoy living in Cow Bay ! 2/ As previously stated in my initial letter in regards to extending commercial corridor in Eastern Passage, I feel that the intersection of Cow Bay and Caldwell Roads will eventually become the Central area in the community (especially if and when the "connector Road" to the hwy 111 is complete) I feel size and height of commercial buildings also need to grow ! People do want more services and retail in Eastern Passage but will never get it if the current by law (max 12 units, max 35' height and max 15,000sq ft with 7500 sq ft footprint) remains in effect. I feel these numbers must grow to allow for (Max 30units, max 70' height and max 60,000 sq ft with 15,000 sq ft footprint) and these sizes should be considered in ALL of the commercial area Including that along the water, with the exception of Government Wharf Road (Fisherman's Cove) There is also some confusion now as far as watercourse setbacks are concerned which needs to be addressed (Map 4 does not include the area of pleasant street to civic 1600 Shore Road) and nor should it: Map 4 was the coastal erosion map for properties exposed to the open ocean water: the area mentioned above (pleasant to 1600 shore) is harbour	n/a	Email

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		waters which are not in risk of erosion from open ocean . Thanks again for the opportunity to put forth my thoughts Gary Edwards		
Co49	Chris Miller, Canadian Parks & Wilderness Association	To whom it may concern: Please find attached the written submission from the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-NS) for the HRM regional plan review currently underway. We are specifically commenting on the need to strengthen protections for Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes. We would also like to take this opportunity to request a virtual meeting to discuss our concerns in more detail. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Chris Miller	Yes – Co49	Email
Co51 (1)	Paul Berry	Dear Councillors Lovelace and Stoddard, With the support of Our HRM Alliance, we ask to meet with you to discuss an urgent general environmental problem in HRM. We propose a solution that has been tried and proven in your districts. Your leadership is needed for us to apply it more broadly and make it a part of the Regional Plan now under review. The problem is the damage caused inadvertently to our green open spaces when tens of thousands of HRM residents flood into these public lands seeking fresh air, relaxation, and peace. Being in nature is a good thing, but the lack of adequate stewardship programming and planning on these lands has had for a long time a negative environmental impact and the problem worsens each day. The damage has major negative implications for promoting biodiversity and combating climate change. Though the problem is large, it can be resolved.	n/a	Email

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		The solution that we propose is: Municipally Supported Volunteer Stewardship. This approach has been tested and proven to be effective in your Districts 13 and 12 on The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail. We need your help in getting discussion of this solution on the agenda of the Regional Plan review. Our proposed solution (detailed in links below) is low-cost, accessible, health giving, and resolves the environmental problem. Moreover, it bears directly on five Regional Plan Themes, e.g., # 9 Leading to Action on Climate. The solution, endorsed by 62 community organizations in HRM, is to create an Office of Community-Based Wilderness Stewardship (CBWS) to enable citizens to steward public land to prevent its deterioration. Our CBWS proposal and evidence of four years of success (Mike Lancaster's BTSP report) are linked below. https://wrweo.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CBWS-2021-04-29.pdf https://wrweo.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2020-BTSP-Year-In-Review-Report-Final-1.pdf Background and Context In 1995 volunteers co-founded a not-for-profit, environmental group: the Woodens River Watershed Environment Organization (www.wrweo.ca). WRWEO, working with some thirty local community groups, persuaded our province to provide legal protection to the public wilderness in District 13. This wilderness is accessible from 2890 St. Margaret's Bay Road in District 12 by means of The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail opened in 2005. In October 2011 the Province protected some 10,000 hectares in Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area (FBLWA). Many thousands of hikers use our hiking trail that has played a key role in achieving wilderness protection in FBLWA. Rationale for Community-Based Wilderness Stewardship (CBWS) Parks and other open spaces, including protected wilderness areas, have been popular with the public, especially during the pandemic when trail use has risen an estimated		

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		30%. We expect this level of usage to continue if not increase even after the pandemic. But a serious problem comes with it. The very open space needed for carbon sequestration to fight climate change, for preservation of biodiversity, and for citizens' mental and physical health is gradually damaged through use—unless the users of the land learn how to care for it. WRWEO in collaboration with St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association (SBBSA) introduced a program in 2017 to create a culture of stewardship among users of the Bluff Trail. It continues to this day. Its success is the basis of our proposed CBWS. See the above links for details. HRM Commitment to Stewardship in Green Network Plan The Halifax Green Network Plan that was approved by Regional Council two years ago explicitly includes community stewardship. We have spent months discussing CBWS with the communities who are members of Our HRM Alliance. All sixty-two (62) groups who are members (see list in the linked CBWS document) support CBWS. Our Relationship to Districts 12 and 13 Paul Berry, a former resident of District 12, is the chair of WRWEO; Mike Lancaster is stewardship coordinator for both WRWEO and SMBSA; Richmond Campbell, a former resident of District 13 for 27 years, is a co-founder of WRWEO and lifetime member of FBWHT: the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust. Councillor Stoddard knows Paul and Councillor Lovelace knows Mike. Richmond worked closely with Reg Rankin when he was the councillor in this area. We hope that, as Councillors of Districts 12 and 13, you can guide us in presenting this landmark idea to the Regional Council. We would be pleased to meet with you on Zoom to discuss this proposal and answer any questions you may have. Premier Rankin We are copying this letter to Premier Rankin, since we base our proposal on work done in Timberlea - Prospect and he is committed to support the natural assets in our province, as was his father, Reg Rankin, who was councillor for this area.		

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		With gratitude for your attention, we are: Paul Berry, Chair and Treasurer, WRWEO Mike Lancaster Stewardship Coordinator, WRWEO & SMBSA Richmond Campbell Co-founder of WRWEO, lifetime member FBWHT Copies (28): Elected Representatives: The Honorable Iain Rankin, Premier of Nova Scotia; The Honorable Keith Irving, Minister of Environment and Climate Change; The Honorable Chuck Porter, Minister of Lands and Forestry; Hugh MacKay, MLA, Chester – St. Margaret (Mike Lancaster's residence); The Honorable Mike Savage, Mayor of Halifax Regional Municipality; Councillor Tony Mancini, District 6, Environment & Sustainability S. C., Chair; Councillor Wayne Mason, District 7 (Richmond Campbell's residence); Councillor Lindell Smith, District 8 (Paul Berry's residence); Councillor Kathryn Morse, District 10, Environment and Sustainability S. C.; Councillor Patty Cuttall, District 11 (active in wilderness stewardship)		

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		Provincial and HRM staff: Peter Labor, Director, Protected Areas and Ecosystems, NSECC; Oliver Maass, Policy Program Coordinator, NSECC; Dawn MacNeil, Protected Areas Coordinator , Central Region, NSECC; Heather OKeefe, Regional Mgr., Western Region, NSECC (worked with WRWEO); Kathleen Fralic, Halifax Green Network Plan and Regional Plan, HRM; Penny Kuhn, Parks and Recreation, HRM; Haruka Aoyama, Legislative Assistant, Environment & Sustainability S. C., HRM; Citizens: Meredith Baldwin, Coordinator, Our HRM Alliance, Ecology Action Centre; Raymond Ploude, Wilderness Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre; Ben Armstrong, Secretary, WRWEO (resident of District 12); David Patriquin, Ecologist, WRWEO and other environmental groups; Jim Carwardine, WRWEO (resident of District 13, Chester – St. Margaret); Susan Sherwin, C.M., WRWEO founding member (resident of District 7); Ariella Pahlke, contributed to CBWS document (resident of District 11); David Bryson, WRWEO (resident of District 7; developer of Three Brooks); Geoff Le Boutilier, WRWEO & SMBSA (resident District 13, Chester – St. Margaret); Jacob Killawee and Matt Morash (residents of Chester – St. Margaret.		

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Co51 (2)	Paul Berry	Hello, The Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization (WRWEO) is part of the coalition to protect Sandy Lake. We are writing to support the expansion of the Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park (SL – SRRP) by an additional 1,800 acres as advocated by the SL – SRRP Coalition. WRWEO built and maintains The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail located in Hubley. We oppose the efforts of developers to destroy the wilderness located in the unprotected lands in this area to accommodate a new housing project. That would be contrary to what is needed to fight climate change and protect biodiversity and also contrary to the conception of the Halifax Green Network Plan adopted by Regional Council in 2018. There are two major reasons for our support of the proposed Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park and to stop development in that area: 1. Population and outdoor recreation continue to grow in HRM, while greenspace declines. We have experienced greatly increased use of The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail over the last 5 years and already we are at or over our capacity to accommodate this use. The Jack Lake lands within the proposed Sandy Lake-Sackville River Regional Park lie between major growth areas and have extensive informal trails currently. Many of them are old logging roads through magnificent forests and would require little modification and maintenance to accommodate much more use than they receive currently. 2. The lands west of Sandy Lake within the proposed SL-SRRP are part of an existing wildlife corridor important for connectivity between the lands of the Chebucto Peninsula and the greater mainland, as identified in a recent report (Appendix G in the submission from the SL-SRRP Coalition). The Halifax Green Network Plan highlighted the need to ensure such connectivity, although not this particular corridor apparently because parts of it south of Hammonds Plains Road are now committed to development (Halifax Bedford West). Regardless, even if partially fragmented in that way, as the Green Network Plan says in section 4.1.3.1 “...maintain the largest possible remnant patches and	n/a	Email

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		encourage best management practices in intervening areas to provide opportunities for wildlife movement between patches.” It is still worth retaining the lands west of Sandy Lake in their natural state as “stepping stones”. They might be considered analogous to the ferry system between Halifax and Dartmouth, not carrying as much as the bridges, but still vital for many people. Thus for the sake of both wildlife and healthy outdoor recreation well into the future, it is urgent to incorporate measures that will protect the integrity of the lands of the proposed SL-SRRP in the Regional Plan. We urge that the Regional Plan Review expand the protection of this invaluable municipal wilderness park for all the reasons above. All the best, Paul Berry Pronouns: he/him Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization, Co-Chair		
Co58	Maggy Burns, Ecology Action Centre	Dear Kathleen, I am writing to submit to you the Ecology Action Centre’s feedback on the Regional Plan Review Themes & Directions. Thank you for your email (via Leah Perrin) inviting us to meet with the Regional Plan Review team in August. I’m conferring with my team around scheduling and will be in touch. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions regarding our submission. Sincerely, Maggy	Yes – Co58	Email

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Co66	Karen Robinson	Hello Kate and Regional Plan team, Please go to this Drop Box to retrieve our coalition's second submission to the RP+10, and appendices : https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vnke3ksddyz5pi/AAAbnue8yiOCZukO42Yn8h3xa?dl=o Please confirm its receipt. If you have any difficulty retrieving it, please let me know and I will find another way to get it to you. All the best, Karen For the SL-SRRP Coalition	Yes – Co66	Email
Co67	Meredith Baldwin, Our HRM Alliance	Hi Kathleen, Leah, Shilo and Kate, I am writing on behalf of the 65 members of Our HRM Alliance to share the Alliance's feedback on the proposed Themes & Directions. I'm more than happy to discuss any items in this response further when we meet in August. Many thanks, Meredith Meredith Baldwin (she/her), Sustainable Cities Coordinator Kjipuktuk, Unceded Mi'kmaw Territory? 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS, B3K 4L3 ecologyaction.ca <http://www.ecologyaction.ca/>	Yes – Co67	Email

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Cogo	Andrew Hurst	Please do what you can to prevent the terrible loss of unique wild coastline ecosystem that would happen should the golf and real estate development proceed at Owls Head. HRM could be a strong voice for reason. Sincerely, Andrew Hurst, Port Williams	n/a	Email
Cog1	Pam Rubin	Thank you for continued support to save owls head provincial park. Overall please keep going with the efforts to save natural areas! Pam Rubin	n/a	Email
Cog3	Jessie Legate	Hello, My name is Jessie Legate and I am a Physical Education teacher and a member of the Disc NS (PSO) board. I am writing to request the opportunity to be involved in the regional plan public engagement opportunities. I would love to meet with someone on the planning team to provide information and data on disc golf in HRM, or anything else that might be helpful in potentially integrating a plan for disc golf in HRM moving forwards. As you may know there has been exponential growth in disc golf participation globally, and specifically in HRM over the past 5 years. This being despite the fact that we only have one publicly available course on private land in Hammonds Plains. As someone who is passionate about providing low barrier lifelong recreation opportunities for my community, region and province I truly believe that you will not easily find an activity that can provide the mental and physical health benefits that disc golf can provide. With low cost and low maintenance requirements, it is also one of the most economical options to provide year round outdoor recreation opportunity to the citizens of HRM. Myself and many members of the disc golf community are dedicated to providing opportunities for the public to learn and try the sport through volunteer clinics and events, but we need to have spaces designated to provide this opportunity in as many communities as possible. Many citizens can not access the course in Hammonds Plains, and it would be beneficial to consider having smaller beginner friendly micro courses distributed throughout the region to increase opportunity.	n/a	Email

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		Thank you, Jessie Legate Physical Education		
C094	David Knowles	Attention Kelly Denty and Eric Lucic I am attaching a letter enclosing some of my comments on the results of what I would call questionable planning decisions. I am copying the Northwest Community Council because my comments refer to areas under their “jurisdiction”, more specifically, District 16. Regards, David Knowles	Yes – C094	Email
C099	Neil Lovitt, Turner Drake & Partners	Hi Kate, Please see attached for a letter detailing our review of the Preliminary Population & Housing Analysis. In and of itself, we found this analysis to be well done, with only minor comments and suggestions, some of which I expect will not be a surprise to you and your team. That said, we are suggesting that the scope be expanded to include consideration of current conditions, and not just those forecasted. This would result in a fairly significant change to the results of the demand analysis. The letter was prepared as part of a consulting assignment for Clayton Developments which is concluded with this email. However, we are more than happy to meet/discuss the content of our letter further with your team after you’ve had an opportunity to consider it. At that point, I consider it part of our role as a local stakeholder in the plan review process. Best Regards, Neil	Yes – C099	Email

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C106	Collins Park Watershed Advisory Board	Submission to the Rural Planning team regarding concerns with planning applications within the Collins Park watershed. Request to increase watercourse buffer to 30 m	Yes – C106	Email
C108	Karen Foster, Dalhousie University	Hi Kate, Finally had a chance to really sit down and review your materials. I think there are lots of interesting potential questions that would interest and help both of us. A few that come to mind: - how do HRM residents across the entire municipality classify its neighbourhoods? In other words, what kind of subjective definitions of rural, suburban and urban are 'out there' in the populace? Knowing this could help connect the regional plan to peoples' lived experiences. - Do HRM's rural, suburban and urban communities tend to attract 'clusters' of people (i.e., do rural communities actually have more people working in natural resources as is assumed in a few of the documents here? Are the people within each of HRM's communities more similar to one another, and more different from the people in other communities, along some key variables (education level, income, family composition, even values/attitudes?) - Where does it make most sense to actually draw the boundaries between rural, suburban and urban, and are we missing other categories (like rurban, or different types of urban/suburban/rural that should be broken out)? Any of these could be tackled in stages, starting with a student doing a literature review to see what's out there from other jurisdictions, and proceeding to data collection in HRM (the first two Qs) and/or an analysis of existing data (the third Q). And actually, these three questions could actually be combined into one mega-project if we wanted to shoot for some funding... Karen	n/a	Email / Stakeholder Meeting

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C114	Karen Beazley, Dalhousie University	Good Day, Please find attached the final Summary report of the Wildlife Corridor Design Charette held in November 2020. Please feel free to circulate and use for your purposes. For those who participated, organized and helped facilitate, many thanks. Thank you to Caitlin Cunningham, Dalhousie University, for compiling the maps and drafting much of the report. For community groups who wish to speak about the report publicly (e.g., with the media, or councillors), Karen McKendry has created key messages that can be used (attached). These do not have to be used, but common messaging could help clearly communicate with decision-makers and the public about the report and its implications. Karen M is also available to any group who would like to have a conversation about how to talk about the report publicly. Please contact her via email at karenmckendry@ecologyaction.ca. Karen Beazley, Chair, Nova Scotia Crown Share Land Legacy Trust	Yes – C114	Email
C114	Karen Beazley, Dalhousie University	1. Think about parks as helping with climate change and biodiversity conservation. They are not solely for playgrounds. They are nature-based solutions that also reconnect people with nature, sequester carbon, cleanse water and air, cool the temperature, absorb precipitation, allow for active transportation, and provide stepping stones of habitat for urban wildlife. 2. Develop a parks strategy. A well-planned strategy would support coordinated initiatives and accountability for parks. A coherent strategy would provide short and long-term planning in a systematic way, for an effective network of core parks with corridors linking them together, for people and for other species, such as birds, bees and butterflies.	n/a	Email

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		3. Incorporate diverse native plantings in parks, including: both deciduous and evergreen trees for summer and winter bird habitat; flowering trees and shrubs for butterflies and hummingbirds; edible berry, seed and nut bearing plants for robins, waxwings and squirrels; and ground cover other than grass, for frogs, snakes and salamanders. Cities are their home, too. :-) We can live in co-existence. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I have also posted this on line. My dream municipality is one that is ecologically and bio-culturally just, diverse and resilient. To get there, I urge the following: 1. Refine and expand the Halifax Green Network Plan to delineate an ecological network comprised of (1) several large, core protected areas, (2) numerous smaller stepping-stone protected areas in between them, and (3) ecological corridors connecting them all together and to the broader natural matrix and system of protected areas in NS, beyond HRM boundaries. These areas are not intended to be off-limits to people, but rather to provide space for more-than-human bio-cultural interactions and ecosystems services in ways that do not compromise the ecological values. Humans are part of nature and need natural (more-than-human) areas for health and wellbeing 2. The ecological/green network will help to retain and restore our life-support system. It is a prerequisite for continued human (and other species) existence in a context of the twin existential crises of biodiversity loss and climate change. It should not be thought of as frivolous or a discretionary “perk”, or merely as a collection of “parks” for the recreational and leisurely enjoyment of the rich and idle. That said, the health aspects of their compatible use for active past times should not be disregarded. 3. Plan the other components of urban centre, suburban and rural land uses in areas that are outside of and in-between those delineated as parts of the ecological/green network.		

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		4. Target new development in ways that build upon, enrich, renew and diversify existing communities and developed areas, aiming for “complete” communities where people can live, work and meet most of their life needs. 5. Focus on active and sustainable transportation, prioritizing (1) infrastructure for safe walking, cycling and or modalities (e.g., scooters and electric wheelchairs for those with mobility challenges) and (2) other forms of shared transportation (e.g., transit), and discouraging further road building and private vehicle use. 6. Incentivize, standardize and regulate “green” building, infrastructure and construction that is energy and material efficient and wildlife friendly (everything from energy-efficiency standards, to bird-friendly glass, to wildlife-crossing structures on roads and other linear infrastructural developments). 7. Design communities for human/pedestrian scale, not vehicular-traffic scale. 8. Support infrastructure and other developments required to transition to a service-based, value-added and green economy and away from an industrial-scale and natural-resource-extraction economy. 9. Transition to “green infrastructure” (e.g., green roofs, coastal softening, retention ponds) to bring biodiversity/nature into the city, buffer against sea-level rise and other climate changes, and provide other associated ecosystem services. 10. Diversity communities in ways that reduce inequalities and provide greater equity and support for typically under-represented, marginalized and disadvantaged groups, especially black, Indigenous and peoples of colour. 11. Implement mechanisms to prohibit new developments along the coast and in other flood-prone areas, including those projected to be at risk in the future due to sea-level rise, storm surges, and increased intensity of precipitation events. Develop plans for transitioning existing infrastructure further inland, away from the coast.		

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		12. Concentrate new developments within areas of existing development, so as to minimize or prohibit further loss of natural ecosystems. At the same time, retain and restore nature and natural areas within these areas of development (e.g., limit removal of existing trees; require natural areas and tree planting as part of the development approval process). 13. Reduce/limit the amount of area zoned for industrial-scale shopping and associated parking for private vehicles. 14. Increase density of sub-urban and peri-urban developments and limit sprawl and the associated need for infrastructure, including roads, so as to decrease servicing costs and fragmentation of wildlife habitat and populations. 15. Increase publicly-held lands around lakes, rivers and coastal areas for public use, conserving biodiversity values and other ecosystem services. Daylight previously buried streams wherever possible. 16. Be guided by principles of ecological economics rather than neoliberal capitalism. Listen to the youth and the women. And, be the eyes, ears and mouth for the other species who cannot speak. 17. Be a leader in green, liveable, smart municipal planning for a socially- and ecologically-just future. Karen F. Beazley, PhD		
C115	Brenna Walsh	Hello Kathleen and Regional Plan Review Team Please see attached my feedback for phase 2 of public engagement. Thanks very much for your work, Brena Walsh	Yes – C115	Email

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C116	David Barrett	Phone call to discuss the impact of the Regional Plan Review on the Beaverbank area and to express concern about the impact of planning post-Amalgamation on the rural area.	n/a	Phone Call
C118	Wendy MacDonald	Hello, I am interested in who the key contacts and initiatives are for Halifax for Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI) after a visit to the website. I note that Halifax is on the list of participating municipalities. (mnai.ca) Thanks to the Councillor for recently posting the link. To date, as residents, we are not learning about this nature based potential. Perhaps I missed it. How does it fit with the current Regional Plan Review? Please share any Halifax related info. I did note Halifax Water connections. However, the larger and overall HRM connections are key as well. How can residents participate as citizen scientists or other initiatives? Thanks, I hope to hear from someone on this important and current topic. Wendy McDonald District 12	n/a	Email
C119	Hank Huizinga	Hello, Please find attached documents “Planning_Committe_response.pdf” and “Public Engagement Survey.docx”. The first PDF document is our response to your request for input on the new regional plan specifically as it pertains to Fairview where we have lived for 50 years. In addition we enclosed a copy of our response to the “Public Engagement Survey Westerwald Street and 2-4 Melrose Ave” we sent last month. We would appreciate meeting with you to discuss this document and look forward to hearing back from you.	Yes – 119	Email

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		Regards, Hank Huizinga & Darlene Loke		
C120	Corinne Duffy	To Whom It May Concern, I will keep this brief. There is no need to reiterate the list of reasons (biodiversity, climate change, human health and recreation) why a development adjacent to Sandy Lake is at best a bad idea and at worst an ecological disaster. I want to add my voice to that of the Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition, and all other concerned citizens, who believe strongly in the need to preserve this area. We live in a finite province, on a finite planet. We cannot continue to construct sprawling housing tracts at the expense of nature. We need to live more simply and gently on this planet. Thank you for your attention, Corinne Duffy	n/a	Email
C122	Cecilia Basic	Dear Regional Planning, I am writing to ask that the HRM please delay the decision one secondary planning in the Sandy Lake area until the next Regional Plan Review in 5 years. This delay will provide time to conduct independent ecological and floodplain studies to measure the negative impact on housing developments inn this ecologically significant and irreplaceable area. I just moved to Halifax in 2018 and have been struck by stunning natural areas within HRM and the quality of life they have given myself and my family. There are many areas to build homes, but Sandy-Lake is just not one of them. It is too valuable for future generations of people, and for the current generation of wildlife to lose. Thank you. Cecilia Basic, Ph.D.	n/a	Email

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C124	Beechville Community Development Association (received internally via HRM Planning)	Request to remove Beechville from the list of RP growth centres (see pg. 29 of the September 8, 2020 report to Regional Council): "... we are surrounded by residential commercial development, Lovett Lake Project and Raines Mills. For our community to develop Beechville must be removed as a growth area for external development to allow us to revitalize our community now and for the future. Any further commercial housing development, other than the ones we plan as a community, will mean the death of our community."	n/a	Email
C125	Joanne Roy	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. HRM needs to get serious about dealing with embodied carbon. When a new building is constructed about 80% of greenhouse gases have already gone into the air through the manufacturing of construction materials. When a building is demolished that embodied carbon is wasted. This is the third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada, and look and the quantity of construction and demolition taking place in HRM! Please take the issue of embodied carbon seriously and find ways to significantly decrease this waste and GHG emission. Sincerely, Joanne Roy	n/a	Email
C126	Patricia De Meo	Dear Ms. Fralic, Though the Themes & Directions report for the Regional Plan Review covers many important areas, many important aspects were not addressed and require further action. We would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing	n/a	Email

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C127	George Ruta	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. We are at a critical time to address climate change and its effects on our region. Please give consideration to mandating a significant vegetative buffer for waterways and shorelines, especially shoreline as oceans rise and Nova Scotia sinks. Please protect what wilderness access we have left, and prioritize increasing density rather than developing wilderness areas. Make the decision making process and criteria as public and transparent as possible. Thank You. Sincerely, George Ruta	n/a	Email
C128	Robert Rutkowski	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM the Though the Themes & Directions report for the Regional Plan Review covers many important areas, many important aspects were not addressed and require further action. The Regional Plan should be strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch	n/a	Email

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C129	Mary Kate Needler	Dear Ms. Fralic, Thank you for seeking public input regarding the Regional Plan. Here are my thoughts: I'm encouraged by recent efforts to recognize and incorporate Mi'kmaq people, culture and rights. Please continue! We need more Mi'kmaq street and place names, more language on our signage, more cultural events, more education, more recognition of Treaty and inherent rights. Protect existing wilderness by increasing density in existing suburban areas. We must stop encroaching upon our natural world - we are already pushing it to the margins! Safeguard wilderness. Prevent the slippery provincial government from secretly selling off (at rockbottom prices!) HRM land that has been earmarked as protected parkland.		

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		The theft of Owl's Head Provincial Park is scandalous!!! If it's permitted to go ahead, this unique precious landscape will be razed, destroying the ecosystem forever. Please convince the provincial government to stop the sale!! Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! This includes golf courses, which are a threat to land and aquatic ecosystems (I'm talking about Owl's Head again here!). Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that municipal growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of wildlife corridors within HRM. Thank you! Sincerely, Mary Kate Needler		
C130	Anna de Vries	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Would like to see the plan strengthened to protect the environment and encourage use of renewable energy, and to protect wilderness areas including wetlands. Prevent development too close to waterways and the coast. Encourage landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Sincerely, Anna de Vries	n/a	Email
C131	Dawn Burstall	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Dawn Burstall	n/a	Email

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C132	Barbara Pritchard	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. We need to remember that we are in Mi'kma'ki. We need to remember that a connection to nature and wilderness areas is important for all of us. "Livability" is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Please, please keep these things in mind. Sincerely, Barbara Pritchard	n/a	Email
C133	Susan Pirie	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Please protect as much land as possible before it's too late! Sincerely, Susan Pirie	n/a	Email
C134	Cameron Edwards	Dear Ms. Fralic, Hello, I am a local resident to Halifax who is involved/employed in architectural service in the city. I have a number of concerns that I feel like the Themes and Directions either does not address or does not sufficiently address. This first is in the cities recognition of HRM's connection to Mi'kma'ki. My understanding is that the Themes and Directions does not recognize HRM as being part of Mi'kma'ki, and does not include language towards recognizing Treaty rights and the process of reconciliation. The city has made steps in this direction, but I think that this is a critical issue that needs to be part of our cities identity moving forward.	n/a	Email

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		The second concerns growth in the city. We need more transparent criteria for where growth is being encouraged and guidance on creating complete communities. I see these issues with transparency when I complete some of the surveys that are sent out. I have never once seen a description of the outcomes of take-aways from these surveys, both when I have gone looking for this information, and especially not in the form of a follow-up email. Our city is growing fast and we need to make sure that our communities have access to the transportation and services they need! Prioritizing growth in established communities would go a long way by focusing this growth where there is existing infrastructure, a win-win. These decisions need to value the importance of access to nature as part of human health and well-being. So in addition to concentration growth, these areas of growth need to be informed by data, especially access mapping for parks and nature concentrated through an equity lens to respond to the historic lack of access to nature for marginalized groups. This ties into the third area of concern for me in the Themes and Directions which is ecological sustainability. Our city needs to address its close relationship to nature and the opportunities and vulnerabilities that come with it. Wilderness needs to be protected and stewarded so its benefits can continue to be enjoyed while enhancing HRM unique character as a city with beautiful lakes and forests. As I am sure you are aware places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands are vulnerable ecosystems that need further formal protection. A specific type of important wilderness is wetlands, which make up a significant system that helps to protect our city and absorbs GHG's. There should be a commitment to no net-loss of these ecosystems and their services. The protection that wetlands provide against flooding can be enhanced by an increase to riparian areas, establishing 100m vegetative buffers on all watercourses, and 50m vegetated buffers from the high-water mark established in the HRM LUBs. These additions should be part of a larger Storm Water Management Plan which helps protect our city. This plan should encourage landowners to use naturalization techniques on their properties to contribute to our city's defenses against a rapidly changing climate.		

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		These concerns are not only for rain and fresh water. The Themes and Directions needs to recognize the climate emergency as a major area of concern. This includes preventing development that is too close to the coast! Wildlife in HRM need to be protected through establishing corridors and mapping these routes so that we avoid building in these sensitive areas. We need to appreciate the impacts that we are having and make strides to mitigate that impact and prepare for its consequences. I see no better opportunity for this then in announcing our priorities through the Themes and Directions. I know I am not alone in these concerns which is why future surveys need to measure these priorities. People should not be choosing between basic services and complete communities. It is not a matter of one or the other. Sincerely, Cameron Edwards		
C135	Rachel Matthews	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups.	n/a	Email

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C136	J. Purcell	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I would like the following points to be seriously considered for the Regional Plan which will more adequately address climate change, biodiversity and healthier communities: 1. HRM should include Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan 2. Criteria used to decide where growth and development occurs must be transparent and measurable 3. Increase density in existing suburban areas rather than developing in wilderness areas and destroying wildlife habitat	n/a	Email

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		4. Prior to making decisions about development and growth map access to parks and nature, using an equity lens that looks at the lack of parks access for marginalized groups. 5. Protect wilderness places still existing, like Purcell's Cove Backlands, Sandy Lake, Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes 6. Protect wetlands by creating a wetlands policy to ensure no net loss 7. Protect riparian areas by having vegetative buffers of 100 meters along all watercourses. 50 Meters above the high water mark. 8. Create a stormwater management plan to help land owners use naturalization methods on their properties. 9. Prevent development happening too close to all coastlines, especially in the Northwest Arm where infilling is causing serious ecological damage. This must be addressed! And stopped! 10. Protect wildlife corridors; map the locations of all wildlife corridors and update regularly. Create wildlife corridors along highways in HRM to reduce many accidents where both humans and wildlife are killed. 11. Commit to putting the climate, the environment and the water before constant growth. Manage the growth in a more ecological way. We cannot have healthy communities unless this happens. Sincerely, J. Purcell		

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C137	Andrew Glencross	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I am glad this plan is being created, and welcome the opportunity to provide feedback. I have been campaigning for climate action and studying the root causes of our global climate emergency for many years now. The more I learn, the more convinced I become that our environmental crisis is deeply entwined with our health, economic, and social issues. Solving any of them is going to require solving them all, by digging deep and undoing some historically entrenched injustices that we the benefactors are just beginning to notice. I have come to the conclusion that there is one single direction that will have a positive impact on all of the human-caused problems our planet faces, and that is giving land back to the Indigenous people who have been its traditional caretakers. They did a great job of cultivating the land sustainably for many thousands of years before Europeans arrived a few hundred ago and systematically abused it. And they would love to take that job back, now making room for the current settlers, if we will only give it to them. That is of course not a purely municipal project and cannot be fully implemented by this proposed plan alone. However, there are advances toward that goal that the Regional Plan can make, and they are elements that should be in there in any case: 1. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. 2. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people. 3. Recognize the importance of advancing reconciliation. I believe all three of these points need to be explicitly stated in the final Plan, in a way that takes them seriously, so that they may guide HRM going forward in how we rethink our relationships with our environment and our fellow citizens.	n/a	Email

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		Thank you! Sincerely, Andrew Glencross		
C138	Susan Bennett	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Please prioritize cycling lanes, sidewalks for walking and rolling over the car. Do not pave a highway through nature anywhere but particularly Blue Mountain /Lakes. Do not let any in-filling in the Arm or anywhere else that changes the natural land or water. We have an opportunity to enact laws to protect our environment NOW. Please Sincerely, Susan Bennett	n/a	Email
C139	K.E. Graves	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs ambitious biodiversity and climate mitigation policy program. Sincerely, K.E. Graves	n/a	Email

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C140	Silver Frith	Dear Ms. Fralic, I would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened considerably in order to address climate change, and biodiversity, as well as to build livable communities. It seems particularly important to protect wild areas, create parks, and to prevent the encroachment on rural areas of suburban infrastructure. We have to protect biodiversity in order to survive as a species. And if we do not address climate change in a meaningful way we will not survive. I urge HRM to go further, be bold with the Regional plan, have the courage and strength to turn away from business as usual that perpetuates the policies that are killing the planet and all of us. The time is now to do things differently and be world leaders in implementing meaningful change. Sincerely, Silver Frith	n/a	Email
C141	Mallory Smith	Dear Ms. Fralic, As traditional stewards of our environment, Indigenous persons and communities must be consulted before any expansion of infrastructure or environmental adaptations. New development and gentrification has left the city unwalkable, and creates traffic jams which produces additional emissions. Additionally our streets are full of construction waste. Developers should not have free reign over our streets, sidewalks and low-income neighbourhoods. It would also be useful to have recycling and organic waste receptacles in public spaces. The government should enable Halifax energy consumers in access green energy producers, and end Emera's coal-based monopoly over energy delivery. Sincerely, Mallory Smith	n/a	Email

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C142	Brook Thorndy-craft	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am emailing to request that you integrate a greater focus on biodiversity, climate change issues, and equity and decolonization into the HRM Regional Plan. I feel strongly that the extent to which development is being prioritized over the wellbeing of the ecosystem and all living beings that live in it (including humans) is a dramatically wrong direction that we will all come to regret in the next few decades. I request that you begin by formally recognizing Mi'kmaw treaty rights and the importance of reconciliation, and make tangible steps in that direction. I also request that you develop transparent criteria around growth and development, and make sure that any development that happens is not at the expense of liveability, including for poor and precariously housed people, and that there are strong conditions to ensure the protection of biodiverse and environmentally fragile environments. This includes leaving remaining wilderness in the area untouched, and prioritizing density over expansion. I ask that you create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness, and ensure that places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands are not over developed, and create a policy to protect wetlands in the HRM. This also involves protecting wildlife corridors, and not allowing development close to the coast. And finally, create incentives for property owners to retrofit properties to be more ecological and sustainable in terms of energy use and resource use, such as water. Sincerely, Brook Thorndycraft	n/a	Email

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C143	Frances Jamieson	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review, with the Ecology Action Centre I believe that the proposed Themes & Directions do not go far enough in order to act on climate change and the biodiversity crisis. 1. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. 2. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. 3. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. 4. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. 5. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands 6. Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. 7. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. 8. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. 9. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast!	n/a	Email

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		10. Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Sincerely, Frances Jamieson		
C144	Jen Georgeff	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. We need to commit to setbacks from watercourses and protecting more natural areas. Specifically, it would be good to Use Halifax Green Network Plan maps to guide growth - Adopt a 30-meter buffer for all wetlands - Preserve and activate the remaining agricultural land in our community - Plan to protect 3 of Halifax's last, large wild areas: Sandy Lake – Sackville River, Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands Sincerely, Jen Georgeff	n/a	Email
C145	Rick Fullerton	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Rick Fullerton	n/a	Email

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C146	Mitchell MacFarlane	Dear Ms. Fralic, Universal Basic Income is the only way forward. UBI gives citizens the power to stand up to abusive employers, and say no to job positions that are more of a detriment to our environment and community than anything. All test programs for UBI have been greatly successful, and can actually lead to more people starting their own businesses and giving to their communities in ways they actually care about. HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review We would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the	n/a	Email

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C147	Colin Wilson	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review No infill on the arm Sincerely, Colin Wilson	n/a	Email
C148	Sydnee McKay	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Sydnee McKay	n/a	Email
C149	Alissa Spinney	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review towards maximizing efforts against climate change. Stop taking the homes of wild animals by building up rather than into nature. Improve city town hall and offices belonging to HRM as well as other buildings like Halifax transit terminals by making them LEED certified at the lowest level and then work on moving towards the gold certification. This certification	n/a	Email

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		includes so many earth friendly things like solar panels. Add a seat to your committee meetings for a representative from the Ecology Action Center to attend. Look at the efficiency of the city busses, can they be upgraded to hybrids? Do we have enough hazardous waste collection sites for batteries, used paint, light bulbs and electronics or are landfills still receiving these? Do research by speaking to employees at landfill sites. Let's work on getting apartments to recycle and compost. If you can afford rent over \$1000 per month then you are educated enough to be able to recycle and compost. Hotter summers aren't fun. When I was a kid, I could play outside with the annoyance of earwigs but now I worry about going outside due to the danger of ticks. There's hardly any earwigs anymore which shows the ecosystem's biodiversity has changed. To keep the rural area of HRM safer, we must stop the rise of the ticks and create more awareness. Sincerely, Alissa Spinney		
C150	Jan Timberlake	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review to Stop the Sale and Save Owls Head Provincial Park. A pristine ecosystem must not be ground into sand to build a private gated community and golf courses. This secret backroom deal must be stopped! As well, there needs to be more and safer beach access and parking for kayakers and paddlers to be able to enjoy our beautiful coastline. Sincerely, Jan Timberlake	n/a	Email

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C151	Joy Reyno	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I want to see climate, nature, and livability prioritized in the Regional Plan Review. There must be a moratorium on tree cutting during times of birds nesting. We need more trees to be left in place. Also the waterways need protecting. Who in heavens name would be foolish enough to allow millionaires to fill in our waterfront areas such as the Arm. We do not need a highway going through Blue Mountain Wilderness area. Protect the wilderness areas and the wetlands!!! Sincerely, Joy Reyno	n/a	Email
C152	Sandra Selva	Dear Ms. Fralic, Dear Councillor Waye Mason, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Though the Themes & Directions report for the Regional Plan Review covers many important areas, many important aspects were not addressed and require further action. I am pasting this info as it reflects everything that I value in taking care of what we have here in HRM and beyond if possible. I would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: The following are the views of the EAC but also mine. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness.	n/a	Email

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C153	Katerina Bakolias	Dear Ms. Fralic, Hello, I am a resident in the south end of Halifax and honestly I've been very impressed with discussions happening in HRM, and Nova Scotia, about creating a more eco-friendly city and making a plan to cut our co2 emissions and want to share my hopes for the future of our municipality. As climate change continues to devastate our province (our country, our world), we need to consider a more ambitious and aggressive strategy for municipal growth that is focused on reducing our environmental impact and is led by indigenous peoples. HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. This is the time for us to be a leader in environmentalism in Canada, we have the privilege to live on this land and we need to take care of it more aggressively than ever before by recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan, recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation by facilitating opportunities for indigenous peoples to be at the helm of our planning and development. We need to create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities, create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties, and so much more. We need to create a strong plan that addresses climate change, biodiversity, and builds livable communities in HRM. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Sincerely, Katerina Bakolias	n/a	Email

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C154	Rebecca King	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review I agree with all of the Ecology Action Centre points. In addition I think building heights should not exceed 10 stories. There are reduced economic returns as the costs increase over 10 stories. Not to mention wind tunnel effects. Also each developer or group of developers should be required to plan for Green space and recreational services as part of their plan. These should be in addition to recreational space that already exist in an area. Rockingham South is an excellent example of what not to do. The concentration of apartment buildings and the thousands of new residents overwhelm existing well used recreational lands adjacent to the development. It is also unfortunate that all the trees were stripped from the landscape turning what had been pleasant woodland to a moonscape. Considerations of making a walking friendly neighbourhood are also important. And everything the Ecology Action Centre has suggested: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands	n/a	Email

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C155	Robert Angus	Dear Ms. Fralic, With the rising cost of home building many more people will not be able to own their own home. It's not easy to find out what developments are occurring in any area. Is there a easier way to that would provide the public with news of developments in their area, like a page dedicated to each separate District that would outline new construction/ proposed developments in each District? Sincerely, Robert Angus	n/a	Email

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C156	Nancy Dorey	Dear Ms. Fralic, Please be bold and take action now. Our lands (really the unceded lands of the Mi'kma'ki) need protection and support that is in your power to give with a Regional Plan that truly addresses the realities of climate change and promotes a green economy. In particular, I care care about the shrinking wild spaces in HRM. Blue Mountain Birch Cove, the Purcells Cove Backlands, and Williams Lake (which is rapidly dying due to a faulty dam) come top of mind. They represent vital ecosystems for plants and animals, and needed green space for humans. The Regional Plan puts these areas, and more, in danger from needless development and neglect. Do not put the interests of developers first, when they don't extend the same priority for nature. We can all agree that Halifax (HRM) is one of the best places to live in Canada - but not without care and planning. Do right by all Haligonians: Create a Regional Plan with clear, enforceable policies and regulations to ensure we become nothing more than a towering, concrete, lifeless urban jungle. Sincerely, Nancy Dorey	n/a	Email
C157	Rebecca Robertson	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take more ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Please consider the following: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities.	n/a	Email

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C158	Jackie Mitchell	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. While the need for housing and development is necessary I urge you to plan for healthy communities that comprises green space, support for biodiversity and actions to address climate change. I believe Halifax has the capability to become a model for sustainable development but it will require political will to see it through. I urge you to take that leap	n/a	Email

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		and become leaders who show what is possible. Sincerely, Jackie Mitchell		
C159	Sandy Mattice	Dear Ms. Fralic, I have concerns that HRM's Themes and Directions Report on the regional plan does not adequately reflect the opinions of residents. What I value most about the HRM region is its proximity to history and nature. These are rare gifts that are easily squandered in the pursuit of property tax and growth. Bigger is not always better. Please do not allow the city to become one endless Larry Uteck Blvd !! Protect and respect the value of our wild places and historic properties. Build on the strengths unique to HRM...the coastline, the forests, woodlands and waterways, and the history. Keep Halifax livable. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Sandy Mattice	n/a	Email
C160	Donald Gordon	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Here are some of the most important actions that I think must be taken to make HRM a more liveable community in the challenging years of change ahead. - Recognize that climate change is for real and take steps to reduce inputs of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and mitigate the coming changes (e.g rising sea level, changing weather, etc.). - Limit new development to the city core and protect the surrounding wilderness areas (in particular the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove lakes area). Do not expand the existing development area boundary.	n/a	Email

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		- Increase public transit, especially a ferry from Bedford to downtown Halifax. Promote walking and biking. Restrict cars in certain downtown areas and promote conversion to electric vehicles. - Continue to create a green network of parks and protected areas for the use of citizens and wildlife. Nature must be readily accessible to all HRM citizens. - Think fifty years ahead so our grandchildren can enjoy the benefits we did. Sincerely, Donald Gordon		
C161	Peter Renowden	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Peter Renowden	n/a	Email
C162	Thomas Miko	Dear Ms. Fralic, I want to see climate, nature, and livability PRIORITIZED in the Regional Plan Review. Sincerely, Thomas Miko	n/a	Email
C163	Ann MacVicar	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Please follow the guidelines suggested by the Ecology Action Centre to ensure that communities within Halifax maintain enviromental protections , such as maintaining wetland, preserve and enlarge parklands and natural areas, and make growth a safe way to provide housing and amenities for families and communities - not for developers.	n/a	Email

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		Thank you for your consideration and work on our behalf. Careful planning now will help us all! Sincerely, Ann MacVicar		
C164	Gail Tricebock	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review ... to prioritize actions to mediate climate change and to prioritize increase in green spaces to promote biodiversity. All future development must consider these factors first! Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Gail Tricebock	n/a	Email
C165	Théa Meeson	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review The Regional Plan needs to be strengthened and include the following: HRM must recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'Kmag people in the Regional Plan. The Regional Plan needs to have transparent criteria to determine where growth and development occurs. The Regional Plan should intensify density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness areas. The Plan should protect wildlife corridors, prevent development too close to the coast and increase the protection of riparian areas.	n/a	Email

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		Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Théa Meeson		
C166	Dana Lipnicki	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Dana Lipnicki	n/a	Email
C167	Women's Advisory Committee	Good morning, Please take notice that at the July 8, 2021 Women's Advisory Committee special meeting, the Committee finalized the written submission for Regional Plan Review. Please see the attached. Thank you so much!	Yes – C167	Steering Committee
C169	Jamie Harper	I contact you today in regards to the Sandy Lake area in Bedford. The area currently owned by Clayton Developments and that they are seeking approval to develop around Sandy Lake are critical to the ecology of the Sackville River and surrounding area. Reports show that the area has already suffered from the clearcutting of trees that was performed a number of years ago. This proves that the wildlife is extremely vulnerable to development. As a long term resident, parent, and Lions Club Representative for Bedford Lions Sandy Lake park I wish to express concern over the long term planning for this area. I recognize that HRM has made significant progress expanding the park area, and Councillor Tim Outhit has been a staunch supporter of preservation and conservation of the area, however I feel it's important that the regional plan clearly state an intention to preserve this area in perpetuity.	n/a	Email

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		I am happy to answer questions or participate as may be required. I'm not a scientist or expert in any way, but I do care about the region. Thank you, -Jamie Harper		
C170	Sylvie, Aaron, Alec & Eva Stewart	Hello, I'm writing because I have heard of a possibility of house development around Sandy Lake. We moved to Bedford in 2016 from The Netherlands and we absolutely love Sandy Lake, we are there everyday with our dog, it's a fantastic place because we feel we are in complete nature – this feels so like the Canada we were looking for! We really don't like the idea of starting seeing building around the lakes and destruction of the forest. Please let further house development stay away from Sandy Lake area and instead make it a protected regional park. The suburban expansion in central Nova Scotia is going to keep on in the future, and needs to be managed so we have trees to balance pollution. How about thinking ahead and making sure to protect this area so that people keep on living in a healthy and breathable environment? We really hope that you will follow through with the 2014 proposal to create a regional park rather than choosing for a housing development project. This park makes Bedford special, please preserve it. Best regards, Sylvie, Aaron, Alec & Eva Stewart	n/a	Email

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C171	Maddie Sherman	I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal for housing development adjacent to Sandy lake park. This park is a wonderful asset to the community and should remain. Regards, Maddie Sherman	n/a	Email
C172	Stephanie Gustys	I just saw that there's a proposal to put housing near sandy lake. I'd like to voice my opinion that this is not a good idea. The health of our lakes depends on keeping them clean. Our lakes are threatened by blue green algae, partially due to lawn maintenance from homes. I regularly clean sandy lake, and the amount of litter is disgusting. This would increase exponentially if there were housing on the lake. I know there's a housing crisis in Halifax, but it's an affordable housing crisis. I highly doubt housing near the lake would be affordable. Please protect our lakes. We're in an environmental crisis and need to keep our waterways clean. Stephanie Gustys	n/a	Email
C173	Helena Sergakis	Hello, I appreciate the efforts of HRM staff to review the Regional Plan. It's an important exercise to ensure that the vision embarked on well over a decade ago is still relevant today. And I'm hopeful that you will consider my comments as someone who wants to see a vibrant and sustainable future for this incredible city. HRM has grown and changed a lot in the past 10 years. This is great, and it shows that it is a desirable place to live. I strongly believe that a key aspect of HRM's desirability is the quality of life, and for many (including myself), that's closely tied to how easy it is to access nature.	n/a	Email

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		Development is important - we need it (especially high-density housing) more than ever. Sprawl and single-dwellings seem to me like the least sustainable approach, both environmentally and in terms of future growth. And as the saying goes, location is everything. I hope that you will give due consideration to the importance of Sandy Lake and HRM's other key green spaces when you review growth areas. Because if we lose that wilderness, either through development or as an indirect result of it (environmental impacts, say), we can never get it back, and that desirability that comes with having readily accessible green spaces goes away permanently as well. There is another important aspect to consider as well, I think: the long-term sustainability of the green space itself. The popularity of Sandy Lake as a recreational area has skyrocketed in the past 15 years. I've witnessed it firsthand. I run, hike, bike, swim and generally lose myself there (in more ways than one), and I'm no longer alone. Families, mountain bikers, dog walkers - everyone finds their joy, or thrill, or escape in that wilderness. The right thing to do would be to provide permanent protection for Sandy Lake's wilderness, and make sure that it also can grow sustainably. Without protection, it has been left largely unmanaged and the haphazardly created trails (both hiking and biking) will eventually become unsustainable as visitor traffic increases. Please look at any opportunity that this review affords to preserve Sandy Lake by not permitting development on adjacent lands AND giving protection to Sandy Lake. Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment. I'm grateful for your work toward the sustainable growth of this great city. Sincerely, Helena Sergakis		

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C174	Chantal Routhier	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands Sincerely, Chantal Routhier	n/a	Email
C175	Matt Lucas	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands	n/a	Email

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C176	Shelley Adamo	Dear Ms. Fralic, Any new development plan for the city must take climate change into account. New regulations should prevent building too close to the coast and ensure coastal setbacks are sufficient based on predicted sea level rise and future storm surge levels. No development should be exempt from such restrictions. Allowing people to build on areas that will experience repeated flooding due to storm surge and/or sea level rise is likely to place a financial burden on all levels of government. Maintaining roads and services in newly developed coastal areas will require continued funding for flood-related repairs. Governments are often considered the insurer of last resort, meaning that as insurance companies reduce coverage for water damage on these homes and businesses, there will be pressure on governments to pay for repairs of these buildings. Additionally, the city could be liable for loss of life if people are killed during the flooding of their homes, given that there are now detailed maps showing areas that are at high risk of flooding and storm surge. Yours sincerely Shelley Adamo, Professor, Dalhousie University	n/a	Email

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C177	Darlene Mullin	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am writing to add my name to those saying more needs to be done to address concerns regarding these issues: - Increasing density in populated areas rather than taking over existing green spaces. There is a plan for a new school to be built in Clayton park and the current proposed site is a large green space. This is an important wildlife corridor. This decision needs greater input from residents before moving ahead. Once our green spaces are gone they will not be coming back. - our waterways need protecting... Fresh water and the shore line. - green spaces and parks need better planning to ensure wide access and equal distribution. Existing areas like Blue Mountain wilderness and others like it must be protected from encroaching development. These are just a few of the concerns I have and I hope more time and consideration will be given to the planning needed prior to deciding being made and acted on. Sincerely, DARLENE MULLIN	n/a	Email
C178	Gerry DeVan	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am concerned that not enough emphasis is being placed on climate change when it comes to decisions regarding Municipal development. Please, when you are in deliberations regarding the future of HRM, please place importance on what impact urban development has on the climate. It is very obvious that climate change is real, and the effects can be cataclysmic. The time is now to take steps to protect the planet. Sincerely, Gerry DeVan	n/a	Email

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C179	Paul Turner	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. A number of key areas need to be addressed. These include: 1) water quality as it pertains to impact from both flow areas as well as environmental impact; homes & businesses MUST adhere to these rules; 2) air quality that is compromised by vehicles, equipment and buildings that do not meet operating standards already established. Sincerely, Paul Turner	n/a	Email
C180	Hannah Cameron	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review To whom it must concern, I am writing to you today to express my concern, bordering on panic, at the lack lustre attempts the HRM is putting forth with regards to our environment in these development plans. When the focus is so centered on development with no regard to the true effects on our ecosystem you put us all in a dangerous situation. This Regional Plan is set to move forward within Mi'kma'ki. How can this be? The Mi'kmaq have stewarded this land for thousands of years, acting within delicate balance of our environment and ecosystem as a whole. If we are to have a hope at all we must follow Indigenous-led initiatives and you must acknowledge that any themes and directions this Regional Plan indicates is simply not enough. And, to move forward with a plan like this, knowing it contradicts this balance modelled by Indigenous Peoples, disrupts and violates our shared Treaty (even further).	n/a	Email

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		With so much of the land in Mi'kma'ki already destroyed, I would caution you to change course and instead focus any further development on areas that have already been through this process rather than looking to the relatively untouched land and wilderness. Our biodiversity is already at an extreme risk and further development on these lands and waterways would be a critical tipping point. In fact, plans need to be set in motion to protect wetlands and subsequent ecosystem services within the HRM _as well_ as outside of this area. Notoriously these plans perpetuate environmental racism and do not put the needs of the community as a whole (inclusive of wildlife) in the forefront of their minds. We are in the midst of an environmental and climate crisis. The ocean is literally on fire in three areas. Wildfire and drought is sweeping across Turtle Island. It is time to focus any development on how we even provide livable areas for us and for nature rather than focusing on a capitalist mindset with development, centering the economy as a main concern. The economy will not matter if the world burns. The damage that has been done to the world already is irreversible in our lifetimes. Be innovative and create plans that work and defer to Indigenous-led movements and have mutual respect for community, wildlife, and environment. With great expectation, Sincerely, Hannah Cameron		

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C181	Derek Bruce	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I strongly urge you to make sure the following issues are in the Regional Plan. 1. HRM must be recognized as part of Mi'Kmaki 2. Further development of wilderness must be stopped or at least greatly minimized. 3. Wetlands must be 100% protected. 4 Wilderness areas like Sandy Lake, Purcell's Cove Backlands and others must be protected and put under good stewardship. Do the right thing by doing everything possible to address climate change and biodiversity. Sincerely, Derek Bruce	n/a	Email
C182	Janet Shotwell	Dear Ms. Fralic, I would like the HRM Regional Plan to really focus on environmental and climate change concerns. These include to: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups.	n/a	Email

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C183	Heather Himmelman	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I have a five year old son Charlie and I fear for his life, safety, mental health, quality of life and his experiences as a climate change victim in the future. This is my priority concern - Charlie and his generation are so powerless unless we do something now to make it possible for him to pick up the efforts when he is older There is so much development in HRM and I am very worried that we are not being careful about making suburban areas more dense instead of developing natural land.	n/a	Email

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		My family hikes in the Blue Mountain / Birch Cove area regularly and it is imperative that those wild spaces be preserved. It is very possible - we can do better. Charlie wears orange often to “respect the people we stole the land from.” Let’s all be accountable the way he is and listen and do what we can to aid reconciliation. We can do more. Charlie talks often about being a daddy and I want him to have that joy in the future without the certainty that he would be bringing his child into a life of suffering. He is a sensitive kid and cares about his friends and bugs and animals. Please give him a chance at a livable life and do everything you can about climate change. Please do more. Thank you. Sincerely, Heather Himmelman		
C183 (2)	Heather Himmelman	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Heather Himmelman	n/a	Email
C184	James Heyman	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM should prioritize the following: - prioritize smart development over fast development. The rush to grow and figure it out later should be resisted. - HRM to take the governmental lead to find a way to stop Halifax arm infilling. Despite the regulatory grey area, make this your issue. This is a pure and obvious land grab on the behalf of some property owners at the expense of neighbors, the environment, and every haligonian in the city.	n/a	Email

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C185	Jasmine Smart	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM could make incredible positive changes to this wonderful city in the Regional Plan Review. I'd love to see the plan include: Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups.	n/a	Email

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C186	Todd Calder	Dear Ms. Fralic, Here are some of my thoughts regarding the Regional Plan. 1. Make better use of currently developed spaces. Do not approve develop in natural landscapes that will adversely affect wildlife, etc. 2. Protect the coast from land filling. 3. Promote livable urban spaces and provide active routes to hiking trails, beaches, etc. 4. Promote cycling and walking to get to work and for shopping	n/a	Email

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		5. Make cycling a viable option for transportation throughout HRM. There are lots of destinations that I want to cycle to where I need to take the sidewalk to feel safe, such as travelling from Quinpool to Purcell's Cove. Fix these problems 6. The bike rack situation in HRM is getting worse, not better. Here's why. First, by removing conventional parking meters HRM has removed a lot of good quality bike racks. Second, the bike racks that are being installed are only adequate for temporary daytime use, and there are too few of them. These racks are bolted to the street which can be easily removed by a thief who has a bit of time if few people are around. A good bike rack should be cemented into the street (like a conventional style parking meter). 7. The city should work to be carbon neutral as soon as possible, whatever that takes. 8. HRM should have it's own energy grid using solar panels. 9. New buildings should be required to be green and fit into the carbon neutral agenda. 10. The public should have access to waterfront as much as possible. Industrial development and private industry should be away from the waterfront. 11. There should be some attention to the heritage character of the city. Old buildings that have character should be preserved, not torn down. Old character buildings should not be replaced by ugly cheaply built ones. Sincerely, Todd Calder		

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C187	Jen Powley	Dear Ms. Fralic, I know the importance of the regional plan. Work on implementing the points below. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM.	n/a	Email

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C188	Charles Blackhall	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review ; I am concerned the municipality is not taking climate change and it's implications seriously. Forestry, is a prime example...it seems kicking the scientific reports down the road for later doesn't cut it anymore. I am sure like myself most of the municipal and government decision makers, and influencers have families and children or grand children. These are the days, the time is now, on your watch, that needed changes to the status quo, business as usual inertia that has obstructed movement forward to more sustainable ways of working with the reality we all share and live with daily. Please be courageous and be the change we all want to see. Never underestimate the wisdom and support of new sustainable initiatives the are here in the public arena. Thank you, Sincerely, charles blackhall	n/a	Email
C189	Beth Sinnis McKenna	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. We need to preserve and protect our natural resources. Sincerely, Beth Sinnis McKenna	n/a	Email
C190	Reid Macpher-son	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I have reviewed the key points that the Ecology Action Centre would like to see included in the Halifax Regional Plan. These four points are how I prioritize their key points. In general, the Halifax Regional Plan must harmonize with provincial and federal initiatives to build for an environment where we regulate development to adhere to policies that reduce fossil	n/a	Email

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		fuel use, encourage electrification of public transportation, discourage personal vehicle traffic, eliminate food outlet deserts, and substantially increase low income housing located in neighbourhoods with diversity of economic status. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Sincerely, Reid Macpherson		
C191	Hilary Martentette	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. As citizens of the world, we need our council to ensure we are stewarding our corner of the planet. Ensure that there is no in-filling along shorelines as this has dire effects on the ecology and health of our oceans and waterways. Similarly ensure that there is no development allowed on shore lines and wetlands. These areas need protection to remain ecologically viable. Ensure wild lands such as the backlands in Purcell's Cove area are preserved in their natural state.	n/a	Email

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		Create green spaces throughout the city and continue tree planing to help mitigate climate warming. Ensure that there is adequate community input into development that takes place. Sincerely, Hilary Marentette		
C192	Natalie Burgat-Tough	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review, it is vital to all of us that measures be taken to protect the treasures that we have. The heat waves that we are seeing this summer are proof that this is the most urgent task to tackle. Stop selling natural habitats that deserve protection like Owl's Head to individuals, stop clear cutting without thought, and get clean water access for everyone! Sincerely, Natalie Burgat-Tough	n/a	Email
C193	Eliz Holly Woodill	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review We would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: Create a healthier (mental and physical), environment greenways and trailways, active living municipality, with recreation and active transportation options for everyone. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities.	n/a	Email

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C194	Anna Weinstein	Dear Ms. Fralic, Thank you for reviewing the Regional Plan. This is an important moment to strengthen every element that can protect our communities from the impacts of climate change that we are already feeling here, and seeing across the country. The fact that we just had a tropical cyclone indicates that we are already seeing unprecedented weather events and we must take every step we can to mitigate what will certainly be increasingly extreme effects in the future. We must protect our wilderness areas, to keep large intact green spaces for biodiversity, ecological services, and human health benefits they provide. That includes increasing buffers around riparian areas, protecting wetlands (which are essential zones for carbon sequestration, among other critical services they provide, preventing development close to the coast, prioritizing development to increase density in existing residential areas rather than developing wilderness, and incentivizing homeowner naturalization efforts through a comprehensive stormwater management plan. We must also recognize that the Regional Plan and its ecological impacts are inseparable from its social impacts. Recognizing that HRM is part of Mi'kma'ki is an important step in demonstrating the link between the environment and human rights by recognizing the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. We can't miss this change. Time is running out. As a resident, a Canadian, and a human being, I want to believe that my government can take bold steps to help be prepared for - and fight against - the ecological crisis that we are already in. Thank you for your work, and for doing everything you can. Sincerely, Anna Weinstein	n/a	Email

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C195	Melanie Hepditch	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review and have a stronger focus on the environment, biodiversity and land protection. More climate focus is required for our city and province to stay competitive and viable for our communities. We need to focus our city's growth within our current footprint and stop taking over wilderness areas. Please continue to protect current parks and expand protection of areas such as Blue Mountain Birch Cove and other important waterways and green spaces. We know better and now we need to do better. Sincerely, Melanie Hepditch	n/a	Email
C197	Maggy Burns	Dear Ms. Fralic, The Regional Plan Review is an essential opportunity for HRM to take action on issues that matter now and for future generations. There are critical areas where HRM falls woefully short: protecting nature and biodiversity, focusing on livable communities and directing growth, protecting marginalized communities, and putting resources behind its climate ambitions. It is critical that the Regional Plan do a better job to protect wilderness and biodiversity. Densify, don't build on wilderness. Ensure we have stewardship plans for the wilderness we have. Protect wildlife corridors. Ensure better buffers to protect freshwater areas and a no-net loss of wetlands policy. We need stronger and transparent rules around where development happens (and to adhere to them) and they need to prioritize livable communities where people can walk or bike to pick up groceries, for example. The plans need to ensure park and nature access for all, not just the wealthy and privileged - if nothing else COVID should have taught us this.	n/a	Email

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		Climate change is here. That is painfully obvious. The Plan must recognize this and put a stop to development too close to the coastline and bring in a Stormwater Management Plan. Finally, commit to meaningful reconciliation with the Mi'kmaw. Sincerely, Maggy Burns		
C198	Jeanine Goulet	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Please consider the Mi'kmaq communities (who own this land) and take care of this land. We need protection for our wetlands, marshes, and places like Owl's head, Blue mountain, Sandy Lake & Purcell's cove. I urge you to factor in how significant these lands are, and acknowledge who's land it is on. Also, tourists don't want to come to Nova Scotia for skyscrapers and hustle and bustle. We need to conserve our green space and unique ecosystems not only for the greater good of the planet and all living things, but for our industry as well. We need to focus on building within the city-systems we have instead of clear-cutting to develop more housing. Infrastructure should be build around this model as well. It would help if you gave incentive to residents to use public transit and renewable water and energy sources to lessen the stress of pollutants. Urging you to consider the long-run of our province and climate, Sincerely, Jeanine Goulet	n/a	Email

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C199	Kathleen Henderson	Dear Ms. Fralic, I live in a small rural part of HRM, Dean, and I am concerned with the regional government not taking the climate emergency and biodiversity loss seriously at all. Not only is there a polluting, destructive gold mine operating in our region, clear cut logging is still going on at a high pace destroying even more of our rural, forested and farm land section of this Halifax regional district. I am writing with only hope. Hope that we have enough environmentalists working within the government of HRM and the province to vote for protection for all our forests, waterways, creatures who require wilderness and our oceans. Humans created this mess and humans must reverse the damage done or all life on Earth will perish. Sincerely, Kathleen Henderson	n/a	Email
C200	Christy Mingo	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Although the themes & directions report for the Regional Plan Review covers several important areas, there are still extremely important areas that remain either inadequately, or completely unaddressed. I would like to see the Regional Plan address the following: - Prevent commercial development from occurring too close to the coast, particularly when said development will block public access. - Create AND IMPLEMENT transparent criteria and processes to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. - Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. - Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: e.g. Purcell's Cove Backlands, Blue	n/a	Email

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C201	Marilyn MacDonald	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Priority MUST be given to environmental concerns as they apply to biodiversity and climate change!! Government must NOT take action (such as Owls Head) without consultation with the public and recognition of protection of biodiversity, especially with respect to endangered species!!!! Also give priority to poverty and homelessness - which are due to lack of adequate action by our elected officials!!! Wake up, polititions!!!!!! You are elected to care for all creation and ALL people - you are not free to subsidize your friends!!! Sincerely, Marilyn MacDonald	n/a	Email

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C202	Carol Peters	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Carol Peters	n/a	Email
C203	Casey Durette	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. The regional wilderness preserves BCBM, Terrance Bay, Waverly, and Owls head all need full protection and park status. Sincerely, Casey Durette	n/a	Email
C204	Peter Stokdijk	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to preserve as much of our natural world and environment as possible. Sincerely, Peter Stokdijk	n/a	Email
C205	Jack Duffy	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I want to see strong commitments to arresting climate change and housing for the homeless. I am also concerned about developers disregard for biodiversity. We should not be a concrete jungle that was shot by the “Condo Gun”! Sincerely, Jack Duffy	n/a	Email

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C206	Janet Dalton	I am writing to say how important our woodlands and water bodies are especially as the summers grow hotter and we want to swim in our lakes and keep our cities cool because of tree shade and fresh air. What we see happening in the west makes it more important to reserve the woodlands wisely and even more important to help the water ways stay pristine. Corridors are so important to the deer, moose, and bears and when we see them in our cities something has gone terribly wrong. Their natural habitat has been destroyed. As a member of the Halifax Field Naturalist, I applaud the work of people who realize how important green spaces are to everyone. Builders and Land-Developers would be very wise to design their Neighborhoods leaving mature trees and the natural parkland within their development. Janet Dalton	n/a	Email
C207	Richmond Campbell, Susan Sherwin	Susan Sherwin and I are grateful for the opportunity to present feedback to the Regional Plan Review. We will focus on Themes 8 and 9 on the Environment and Climate Action in HRM as they pertain to HRM's open green space, roughly 84% of its land. In this connection Theme 2 on Community Health is relevant too, as we shall indicate. I have lived in HRM for more than five decades and spent most of my free time exploring with map and compass the stunning wilderness that surrounds us. Susan is often at my side. When we moved to Hubley from the urban core several decades ago, we became passionate about protecting the wilderness at the headwaters of the Woodens River. With Susan's encouragement, I co-founded the Woodens River Watershed Environment Organization (WRWEO) in 1995. In 2005 WRWEO opened The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail, breathtakingly beautiful and 30 km long. In 2008 the Canadian outdoor magazine Explore voted it "one of the eighth best urban escapes in Canada." A few years later Nova Scotia protected some 10,000 hectares of land surrounding the trail, known as Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area.	n/a	Email

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		Preserving wilderness is good news for biodiversity, carbon sequestration to combat climate change, and the physical and mental health of HRM citizens. It thus bears on Themes 8, 9, and 2, respectively. But there is a problem. In order to get this wilderness area protected many citizens had to fall in love with it and to do that they needed easy access to it. But now you see the apparent paradox. We needed to build the trail for citizens to love the wilderness and have it protected, but in doing so we risked destroying precisely what we want to protect. That is because careless use of the trail leads to braiding of trails, cutting trees, increasing trash and human waste, introduction of invasive species, and risking a forest fire, among other ills. In little time we lose much of what we had gained through protection. This conservation paradox is not unique to The Bluff Trail. The Regional Plan names five Municipal Wilderness Parks: Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park, Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes area, Western Common Wilderness Common, Shaw Wilderness Park, and McIntosh Run Regional Park. These municipal parks are subject to the same dilemma. We need to care about and grow healthier from the wild spaces around us, yet our use of wilderness threatens its health, devastatingly when it causes a forest fire. Excluding all of us from the wilderness, even if it were possible, would rob us of the physical and mental benefits of contact with wilderness. The only way out of this problem, we suggest, is to change our culture and teach ourselves how to enjoy the wilderness without harming what we care about so deeply, to teach ourselves to be stewards of what we love. Is this possible? In 2017 WRWEO began a steward-training program on The Bluff Trail and tracked the effects of the program in detail. The results are summarized in this link. For further detail and background, please see the presentation that Mike Lancaster and I made to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee on July 7, 2021, under the title: Community-Based Wilderness Stewardship.		

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		Let us give you the big picture. We propose a pilot program of steward training in one of the municipal wilderness parks. It would be low-cost and modeled on the successful program on The Bluff Trail. An HRM staff person, working with community partners, would coordinate this community-based wilderness stewardship program. An apparent complication is the fact that Municipal Wilderness Parks can include provincial land, for example, Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes area. To practice wilderness stewardship on these lands letters of authority from the Province would be needed, but they can easily be provided, as they were when volunteer groups in the Halifax Regional Trails Association built trails on provincial land. The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail is an example. What we propose has the endorsement of Our HRM Alliance that comprises 62 HRM community groups. See this link. The expertise, the community groups, the passion to steward the Municipal Wilderness Parks, and the legal structure are all in place. It remains only for HRM to take action and promote the community-based wilderness stewardship necessary to preserve and enhance the wilderness environment in HRM and thereby to move ahead in combatting climate change. Richmond Campbell, Co-founder of WRWEO Susan Sherwin, CM		
C207 (2)	Richmond Campbell, Susan Sherwin	To the Regional Plan Review, We are writing to support the expansion of the Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park (SL – SRRP) by an additional 1,800 acres as advocated by the SL – SRRP Coalition. We oppose the efforts of developers to destroy the wilderness located in the unprotected lands in this area to accommodate a new housing project. That would be contrary to what is needed to fight climate change and protect biodiversity and also contrary to the conception of the Halifax Green Network Plan adopted by Regional Council in 2018.	n/a	Email

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		One reason for our advocating expansion of the park is that the headwaters of the Sackville River above Sandy Lake need protection in order not to risk negatively impacting the restoration efforts downstream to bring salmon back up to Sandy Lake. Another reason is that the biodiversity of this area needs to be preserved. There are more than 200 species identified in the area, including rare birds, reptiles, fish, and forest types, with 15 species identified as species of concern and 7 others as species at risk. The area includes a prominence of wetlands and old forest, even patches of old growth, as well as proximity to the coast for migrating birds. Human health is relevant as well since the area supports a wide variety of outdoor activities, such as bird watching, swimming, paddling, fishing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. In an age when jobs are more portable, good quality of life is an asset that can attract resourceful, innovative people, especially to a city with easy access to unspoiled nature. We urge that the Regional Plan Review expand the protection of this invaluable municipal wilderness park for all the reasons above. Thank you for your attention, Richmond Campbell Susan Sherwin, CM		
C208	Sybil Nunn	To whom it concerns: The 2014 version of the Regional Plan proposed that the area next to Sandy Lake be an expanded regional park. How does that proposal jibe with a housing development being lobbied for by a developer for the west side of Sandy Lake ? Any decision on secondary planning in the Sandy Lake area should wait until the next Regional Plan Review 5 years from now and should reflect the results of independent ecological studies and an independent floodplain study of the watershed including how it relates to the Sackville River.	n/a	Email

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		Past studies have identified the area as ecologically important. Our priorities should not be toward supporting over-priced 1-percenter water-front housing but rather toward protecting the environment for future generations. I support the Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition in its call to expand the Regional Pary by an additional 1,800 acres. I also support the Coalition's request to have the Halifax Green Network Plan be included in its entirety in the Regional Plan. I support protecting the environment over exploiting it. Sincerely, Sybil Nunn		
C209	Neil Holmberg	To: The Regional Plan Review Staff: Subject: Sandy Lake Development plan Bedford Nova Scotia Ladies and Gentlemen of the Regional Planning Staff. I would like to voice my concerns over the proposed development of the Sandy Lake area in Bedford. As a longtime resident of the Sandy Lake area I have been very fortunate to have raise my kids in the natural environment that the lake affords. We enjoyed many hikes and camping trips to Marsh Lake, Jacks Lake and the surrounding area. We particularly enjoyed the west side of the lake before it got clear cut in 2013. Having spent many years overseas in the oil industry in numerous countries I have seen the negative impacts of urban sprawl. Many places I have travelled had poisoned there waters and ruined the land by developers interested in their own profits. In Europe laws were created to protect valuable farmlands and sensitive ecosystems for urban development. An approach of higher density in the cities should be mandatory for protecting the lands for future generations. Once it's gone it's lost forever. There has been many studies over the years on the impacts to the watershed and wildlife around Sandy Lake. No matter how careful people are there will always be pollutants that will negatively impact the lake.	n/a	Email

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		I can't help feeling that the land has been protected thus far from development due to its natural beauty. People that visit it are astounded by its large trees rolling land scape and numerous wildlife. I believe it has a positive impact on people and should be spared from the ravages of development. Sincerely Neil Holmberg Concerned citizen		
C210	Karen Peters	Good Morning, I live in the Sackville area and would like to say that more trails would be a much better use of the land in the Sandy Lake development than more homes. I see the full parking lots on the First Lake trails and know that as Halifax expands, we need more wild spaces that are accessible to Haligonians. Our natural spaces are a huge draw, and we need to create more trail systems and park areas. Karen Peters	n/a	Email
C211	Tara Dent	Hello, My name is Tara Dent and I wanted to show my support for the Sackville Rivers Association in making Sandy Lake a regional park and protecting it from development. I 100% agree Nova Scotia needs more housing, but once we lose gems like Sandy Lake, they're gone forever. We can brainstorm with the public about areas that are better suited for development that can avoid damaging such a beautiful and valuable natural area. It is home to rare and biodiverse species of plants and animals, is an important part of the Atlantic Salmon repopulation plan, and wetlands and old growth forests are desperately needed to maintain Nova Scotia's wild ecosystems. I swim at Sandy Lake every summer, the locals love the lake, especially children, and it's fantastic having such an enjoyable park so close to the urban core. Many people also enjoy taking their dogs through the trails, and creating a liveable, green city should be the	n/a	Email

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		primary goal of developers. No one wants to live in a concrete jungle. Future generations are caring more and more about wild habitats and their importance, and developers need to realize how valuable it is to protect places like Sandy Lake. We can all enjoy this area together and make Halifax a great place to live. Thank you, Tara Dent		
C212	Rich Peckham	I have enjoyed the Sandy Lake and Marsh Lake areas since we moved to Bedford in 1991. For walking, birding, and cross country skiing. It should continue as a natural area and be a Park for our growing population. Rich Peckham	n/a	Email
C213	Grace Beazley	To Mayor Savage and all HRM Council Members: My name is Grace Beazley and I am a resident of the HRM. Now in my 12th year, I live at 804-5800 South Street in Halifax. Before that, I lived for 20 years on Bauer Street, also in Halifax. And prior to that, I lived for 18 years in Dartmouth. My years total 50 and counting! I have seen much growth and many changes and therefore, I am writing to share my views during the public consultation about the 2021 REVIEW of Halifax Regional Municipal Strategy (or the Regional Plan, for short). First and foremost, I value NATURE each and every day of each year. I spend a great deal of time with my husband, family and friends during all seasons in many places within the HRM. The HRM is a special place; let's ALL work toward keeping it so. Secondly I have been a member of the Halifax Field Naturalists for 18 years. Therefore, I want you to know that I fully support the recommendations being submitted to YOU in a joint document from the Halifax Field Naturalists and the NS Wild Flora Society, as well as those by Our HRM Alliance.	n/a	Email

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		Thirdly, as a member of the Ecology Action Centre (EAC), I concur with the submission of their top priorities for the Regional Plan: regional growth, complete communities, environment & climate, suburban communities, and longterm planning. Fourthly, rather than repeat content/ideas from the above submissions, I want to mention about good stewardship of our green spaces being vital part of the Regional Plan. I think that HRM residents need more education and encouragement to do their part. My way to care for NATURE has always been “leave only footprints.” I offer one example to support my point. During the Covid restrictions when we were limited to where we could walk or hike, my husband and I welcomed being able to walk the trail above the railway cut at the bottom of South Street where we live in Halifax. We were totally aghast at the amount and type of garbage in that one area. Being responsible citizens and being very grateful for a special place to walk, we decided to pick up the garbage, section by section, during a number of trips. We continue to do so during the pandemic; and we'll continue long after too as our health permits. (FYI, I'm now 78 and my husband is 82.) There is so much that I could add, but I want you to read my email so I will stop. In closing, suffice to say, please do the right thing for all the challenges and issues faced Sincerely, Grace Beazley		
C214	Ann Crosby	To the Regional Plan Committee – regionalplan@halifax.ca <http://regionalplan@halifax.ca> I am writing to you as part of your review of the current Regional Plan to ensure that the committee and other governing bodies prioritize the protection of Sandy Lake and the surrounding areas, including the Sackville River. The 2014 version of the Regional Plan proposed that the area next to Sandy Lake be an expanded regional park that would benefit ALL of the citizens of HRM. Somehow the subsequent versions changed that plan and now has Sandy Lake listed for development.	n/a	Email

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		Any decision on secondary planning in the Sandy Lake area should wait until the next Regional Plan Review 5 years from now and should reflect the results of independent ecological studies (not simply planning & housing studies) and an independent floodplain study of the watershed including how it relates to the Sackville River. These are critical studies that should be an integral part of the planning process. Past studies have identified this area as ecologically important. Please do not be swayed by the current Real Estate climate or the strong voice of developers who are singularly focused on the income-producing side of this land. I support the Sandy Lake - Sackville River Regional Park Coalition in its call to expand the Regional Park and its request to have the Halifax Green Network Plan included in its entirety in the Regional Plan. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for adding my comments to The Regional Plan Review process. Yours truly Ann Crosby		
C215	Dusan Soudek	To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you on behalf of Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia; an association representing recreational canoeists, kayakers, and stand-up paddleboarders throughout the province; with respect to the ongoing Regional Plan Review process. We recommend that the updated planning document ensures that HRM's wetlands and waterways are protected, by increasing the mandatory riparian buffers for new construction to 30 meters. More public access points to our waterways are needed, both on freshwater and saltwater.	n/a	Email

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		Moreover, we recommend that more attention be paid to land acquisition for suburban HRM's regional parks, in particular Blue Mountain – Birch Cove Lakes, Purcells Cove Backlands, and Sandy Lake –Sackville River. The above areas represent islands of biodiversity and oases of tranquility within the ever-expanding suburban and exurban belts that surround HRM's urban core. Yours sincerely, Dusan Soudek Director of Environment Canoe Kayak Nova Scotia		
C216	Andrew Stout	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Climate action, liveability and biodiversity need to be a priority. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Complete communities have all the essentials within walking or at least easy biking distance. Our wetlands must be respected and prioritized. Coastal areas need to consider both sea level rise and increasing storm surge. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. All people need access to green spaces (not including golf courses), for their physical and mental health. Protect and preserve wilderness places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands, for biodiversity and nature enjoyment. Increase the protection of river side areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw.	n/a	Email

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		Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use rain gardens, bioswales etc. on their own properties. Protect wildlife corridors in HRM. Sincerely, Andrew Stout		
C217	Brenda Ryan	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to embrace the fact that we are in a climate emergency and start acting like it. We need a sense of urgency. Change is coming and it is going to be ugly. First though, I have to share that I do not like a lot of the new construction on the peninsula. We are looking more and more like Toronto. I don't want Halifax to look like Toronto! Why is it all glass, steel and concrete? Where are the trees? Where is the green? Where is the shade? We have lost the unique landscape of Spring Garden Road. The new work on Spring Garden Rd should be banning buses. I don't know why anyone would want to sit outside and enjoy a coffee as buses roar by. It makes no sense. The Halifax Common is not sufficiently protected and is continually being reduced in size. HRM is not safe-guarding it. Have we not learned anything from the pandemic? People have realized that they love nature. I am totally against the plans for the QE2 redevelopment. They should be keeping the radiation bunkers where they are now. Did HRM even stand up to the Province on this issue? I think that whole area is going to be a traffic nightmare and with all the traffic lane changes in the area, I fear that the planners have not understood the implications of this development. 2 parking garages indeed. 1. Protect our coastline. Stop building on the waterfront! Does no one look at the flood maps? And you can't even see the waterfront anymore. It's shameful. 2. Protect nature. Protect all wetlands. Create wildlife corridors. Protect our biodiversity. Stop mowing the public lawns everywhere. We need less Kentucky Blue Grass. Instead mow a pathway through wild flowers. We need to think about "wilding" everywhere	n/a	Email

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		3. Liveable Communities. All new buildings should have roof-top solar and heat pumps. We need to think about heating and cooling our buildings. We need roof-top grass, awnings, more trees, more vegetation, more green. We need to reduce the cars coming on the peninsula, so better public transportation, bike lanes, trails, etc. Stop developers from removing all the trees on the land they wish to develop. How ridiculous is that? And then they plant new ones. That practice needs to stop. 4. Better stormwater management: We need to start capturing the water from our roofs with integrated systems of rain barrels. We need to build rain gardens and bioswales. As our drinking water becomes challenged we will need to use our collected storm water to water the vegetation on our land and any vegetables we have growing. 5. Does HRM have a water supply protection plan? Our drinking water supply will be increasingly challenged as our lakes heat up. We are experiencing blue green algae blooms now. 6. Does HRM have a fire evacuation plan? We are going to be experiencing droughts and then fires and smoke. What is the plan? 7. We need a land bank. We need more affordable housing on the peninsula. We need a rental registry. It is shameful what HRM is doing to those people in the makeshift shelters; one week notice is not sufficient. This is a solvable problem so please solve it. 8. We need to plan for more community gardens and vegetable gardens on our properties. Our food supply is challenged and we need to invest in growing our own food. 9. We need to plan to better address the needs of marginalized communities. 10. And while we address climate change through all the actions we need to take so that we have a future, we need to ensure that there is appropriate consultation with indigenous people. In many respects they are fair more respectful of nature than we colonists are who think nature is there for our exploitation. Unfortunately, we were wrong.		

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		We have lots of challenges ahead. The climate emergency needs to take front and center in any plan HRM prepares. Thanks very much, Brenda Ryan		
C218	Johanna Nesbitt	Dear Ms. Fralic, I urge you to include the following in the Regional Plan: 1. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. 2. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. 3. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. 4. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands 5. Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. 6. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. 7. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to	n/a	Email

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		use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. 8. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Thank you. Sincerely, Johanna Nesbitt		
C219	Christopher Margeson	Dear Ms. Fralic, I believe the HRM has an obligation to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review to better protect and serve the environment and the wilderness around our city - for example, to create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands; likewise, a plan to prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. I feel this isn't adequately represented in the regional plan's themes and directions yet. This city has a chance to take meaningful action for a better life for everyone that calls this city home - and a chance to ignore that opportunity for short term gains. I sincerely hope you choose the right way forward. Sincerely, Christopher Margeson	n/a	Email
C220	Sue Moxon	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review To Whom It May Concern, Please consider wildlife corridors between the Purcell's Cove Backlands, Birchcove Blue Mountain Wilderness Park And Sandy Lake. Imagine Wilderness spaces so close to an urban area. This has to be a first in Canada.	n/a	Email

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		Please cease developing areas near our coast. Sincerely, Sue Moxon		
C221	Paul Jessen	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. There needs to be a moratorium on the in-filling of marshlands for immediate or future development; I live in the LWF area and have seen too much of this. Not only do these areas support wildlife, they are purifiers for natural water systems. Also, the implementation of a one for one system for re-forestation to balance any development that HRM deems necessary, would be beneficial; the terrifying threats of climate change should provide sufficient justification for this. Sincerely, Paul Jessen	n/a	Email
C222	Anne Marie Conn	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Our city is expanding and changing quickly in these last few years. Some for the better and some not so much. With the rising tides caused by climate change the build along our coasts is very concerning. We seem to be in filling more and more along both the harbour and Arm and this will have negative effects on our environment. We need to continue to work together to protect our open areas and our ability to connect with nature. We are totally dependant on nature for our very breath. Trees are our life breath and so are our oceans. We need to do everything we can to protect and live sustainably with our parks and waterways. Affordable housing in HRM is becoming a major issue with the result we are seeing more and more persons homeless on our streets. As a municipal government something can be done about this if we demanded that all new building designate 15 percent of their	n/a	Email

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		rental space to affordable space for low income persons. As we push people out of the city to the suburbs public transit becomes even more important. At the moment public transit for low income families is just not possible. We are forcing people to choose between food on the table or getting to work. We count on our government to consider all of its citizens not only those who can afford decent housing and transportation but those who are working in many lowering paying jobs which we have discovered during this pandemic are essential services for all of us. In our racially divided city we need to continue to reform our treatment of people of colour and our First Nations people. Apologies need to be followed up with actions which are just. No longer can we tolerate the injustices handed to people because of their race or colour. Everyone needs to feel safe in our city, everyone needs to feel they have a place here and they do not have to fight to find that place. We are surrounded by natural beauty. Let us do everything to protect that for everyone who lives here. Thank you for the work you are doing for all of the citizens of HRM. Sincerely Anne Marie Conn		
C223	Tristan Crane	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review to protect our wildlife. Firstly, it is important to recognize that the HRM is part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. We need to uphold the Treaty and advance reconciliation. This would be a good first step into understanding the kind of climate problems we are soon to face if not already facing.	n/a	Email

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		Second, we need better transparency on where growth and development is occurring in the HRM. Halifax itself is known internationally as the “city of trees” and the surrounding HRM is no slouch on this end either. We need to understand what makes the HRM wonderful is not the one-hundredth condo with rentable business suites in the bottom, but the nature that exists within the city limits as well as within the greater HRM. In less than ten years that could all be gone. We need stewards to protect these areas of the HRM. We need better protections for our wetlands. Worldwide, wetlands are some of the first areas climate change affects. I cannot stress how important it is to keep these ecosystems around and that starts with simple protections for these biodiverse areas of our region. Lastly, we get a lot of storms and rain. If you live in the HRM you probably pack a raincoat no matter where you’re going. Because of this, it would benefit the people of the HRM to implement a strong stormwater management plan. Runoff from a roof can be toxic to our plant life and land, but encouraging property owners to install rain gardens would be an good first step to quell this and help create microbiomes for insects to move about and spread pollination. More than ever I have heard from people that they are gardening and microfarming as much as possible and it's not just because they get to grow their own basil. People are microfarming and gardening because we need that level of urban reclamation to happen. We need bees and moths and hornets (etc.) to pollinate our plants and a plan that gives these gardeners a leg up in helping create these biomes would benefit all within the HRM and the province as a greater whole. Thank you for your time and for reading this request. Sincerely, Tristan Crane		

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C224	John Loder	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review, with priorities to: - reducing our carbon footprint and urban sprawl, and - protecting and enhancing natural ecosystems that uptake carbon, preserve and store water, and provide habitat and outdoor recreational spaces. Steps should include: - better use of existing buildings with through green enhancements (e.g. insulation, solar power) in already developed areas (rather than more destruction of our natural environment); - improved and more efficient public transportation, and infrastructure for electric vehicles; - more stringent regulations on new developments, and preservation of neighbourhoods with affordable housing; - protection of green spaces; and - increased property taxes on luxury homes. Thanking all involved for their continued efforts on this very urgent challenge to reduce climate change. Sincerely, John Loder	n/a	Email
C225	Stephanie Power	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. There are multiple themes that I hope will be addressed critically and thoughtfully, engaging a variety of stakeholders.	n/a	Email

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		Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands. Make these accessible spaces for all to enjoy. Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages and empowers landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! Protect wildlife corridors, ensuring safe transit for our furry friends. Sincerely, Stephanie Power		
C226	Cheryl Kane	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take Immediate action through the Regional Plan Review.	n/a	Email

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		Its been disappointing to watch the devastating impacts of unchecked, unmanaged growth on the areas around West Bedford and Kearney Lake and its waterways, in particular. Until very recently, at a perilously late stage in development, there's been no control by the City or Province over the silt that's constantly made its way into the lake. Total reliance on the goodwill of the developer (generally exhibited in this case) cannot/did not replace good policy/oversight. Garbage in the area is an embarrassment and may be found in shameful abundance everywhere around the sites, through the paths and in the waterways and brooks. Tax revenue will dry up, Halifax, once everything is ruined. Why are we continuing to follow the many other examples readily found in HRM? We are watching. thanks for listening. Sincerely, Cheryl Kane		
C227	Amanda Loder	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am writing to address my concerns on the Regional Plan Review. After reviewing the information that has been made available to the public, I am afraid that HRM is not planning to take adequate action through the Regional Plan Review to address the climate and biodiversity crises. More specifically, I have concern that development is occurring with a lack of consideration for wetland protection (noting that wetlands provide several benefits including wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration and flood attenuation) and maximizing green space HRM residents. As we have seen during the pandemic (particularly under heightened restrictions), access to parks is of utmost importance in order to maintain physical and emotional well-being. Without strong measures to control development so that dense communities are prioritized in urban and suburban areas that already exist, wilderness and critical habitat that provide biodiversity and climate moderation will be put at risk.	n/a	Email

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		Mitigation efforts are needed to prevent the irreversible implications of direct and indirect alteration of ecosystems. In a positive lens, the Regional Plan Review provides a valuable opportunity for Halifax to be a leader on natural climate solutions through conservation and preservation of nature and wilderness, while simultaneously providing means to protect carbon stocks. By prioritizing environmental sustainability, we can use the Regional Plan Review as a means to ensure and maintain a healthy environment for future generations. Sincerely, Amanda Loder		
C228	Sara Kirk	Dear Ms. Fralic, We are in a climate emergency. While HRM has made such a declaration already, actions speak louder than words. Unfortunately, action is severely lacking to address the climate change threat we are facing as a community. HRM MUST take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Specific actions that I would like to be taken include: 1. To recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. 2. Accelerate actions to reduce dependency on fossil fuels, particularly in transportation. Make it easier and safer for people to move actively around their communities without using single occupancy vehicles and enhance public transit to get more people out of cars. 3. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Recognize the importance of well-being as a goal for the plan. 4. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness areas.	n/a	Email

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		5. Recognize and address the impacts of systemic racism in how land is used. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. 6. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands 7. Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast. 8. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. 9. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. 10. Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. We are running out of time to take action to mitigate the impacts of climate change. I implore you to act on the above with urgency to protect our communities now and in the future. Sincerely, Sara Kirk		
C229	David Lovas	Dear Ms. Fralic, I greatly appreciate the efforts made in the Halifax Regional Municipal Strategy. However, as a resident of this beautiful city and province, I am concerned that it does not take important environmental concerns into consideration that makes our lives here so rich	n/a	Email

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		and worth fighting for. There are significant environmental shifts underway that as a city with foresight we can address with a more progressive environmental plan. These features would include: - Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. - Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. - Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. - Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. - Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands - Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. - Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. - Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. - Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast!		

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C230	Roy de Vries	Dear Ms. Fralic, I would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities including to: - Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. - Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature. - Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes - Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. - Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. - Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties.	n/a	Email

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C231	Phillip Mansour	Dear Ms. Fralic, Having been born and raised in HRM I am deeply to connected, invested and concerned about the future of this region. The lack of leadership and cowardess around taking bold action to stave off climate change and biodiversity loss is extremely frustrating. This region should be leading the way on the these issues. As well as making it a fair and safe place for its citizens to live in. Which should include affordable and sustainable housing for all. As well as better public transportation, including active transportation such as bike lanes which the region has been dragging its heels on for years. The recognition of indigenous rights and listening to their leaders on all these issues should be at the fore front. Protecting as much nature as possible and stop back door deals which line the pockets of city officials and city councillors. Also save Owl Head!! Stop Alton Gas and stop criminalizing the poor. Sincerely, Phillip Mansour	n/a	Email

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C232	Carla MacLellan	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM met many issues during the past Covid year, and hopefully have learned that moving forward must include new ideas, and 'big picture' thinking. Our environment is changing, and we all have parts to play in dealing with new realities. We've seen how important it is, physically and mentally, to be able to access parks, trails, safe walk/ride/roll paths...and so to be able to get to these places is crucial too. I sincerely hope you think of our future when you are drawing up plans. Good luck. Sincerely, Carla MacLellan	n/a	Email
C233	Connor MacEachern	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. This is a chance to show courageous leadership by prioritizing our relationship with the local environment. I would like to see more attention paid to climate change, biodiversity and creating liveable communities. Any high level document should include how HRM plans to advance reconciliation with Mi'kmaq people. The municipality needs a transparent environmental assessment process with clear, measurable criteria to ensure development is done with the lowest possible affect on the natural environment. The criteria should be strong enough that some development is denied if the plan falls short. I'd love to see current natural spaces protected either through designation, like the Purcell's Cove Backlands, or through policy, like prioritizing increasing density in developed areas before destroying any wilderness for new development. HRM has declared climate change to be an emergency. It's time to treat it like an emergency.	n/a	Email

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		Sincerely, Connor MacEachern		
C234	Irwin Barrett	Dear Ms. Fralic, Dear Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit: HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan . I am advocating for more wilderness protection in the HRM in places such as Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake and Purcell's Cove Backlands and other endangered areas near existing developed areas. Transparent criteria should be decided where growth and development is to occur as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in already existing suburban areas rather than developing/ destroying wilderness not yet developed. This will mean avoiding making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature considers historical lack of parks access in the HRM. Create a municipal wetland policy to ensure no net- loss of wetlands within HRM, including the protection of all riparian areas by implementing a 100 meter vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50 meter vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. Our coastal lands should be protected from allowing development too close to our coasts. Lastly protect wildlife corridors and ensure that development is guided by accurate and up- to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Thanks for all your very worthwhile efforts over the past number of years for all your constituents ! irwin barrett irwin.barrett@bellaliant.net, bedford, nova scotia, b4a 2m3. Sincerely, irwin barrett	n/a	Email
C235	Laura Brady	Dear Ms. Fralic, To whom it may concern, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review:	n/a	Email

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C236	Jodi Miles	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am a recent Master of Planning graduate from Dal and a volunteer with the Ecology Action Centre. I've been keeping a close eye on the Regional Plan review for the past year, and I am excited to participate in the the public consultation for it. Though the Themes and Directions report does a good job touching on many important factors, I do have some concerns that I would like to be addressed in the next draft.	n/a	Email

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		Plan should also establish a Stormwater Management Plan and program to encourage property-owners to use naturalization efforts on their land. Thank you for taking my concerns into account, I look forward to seeing the next draft of the plan. Sincerely, Jodi Miles		
C237	Paul Schwartz-entruber	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to plan for the effects of the climate crisis. Unbridled demolition and construction on the peninsula is making it less and less attractive. For whom is this high density living beneficial? Certainly not for residents. Besides there are already inadequate public transport options. Prioritizing the needs of automobiles and car lots, seems to be high on someone's agenda. I wonder whose that is? Sincerely, Paul Schwartzentruber	n/a	Email
C238	Janet Barlow	Dear Ms. Fralic, I write concerning the HRM Regional Plan Review. I care deeply about nature and outdoor recreation areas in HRM and believe that we need to take action now to protect wild and green areas and areas for outdoor recreation, such as hiking. I fully support the Our HRM Alliance and the direction it believes we should go in with respect to the Regional Plan. Please strengthen the Regional Plan to address climate change, biodiversity, and build livable communities. I ask that you: -Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation.	n/a	Email

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C239	Peggy Cameron	<i>Submitted attachments regarding concerns about the use of the Halifax Commons.</i>	Yes – C239	Email

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C240	Edward Glover	Dear Members of HRM Planning I am writing regarding Sandy Lake Park. I have walked there regularly with my family throughout the past number of years and have seen quite an increase in the number of people enjoying this beautiful area. People feel better in nature, you can see it on their faces, that's important for the mental and physical health of families and in turn the community. I have explored maps like the HRM one below that shows a park that isn't yet complete. From the reading I've done I understand it has been a vision for decades (http://sandylake.org/history-2/sandy-lake-regional-park-history <http://sandylake.org/history-2/sandy-lake-regional-park-history>) dating back to 1971 in fact. The amount of change that's taken place in West Bedford has been staggering. The Regional Plan should prioritize completing the park rather than green lighting further development in the area. The Sandy Lake/ Sackville River is a unique and special place. Dr David Patriquin and many others have studied the area extensively and we only get one chance at ensuring it's health. This is even more dire given the climate change occurring. Please do the right thing and recommend that expanding the park to protect the watershed is the top priority. Let's put sustainability ahead of developer profits - please. Sincerely, Edward Glover	n/a	Email
C241	Jordan Mahar	Good afternoon, Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Halifax Regional Municipality's Regional Plan Review. As stated in the survey, this plan is a long-term strategy that will set the framework for growth and change in HRM. As a result, we must get this right. Overall, I have been pleased to see a focus on housing in this plan and it should continue to be emphasized. With housing also comes transportation, however, and the development of reliable, accessible transit will continue to be of vital importance. The priorities	n/a	Email

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		mentioned in the plan to address climate change and incorporate environmental considerations are important steps, but I would like to see these go further. A key element I would like to see incorporated into the plan is the preservation of forests, green spaces, and other natural habitats. Increasing density in existing urban and suburban areas will allow for the preservation of this space for the enjoyment of all residents while at the same time reducing service costs. In support of this, I would also like to see firm commitments made to protecting wetlands and coastlines. I would also like to see an increased emphasis on transportation beyond automobiles, including walking and cycling, to get around the city. This, in combination with public transit, will help reduce traffic congestion while also promoting healthy community living. I hope you will consider my comments as this plan develops. Sincerely, Jordan Mahar		
C242	Gillian Webster	Dear Sir/Madam, I live in downtown Halifax and I often go hiking in nature. I like to swim, bike and walk, too, as well as cross-country skiing and kayaking and my hobby is studying wildflowers, birds and butterflies. I am the Treasurer of the NS Wild Flora Society. I support the recommendations being submitted in a joint document from the Halifax Field Naturalists and the NS Wild Flora Society, as well as those by Our HRM Alliance. I want to support policies to keep the wild areas having corridors for wildlife and plant species so that these resources are available for all. With climate change, we need more recreation that is good for the natural world as well as our own. Blue Mountain- Birch Cove Lake and Sandy Lake are valuable.	n/a	Email

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		I saw a lone Monarch butterfly yesterday flying down my busy street. It used to be that you saw them all the time! Our children's children need to feel nature around them, not just read about racoons, porcupines, skunks, beavers, otters, mink and wild birds in their picture books. Thank you, Gillian Webster		
C243	Alan Ruffman	Dear Ms/Sir; a) The current Regional Plan has a map of the boundary limit for transit service that shows an unserviceable interior island of white from the Williams Lake Road south to Herring Cove at the Lookoff Provincial Park. This is a totally gerrymandered map made at the request of Halifax Transit so that they could get rid of Bus 15 that has served Purcell's Cove and York Redoubt for about 40 years. It also mean that no application can now be made to again get regular all-day transit in the area and that is discriminatory given that all properties north of York" Redoubt are paying exactly the same transit "Area Rate" as all the rest of Spryfield yet get no daytime service and no evening service between the two "rush hours" and after about 7:00 p.m. and zero service on weekends, holidays and New Years Eve. b) The new revised Regional Plan must have a special section on removing the proposed Highway 113 ROW that is currently seen by some in the Provincial government from Hwys 102 to 103 that will pass through the Blue Mountain- Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Preserve and placing all this highway reserve into the Wilderness Preserve This was requested by Regional Council on Tuesday July 5, 2021 in a 15 to 1 vote and this wish must be carefully reflected in the revised Regional Plan. c) The new revised Regional Plan must include a very clear statement that HRM wishes to have all "as-of-right" infilling on all pre-confederation(1867) water lots in the North West Arm removed by whatsoever parliamentary action is needed in Ottawa., The plan should note that in no case should an HRM building permit be issued for any building	n/a	Email

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		build that crosses, or is beyond (below), the High-Water Mark for all saltwater coastal and all fresh water lakefront properties. Small modest recreational wharves are to be permitted and Commercial fishing or industrial wharves are to be permitted after a full environmental assessment. d) At present there is no Regional Council, or public, input into subdivision approval whether it is a division of a large lot into two parcels or consideration of the proposed subdivision of a 20, 100 or 500 acre lot that has the potential to greatly affect the HRM schooling needs, the availability of recreation space, Need for garbage collection, provision of approved municipal roads and sidewalks and their repair and maintenance and the plowing in the winter. The new regional plan as revised must allow for public input for subdivisions of parcels greater than 6 acres (3 hectares). All unsubdivided private land south of the intersection of Village Road and Hwy 253 in Herring Cove and on south through to Central Portuguese Cove, should go into Residential Reserve and no consideration of municipal water and sewage services given for 25 years e) The entire Halifax Common shall be given a similar legislative protection similar to that granted to the Dartmouth Common 30 years ago. The 1994 Common Plan should be included in the regional plan and if a new such plan is done in time it should be included in the revised regional Plan to give it full status and power rather than just ignoring it as HRM has done now for almost 24 years. f) In governance HRM must state in the revised Regional Plan that it is the intention of HRM to seek firm and enforceable conflict of interest rules that will prevent its elected officials and all its senior staff from acting as staff, consultants, or investors, for private land investment and development firms that are operating, or seeking to operate, within HRM. on their retirement or their defeat at the polls. A “cooling off” period must be instituted, and we must reflect the practice seen elsewhere throughout Canada. g) the current Regional Plan has three categories “Urban”, “Suburban” and “Rural” but there seems to be no logic as to the criteria and I suspect there is a lack of criteria to the tax rates charged - or the infamous “Ditch Tax”. The one example that jumps out to me		

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		is the area south of Wenlock Drive in Jollimore south to York Redoubt all of which is “Urban” yet has no piped water and sewerage services, no curbs, no sidewalks of cement or friable asphalt, a bus lane for about half the length, and has a bus 451 that gives but eight trips a day and only hourly service in the a.m. and p.m. and no mid-day service and no evening service and no service at all on holidays and weekends - or on New Year’s Eve. That Is “Urban”?? --It is not even “Suburban” me thinks and these maps must be carefully and rationally rethought in the revised Regional Plan. I’ve looked at these maps and there are very clearly serious anomalies in the area of east Dartmouth and in the areas to the North. If I can see the mismatches then so can the residents of these anomalies. Regards Alan Ruffman		
C245	Patricia Manuel	Dear Regional Plan review team, Attached is my input to Phase 2 community engagement for the Regional Plan review. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective. I hope I am still within the deadline. It is still July 16. Kind regards Patricia Manuel Halifax, NS	Yes – C245	Email
C246	Katherine Kitching	Hi there,, I would like to submit the following comments on the Regional Plan review for this weekend’s deadline. I was just reading that the current version of the Hfx Regional Plan allows for development around Sandy Lake - and I am very upset to hear this!	n/a	Email

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		I presume you are aware how incredibly popular and beloved this greenspace has become for folks who live nearby it, and now for those who live all over Halifax. In fact when I finally went to explore it a few months ago after hearing so much about it, I found it beautiful but too crowded for my liking!! People absolutely love that park and are making amazing use of it - dog walking, jogging, wilderness adventuring, family walks, swimming you name it! And despite all the use the forest was still beautiful and full of creatures. I beg you to reconsider allowing any type of zoning or policy that could lead to development there. It would be bad planning (and even heartless in my view!) to allow development in a place that thousands of people are showing you (voting with their feet!) that they love and treasure just as it is. I think it's important to reflect that we were madly promoting more people to move to Halifax during covid - and yet the current parks and trails are all already bursting at the seams. If we want to keep growing we have to plan for the recreation space the new residents will need. Places that used to be almost empty are crawling with people now. It's a good thing but also putting strain on the facilities - more garbage, more wildlife disturbance, parking issues.... and to some extent a degradation in the wilderness experience because of all the people (don't get me wrong, I am glad people are getting outside!! But I would like there to be enough wild spaces available that we can all get outside without being cheek to jowel with each other....) We need *much more* local wilderness protection for recreation and health for our citizens, as our population grows! And we need to be aggressively planning ahead - once these areas are lost to housing we will never ever ever get them back. It is absolutely clear that Haligonians love and value natural spaces and need plenty of it. The more we grow, the more we need. And with Indigenous peoples now rightfully clamouring for "land back" for their own purposes, we need even more!		

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		I think it's also worth pointing out that HRM has other goals related to sustainable transportation, low carbon emissions and "complete communities" that directly tie in to the urgent need to protect all remaining greenspace under threat in the urban and suburban areas of Halifax. I come from Ottawa originally and if you are not familiar - basically there is only one quality wilderness outdoor recreation space available for that entire population - the Gatineau park in quebec. so *everybody* who wants to hike or trail run or go for a nature walk somewhere other than the muddy local clump of trees hops in their car and drives 30-60 min on the freeway to hit gatineau park. It's become seriously overcrowded and it's major issue for Ottawa now and they are looking at whether they can create some sort of dedicated long-distance bus system to go there, and whether they need to cap the number of people permitted to drive there each day. We are lucky right now in that there are quality green spaces all around us still - if we have the foresight to protect them all, then nobody in HRM will be too far from a greenspace and hopefully most people can get there on foot, bike or bus. if we don't do this, then we'll run into problems like ottawa has, with thousands upon thousands of people flocking to the few precious remaining areas. In addition to protecting the entire Sandy lake area of trails, I would ask that the Regional Plan ensures protection for 100 percent of the remaining Backlands area (including the land that recently was listed for sale between Williams and Colpitt lake before being taken off the market again), and for 100 percent of the lands in the BMBC. In addition, I urge you to please have a look at the large swath of land south of Kidston Lake, between Herring Cove rd and Sambro lake road. as far as I can tell none of that is protected - and yet it is beautiful land full of animals and birds and as we grow even more, I think it will be really important to add chunks of that wilderness to our protected areas as well, and help develop some walking trails. (right now it's well-loved by ATV-ers and while i'm not personally a fan of that, I am glad once again that people are getting outside and enjoying the wilderness!)		

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		Thank you for considering my feedback on the regional plan, and please keep me updated on further developments! Katherine Kitching		
C247	Eric Blake	Good morning, I realize that the period for public comment on the Regional Plan Review closed last week but I hope you will consider including mine even if it is a bit late. I was reviewing the Preliminary Population and Housing Analysis (which was very well done overall) and am concerned that the report underweights the possibility of continued high population growth. Understandably the authors' rely in part on Statistics Canada's Provincial Population Projections as their projections are the only real data to anchor an analysis. That said, it is also true that their recent projections have tended to underestimate Nova Scotia's population growth, particularly when it comes to immigration. Even with the impact of the pandemic, Nova Scotia's current population is higher than even the high growth scenario in their most recent projection suggested. While it is a valid question how the pandemic will impact immigration going forward, the federal government's decision to increase immigration targets and the ongoing efforts of the provincial government to increase immigration and retention suggests that Halifax will continue to see high levels of immigration in the years to come. None of this need change the scenarios under consideration but it would be a mistake to present both the Low and High growth scenarios in the Regional Plan Review as equally likely. Furthermore, it is substantially more harmful to project low growth only to see high growth than the reverse. Thank you, Eric	n/a	Email

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C248	Ella McQuinn	My overall comments are as follows (not knowing the focus of the survey, so I'll keep them high level) : - Keep the focus long term with a strong priority of environment, heritage and sense of place. - Liveability is key and many of the developments going in the downtown core seem to be favouring development (developers) over community and liveability. - I grew up in Halifax and many parts of the peninsula I don't recognize. I now live in St Margaret's Bay (Dist. 13) and when I come in to the city it does not seem welcoming but rather overbuilt. This is not because I want things to stay the same, but rather because there is not the 'life' in many of these large developments. And there is nothing that makes it different from other urban centres. - The NW Arm should have a moratorium on the water lots. Period. You know why - it's already been discussed at Council and I agree that the current development into waterlots has nothing to do with sea level rise but rather maximizing the footprint of the developer's private homes. By contrast the St. Mary's Boathouse is a fantastic jewel in the arm. Heritage property that was invested in and is now a precious resource for so many residents - with no infilling required. More of that. We have a stunning city and province. Thank you for setting out a process to plan for the future. Let's be innovative, forward thinking, inspired by big ideas that benefit the whole. Please add me to the mailing list for future input. Yours Truly, Ella McQuinn.	n/a	Email

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C249	Tynette Deveau	Hello Regional Plan Staff, My colleague Alex spoke with someone at your office on Friday who graciously gave us permission to submit our report for the Halifax Regional Plan Review consultation today. Thank you for giving us this extra time. Please let Gretchen or I know if you have any questions about our submission or about the recommendations it offers. I'd appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of the message. Thank you, Tynette Tynette Deveau (she/her)	Yes – C249	Email
C250	Jess Topple	Dear Ms. Fralic, The regional plan has a lot of stuff I like in it, but here are two suggestions for improvement: 1. Please put more emphasis on Mi'kmaq culture and heritage in - specifically including, preserving and educating people about it. This applies to Themes 6 but also 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8. There are several ways to celebrate fact that HRM overlaps with Kijipuktuk, an ancestral and unceded land the Mi'kmaq people have inhabited for more than 10,000 years. For example, Riverside's Knowledge Path behind Riverside School in Albert Bridge, NS is an educational walking path that encourages people to "take the time to connect with the land that Lnu'k (Mi'kmaq people) have lived in harmony with for generations". It also has a National Healing Forest, which is "a dedicated forest, garden, or green space – as a place for healing, learning, sharing, and reflection about Canada's history and the legacy of Indian residential schools." Lets make similar outdoor green spaces in HRM that include educational placards and native species of flora. One great approach would be to include edible species for foraging in food forests, with identification guides and explanations of how each species was historically used by the Lnu'k. Existing parks and other city owned spaces can be naturalized to create such forests. These can support	n/a	Email

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		community wellbeing in several ways, including: improved food security through foraging, improved support of culture and heritage, improved air quality and climate change protection with the addition of trees, and a reduced need for maintenance services such as mowing grass. They can also provide refuge and food for some wildlife. I would like to see Halifax's Parks Naturalization pilot program and Urban Forestry Masterplan be expanded to implement several Mi'kmaq food and healing forests throughout HRM. 2. Please emphasize the need to plant trees and protect or restore natural ecosystems. This applies to Themes 8 and 9 but also 2, 3, 5 and 7. Planting trees is the most cost effective way to fight climate change and improve air quality. In urban settings, lining streets with trees can also reduce storm water runoff, increase property values, promote a healthy lifestyle by providing shade for pedestrians and cyclists in summer, and even improve road safety. Again the Parks Naturalization pilot program and Urban Forestry Masterplan should be expanded to play a large role. There are plenty of places throughout HRM that could benefit from more trees (for example, parks with unsheltered walkways like the track of the Dartmouth Commons). Consider tree coverage requirements for new developments and incentivize adding trees to improve existing business and industrial parks. For example, Dartmouth Crossing and Burnside are both currently pretty desolate. Including large trees in and around parking lots would provide welcome shade in summer. Partnership with Tree Canada might be an excellent way to approach adding trees through community grants. Furthermore, the Ecology Action Centre makes many good points about protecting biodiversity and our ecosystems that I strongly agree with. I would like to see their suggested changes implemented in the regional plan. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Jess Topple		

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C251	Terry Choyce	Dear Ms. Fralic, It would be wise for all development decisions to be made with the knowledge that Climate Change is inevitable and that humans are the main cause for our rapidly altered world. Therefore what YOU do will affect generations to come. So please try to preserve as many trees as possible, create developments that are environmentally friendly and beautiful, take extra caution around waterways, provide mass transportation options, and protect all of our sensitive lands - including old growth forests. Thank you. Sincerely, Terry Choyce	n/a	Email
C252	Adam Travis	Dear Ms. Fralic, I hope to spend my life in Halifax. Few other places offer the vibrancy of city life so close to the wonders of nature. Therefore it is important to me to see the HRM take steps to preserve this balance, while becoming a larger, denser city. I enjoy a walkable lifestyle where I can achieve my day to day errands, see friends, access transit, and visit parks on foot. This is by and large my favourite part of city living, and it's something I've sold multiple people on as a huge benefit to living here. Unfortunately, the only neighbourhoods that really fit that criteria at the moment are peninsular Halifax and downtown Dartmouth. The demand to live in these neighbourhoods has resulted in increased development, but also increased rents. However, Spryfield, Bedford, Clayton Park, Fairview and swaths of Dartmouth all have potential to be great, walkable neighbourhoods with proximity to unique features that make them just as desirable as downtown and the waterfront. To achieve this, I ask that HRM makes an effort to allow and encourage the type of density we see downtown, elsewhere. Plaza parking lots could become neighbourhoods, encourage linking detached culture-de-sacs, and reconfigure suburban streets to make them places to be, instead of places to pass through. These are the seeds we will sow for Halifax's sustainable future, and that will allow the investments we make in BRT and fast	n/a	Email

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		ferries to give us the best return. Sincerely, Adam Travis		
C253	Barb Lall	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. More action is required from HRM. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which encourages landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast!	n/a	Email

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		Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Sincerely, Barb Lall		
C254	Drew McQuinn	Dear Ms. Fralic, To HRM Planning. I feel strongly that real policy change and action is needed from the planning and those who implement the plan on the following items. 1. A clear plan and policy to protect our remaining wilderness and wetlands. 2. Developers should be made to not only replace but grow and wilderness areas that they have taken. It isn't enough to try to protect what is left. We must grow back the net amount of green spaces and wetlands in HRM. These spaces are what is attractive about HRM and paving over and creating urban sprawl, apartment buildings and box stores are not what the residents want. Those only benefit the developers, not the community. Green spaces have the value for health, and protection of our resources and help us meet our climate targets. 3. As mentioned above, plan away from urban sprawl. This ruins what is special about our city. 4. Policy to limit development along our coasts and protect what's left. This s our provincial brand and should be valued and protected as our comparative advantage over other locations in the country. 5. Policy to impose a 100 meter buffer of wilderness for all watercourses in HRM. These watercourses in the age of climate change grow in value every year and should be valued over parking lots and developments.	n/a	Email

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		6. Policy to protect and create more wildlife corridors using up to date maps of current Forrest 7. Create more transparency and accessibility and promotion of development plans happening around Halifax. Most residents don't know a development is going in until it has started and it's too late to add their opinions. Developers will do the minimum required of them to notify the public of their plans. The city should place more effort on announcements of these developments so the public has time to react. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Drew McQuinn		
C255	Cynthia Moore	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I would like to see public transit and bike ways and walkways that are accessible to all neighborhoods. There are too many cars, we need to have a more walkable and transit friendly city. Also, I would like to see tree equity, it seems like the poor areas of the city do not get the same attention as regards tree planting as the more prosperous areas. Please do not allow development on wilderness lands, instead make already developed areas more gently densified. Please do create more affordable housing. Please make sure there are childcare centers in every neighborhood, for example downtown Dartmouth no longer has any Daycares. There should be fines for littering. Please protect and plan for the care of our wilderness areas. Don't allow people to infill on the Northwest Arm- a tragedy. Protect Owls Head- the destruction that might take place there is horrible, we need to preserve the special places in HRM, the kelp beds and the diversity there is extremely important. Plant trees wherever you can, we will need shade in the coming years of climate change. Protect our lakes from pesticides and other runoff. Halifax /Dartmouth is really a jewel, I hope we can even make it better. Overall, I feel that city council gives in to the big developers at every turn. It should not just be about money. I do like the Central	n/a	Email

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		Library though- kudos for that. It would be good to provide a transit option to one or two of our beautiful beaches on the weekends in the summer. -9 am, 12, and 4 pm maybe. Sincerely, Cynthia Moore		
C256	Vivien Shotwell	Dear Ms. Fralic, I'm writing to give feedback about the Regional Plan. I think it's critically important that it be strengthened to address climate change, biodiversity, and building livable communities. It's urgent to protect the coastline from ugly and degrading private development. Please prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas, and protect wilderness areas. Please create a stormwater management plan. The oceans are rising and this will help protect HRM in the future. Sincerely, Vivien Shotwell	n/a	Email
C257	Lindsay L	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review - please prioritize increasing density in existing urban and suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. No wonder the bears are roaming the streets - we built over their habitat! Sincerely, Lindsay L	n/a	Email

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C258	Janice Graham	Dear Ms. Fralic, I would appreciate HRM working to increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw, as well as preventing development from occurring too close to the coast. HRM should protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Sincerely, Janice Graham	n/a	Email
C259	Jo-Ann Roberts	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am writing because I believe HRM has a chance to be a community that puts itself at the forefront of being an ecologically responsible community and one that recognizes its responsibility to reconciliation with the Indigenous Nations of this land. I want to see in the Regional Plan that watersheds and wetlands will be protected. That we will have more protected green spaces and new developments will be asked to provide a wide variety of housing with access to active transportation and community services. I want to see a Regional Plan that respects the climate change that is already happening and the change we know we cannot prevent. We need “15-minute communities” where work and services are within the area where people live and not several kilometers away. HRM can be leaders but now is the time for bold and decisive action. Sincerely, Jo-Ann Roberts	n/a	Email

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C260	Catherine Kingston	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to be ambitious in its action as detailed in the Regional Plan, now under review. This needs to include: making sure that all plans and actions are consistent with Treaty and reconciliation with the Mi'Kmaq; transparency and measurability; direct development to existing communities and have strict rules for coastal development, thereby protecting the sea and the integrity of wilderness areas, and the species they harbour, from encroachment; increase density in a manner that is sensitive to the needs and wishes of the existing communities; make sure these communities have diverse housing and easy access to public, green and active transportation; plan for climate change at all stages and aspects of development. Sincerely, Catherine Kingston	n/a	Email
C261	Sunyata Choyce	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Sunyata Choyce	n/a	Email
C262	Bruce Sarty	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Save the Sandy Lake area from development. It cannot be cut in half. Protect wildlife corridors. Stop urban sprawl. Infill in existing built areas. Increase Regional Parkland Adopt the Green Network Plan	n/a	Email

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		Sincerely, Bruce Sarty		
C263	Aoife Mac Namara	Dear Ms. Fralic, If Summer 2021, the BC heatwave, Saskatchewan wildfires and Ontario floods have taught HRM anything it is that HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I believe the Themes & Directions report for the Regional Plan Review covers many key areas, I am very concerned that many critical and time sensitive aspects were not addressed - these require urgent and immediate further action. I am writing to ask that you urgently take action to address the gaps in the Regional Plan so that it is strengthened to address the climate crisis, biodiversity, and so that it has the capacity to support the building of sustainable, liveable and inclusive communities across HRM. Specifically I urge you to review the Regional Plan so it: - Recognizes that HRM is part of Mi'kma'ki. - Recognizes the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people in all land and regional planning - Acknowledge the role Regional Planning plays in advancing reconciliation. - establish transparent, criteria to evaluate where and how growth occurs and how it is measured and ensure that such criteria and associated metrics align with the goals of biodiversity recovery, action to address the climate crisis, Treaty Rights, reconciliation, and reparations for African Nova Scotians, and the development of liveable and sustainable "complete communities". Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness.	n/a	Email

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		- ensure that development and growth decisions do not infringe on, or further prevent public access to, parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. - Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands - Create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM. At this time vast areas of wetlands are being pulverized for development, including acres of wooded wetlands bordering a world class UNESCO recognized wildlife sanctuary at Martinique Beach. Protection for wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services is critical for all the environmental and biodiversity goals detailed above . - Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a minimum 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. - Create a Stormwater Management Plan and program which requires landowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their own properties. - Use building codes and bylaws to prevent further destruction of coastal ecosystems by development along the coastline - establish a minimum distance and require right of ways to water. - work with Mi'kmaw conservation experts and Land guardians to protect wildlife corridors and ensure that development growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM. Sincerely, Aoife Mac Namara		

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C264	Veronica Post	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I feel that the proposed plan should be improved in the following ways: Affordable housing: we should not be relying on short term grants from the federal government to build affordable housing (re: rapid housing initiative) while these types of boosts are welcome, we really need to earmark more annual funding to organizations that provide housing to the most vulnerable. I am concerned that including middle-income earners within the definition of affordable housing will allow HRM to ignore those with complex needs while providing more help to people who do have jobs. Those who need housing support the most are those who may never be able to work due to illness. I want all Nova Scotians to have guaranteed housing, and for the government municipally to recognize that the current strategies aren't sufficient for the most vulnerable. I also think that housing support is important for those working people who aren't being paid enough to afford rising rents, but I feel that that issue could be helped more by raising minimum wage and requiring workplaces to provide security and benefits to its employees rather than spending tax money to supplement low wages. HRM has had ample opportunities to encourage and support community driven initiatives for affordable housing and affordable workplaces with things like the Bloomfield centre grassroots organization and the St Pats Alexandria community development ideas. I see HRM selling off public land to private developers while wasting opportunities to encourage community leadership. Give the community a chance to lead, rather than controlling all the resources. Please consider all the recommendations from the Ecology Action Centre in regards to your climate and environmental policies. Restrict development close to the coast. Create wildlife corridors, Go with science and make the decisions that are best for our future generations!	n/a	Email

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		Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki. Hire indigenous leadership and respect indigenous knowledge in concrete ways. Be bold!! Sincerely, Veronica Post		
C265	Margaret Galbraith	We are the Climate Crisis Team of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax. One of the principles of our Unitarian Universalist faith is to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. The current global climate crisis is an existential threat about which we are doing our best to encourage governments of all levels to take significant action as soon as possible. We are very pleased that the Halifax Regional Council has declared a climate emergency and is working to include climate action in many aspects of its work. The current review of the Regional Plan is very timely, as the original version was not written with the lens of climate action. We are particularly concerned with actions that will reduce carbon emissions directly as fast as possible, many of which are within the jurisdiction of the Municipality, or can be done jointly with the Province. Ending the use of fossil fuels in transportation and heating and cooling of the building infrastructure are the most critical issues, and we applaud the number of actions described in the webinars that will contribute to those results. Please move quickly to put these processes into effect. Viewing all municipal actions through the focus of reducing carbon emissions is the best way for Halifax Regional Municipality to contribute to the global issue of climate change. All aspects of the Regional Plan need to be seen through this lens. Thank you for recognizing the urgency of action in this crisis. Margaret Galbraith, for the Climate Crisis Team Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax	n/a	Email

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C266	Carmelitta MacIntyre	Dear Ms. Fralic, I am writing to add my voice to the HRM Regional Plan, HRM must take immediate and decisive action in this Regional Plan Review First, we must recognize Treaty rights and the importance of reconciliation. Also, I ask that you speak strongly for our green spaces, wetlands and watercourses, for all of HRM. These vital resources and areas must be considered as growth for the area is being planned. Climate change is real; we need to plan for it by protecting the above lands and moving growth away from these areas. HRM must prioritize developing density in already existing suburban areas, and stop encroachment on wildness lands and coastal areas. We must protect our precious wild areas. Blue Mountain/Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake/Sackville River, Purcell's Cove backlands are the most well known, but not the only areas needing our protection. I ask for your strong support to save Owls Head Provincial Park. The delisting and offer to sell this protected area must be stopped. In my readings, I do not see HRM as voicing any position on this. I ask all of HRM Council to step up and maintain the protected status of this park and stop the sale. This is an example of how development too close to the coast must be better regulated. Sincerely, Carmelitta MacIntyr	n/a	Email

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C267	Frank Taussig	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I would like to comment on the regional plan. It seems that Halifax has grown enormously recently, and it has mostly been left in the hands of the developers who are in it to make money, not improve our city. Neighborhoods are being destroyed with not nearly enough thought for the waterways and green spaces which make our city so wonderful. So many of these new buildings are so isolated people will have to get in there car to do anything, and as I am sure you know most of this housing is unaffordable for many of our citizens. We also need to pay more attention to climate change. I would like the world to be habitable for our children and grandchildren and, as the experts tell us, unless we change our ways drastically and quickly this is not going to happen. We need to do our part for this and we need do everything we can to prepare for the changes that are coming. Sincerely, Frank Taussig	n/a	Email
C268	Barbara Markovits	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Though the Themes & Directions report for the Regional Plan Review covers many important areas, many important aspects were ignored and require immediate further action. We would like to see the Regional Plan strengthened to address the climate crisis, biodiversity, and the building of livable communities. Specifically, please include the following: 1. ALL POTENTIAL PLANNING DECISIONS MUST BE SEEN PRIMARILY THROUGH THE LENS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS!	n/a	Email

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		2. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation at the municipal level. 3. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs. 4. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Leave designated parkland as designated parkland. Do not encroach on designated parkland! 5. Stop making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups. 6. Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness: places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands. Insist on retaining Owl's Head as a park, even if it means making it a municipal park. 7. Create a municipal wetland policy which actually protects existing wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem services. 8. Increase the protection of riparian areas by establishing a 100-metre vegetative buffer for all watercourses and a 50-metre vegetated buffer from the highwater mark in the HRM land use bylaw. This is essential to moderating sea level rise and its catastrophic impacts. 9. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast! 10. Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors within HRM 11. ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT HRM EXTENDS A LONG WAY BEYOND THE 'CITY' ON THE EASTERN SHORE. GIVE RURAL HRM SOME REAL SERVICES IN EXCHANGE FOR TAX DOLLARS. THE LIBRARY IS GREAT BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH!		

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		12. SAVE OWL'S HEAD FOR THE PEOPLE. RESIST THE PROVINCE'S SALE! Sincerely, Barbara Markovits		
C269	Karen Hollett	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review I feel that suburban development needs to be curbed, leaving some wild space for wildlife and citizens to connect with nature. We have lived in the Rockingham Ridge area of the city for 30 plus years and have seen tremendous change in that time. Just on the edge of our older neighbourhood, all the existing wild areas have been developed and for the most part paved. Tiny "green spaces" set aside by the developers, in an attempt to appear concerned/conscious about the environment or because they are forced to, are often disconnected, leaving wildlife struggling to find spaces to exist. It appears that traffic considerations are not part of the planning process. Huge increases in cars from new developments join the mass of traffic attempting to get into the downtown core. This whole area is car centric. Cycling anywhere in the Dunbrack/Lacewood/Parkland area is nerve wracking and feels unsafe because of traffic speed and volume. Bike lanes are being added in slowly, but they are not separate from speeding cars. As a result, people who might otherwise cycle do not. During the pandemic, the Chain of Lakes and BLT trail system have become flooded with cyclists and walkers attempting to find a safe place to enjoy the outdoors. We have regularly walked and cycled these trails for years so know that the trail usage increased greatly. This is because there is a dearth of safe options for people in this area. There is a dearth of wild spaces and green corridors incorporated into designs. Recently the city was looking for input on clearing one of the remaining small wooded areas in the neighbourhood to build a second school. This makes me shake my head. Was there no thought given to the large number of folks moving with their families to the neighbourhood over the past 10-15 years?	n/a	Email

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		The same thing is now happening along Kearney Lake Road. Beautiful, mature wooded areas are being cleared, large houses being built with a tiny, often non-native tree planted out front. This unsustainable pattern of development that we have watched in the Clayton Park area is being repeated there. Wide, fast roads with tons of traffic now feed into and out of Larry Utech developments. In my opinion, these are not liveable neighbourhoods. They are not complete communities. How sad that HRM continues on this path. We have so much potential to create sustainable, lovely communities where people feel safe and encouraged to walk and cycle and interact. I ask that the Regional Plan makes protecting and caring for wilderness and natural spaces a key part of any development. I am not talking about those little tiny green spaces provided by developers. I am talking about considering wild habitat and protecting wildlife corridors. Sincerely, Karen Hollett		
C270	David Jones	Dear Ms. Fralic, My name is David Jones and I am a resident of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. I am a teacher, local historian and heritage advocate. I am currently a Director of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society, the Nova Scotia Archaeology Society and the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia. As a very concerned and civically-minded citizen with a strong appreciation for nature and physical activity, I support the Ecology Action Centre (who inspired me to write this letter) in their concerns related to the Regional Plan's weaknesses in addressing climate change, environmental impacts and building whole, healthy communities. Your survey would have been stronger with GIS mapping components and stronger / more specific language surrounding these issues. I also appreciate that the the EAC is asking that HRM recognize Mi'kmaw territory / Treaty rights and better engage in reconciliation. I encourage the Mayor, staff and council to do better by dealing directly and frequently with Mainland Grand Council and local bands	n/a	Email

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		and community members to take real action on implementing the recommendations of the Cornwallis Task Force. I direct you to two particular recommendations from the April 2020 'Report of the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History': (6) That the HRM prioritize the creation of a civic museum, owned and operated by the HRM according to the highest professional museological standards, and begin immediately to explore potential funding and planning processes for this purpose. (7) That, pending the opening of the civic museum, the HRM create a virtual museum, along with working with and supporting the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre to enhance its capacity for displaying material representations of Mi'kmaw history. Today, in July of 2021, I am asking; Where is the virtual museum? Where is the new civic museum? Protecting and promoting Cultural Heritage is a vital component of fostering a healthy community and developing an online / brick and mortar HRM museum is a critical component (as indicated in the Task Force report). Heritage resources are non-renewable. They don't make houses from the 1700s or 1800s anymore (last time I checked...). They do, however, seem to build a lot of condos (that in many cases could be built on top of archaeological sites) in HRM, bringing me to the need for a comprehensive archaeological management plan for the municipality. Why are you stalling on this important document / legislation? Here in the city, you have the experts (such as Dr. Jonathan Fowler, Dr. Paul Erickson, Keptin Roger Lewis, several CRM companies), you have the archival material (NS Archives, HRM Archives, Dartmouth Heritage Museum collections, etc.), you have GIS specialists at the universities, you have everything you need to make this happen! If it's good enough for major cities across the country, why not here in Halifax/Dartmouth?		

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		Please do better, as a governing body, to protect our collective heritage. Sincerely, David Jones		
C271	Cassandra Francis	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Cassandra Francis	n/a	Email
C272	Johanna Aucoin-Slaunwhite	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. I am extremely concerned about the climate crisis. My remarks will reflect this. We must save our wetlands and not lose any more. There should be a sufficient buffer 25-30 metres for all wetlands. Obviously we should not be developing too close to our ocean because of sea - level rise. We should not be building on wilderness land any more. We can re-purpose land. New building should not be all sprawled out like it is now. It can be denser, as long as there is access to nature close by. We should know where our parks and nature access is going to be BEFORE we permit building. And we should know especially about buses or any other transportation means before we approve building. That goes double for low-income housing and the like which didn't have nature access or access to buses except as an afterthought. Let's put it this way. Many years ago I was appalled at the lack of planning. We need clear criteria now more than ever. We should protect the wilderness places like the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes and look after them.	n/a	Email

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		We should protect wildlife with things like corridors. We absolutely MUST save farmland and we should make sure it's being used as such! We MUST protect NATURE. This must be LAW not wishful thinking or guidelines. I am extremely concerned. I respectfully submit these ideas. I will closely follow up. Thank you. Sincerely, johanna aucoin-slaunwhite		
C273	Fred Harrington	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review First, HRM needs to have a planning process that is black and white. By that, I mean that development needs to follow the rules, not, as it currently seems to do, continually seek variances to those rules so that in the end it seems that the rules don't really matter because nobody seems to follow them anyway. If the plan say 12 stories is the limit, then don't allow a developer to submit a plan for 12 stories and then later bump it up to 15. Second, we need to focus new (or renewed) development on existing communities. Some areas of HRM are slowly dying, but they can and should be revived. Look at the North End for some inspiration. As population density increases, the need for services and stores locally rises, making such activities profitable for entrepreneurs. With services and other necessities within easy reach, transportation options increase. Third, as development proceeds and population density increases, the need for open space of various types (parks, playgrounds, ball fields, wilderness, bike paths and hiking trails) increases at an even faster rate. I live in the Clayton Park/Dunbrack Street area and discovered Tremont Plateau Park several years ago. Use of that park has skyrocketed as apartment/condo/townhouse/private homes have filled the old transmission tower lands. Without setting aside what might seem far too generous an area for parks and	n/a	Email

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		wilderness today, we risk creating a situation where these recreational lands are overused and begin to lose their value as places to rest , recreate and recoup. Another case in point is the Chain of Lakes/BLT trail system. Several years ago it was relatively busy but still a good place to walk or take your dog. Since 2020 and Covid, that trail has seen a tremendous increase in use, especially in cycling, so that we no longer use it on weekends when it seems more like the Tour de France. Fourth, we need to limit development in wilder areas where little or no infrastructure exists. Such development bleeds population from existing communities, drives up the pressure on existing roads that no must service a new, most likely scattered population that will be poorly served with the amenities most people require. Better to focus on the communities we have and make them stronger, more vibrant and more self-sufficient. Five, we need to think big about protecting as much of our current wild spaces as we can. The bigger they are, the more intact they are, the better they provide all the important services a world-class city needs. Not only recreation through hiking, biking, swimming, etc., but also acting as reservoirs of biodiversity (including endangered species like mainland moose), as sponges for ground water retention to reduce siltation and flooding, and as forest cover to reduce the impacts of climate warming and increased storm damage on the populated areas of the city. Six, planning decisions ought to have some basis in science. For example, HRM encompasses many watersheds within it boundaries, but I doubt watershed issues have much impact on development decisions. They should. Protecting wetlands, legislating vegetated buffers along waterways and shorelines, eliminating infilling of waterfront properties such as in the Northwest Arm are all important steps that need to be taken. Getting a better handle on storm water management so that waterways and coastal areas are not burdened with excess runoff and the pollutants it carries is another priority. Providing guidance and resources to individual home owners as well as developers as how to best hardscape a property can do wonders to minimize the negative impacts of runoff.		

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		Sincerely, Fred Harrington		
C274	Alison Petten	Dear Ms. Fralic, This is so incredibly important. Thank you for making sure we who live here have a voice. I think much of the plan is making sense and I thank you for that I do have some suggestions that I hope you will take seriously. The climate crisis and taking care of our environment and ecosystems needs to be thread throughout every decision that is made and as a real priority. I think it is really important to make sure that our current communities have what they need and are as densely populated as makes sense. I think we need to stop stop stop development happening in the wetlands and natural areas that are part of and close to HRM. For example the proposed development near Sandy Lake is absolutely ludicrous and shouldn't even be seriously considered. I think it is really important that there is an excellent process that is clear to everybody and understood by everybody about how development can happen and how it should not happen. I am honestly sick and tired of watching developers get away with doing something that they should not be doing. They pay some small fine that is already part of their budget and they carry-on with an eye to their pocketbooks and not our collective future. We need to actively be part of truth and reconciliation for the people who were here before our ancestors. Globally not enough is being done fast enough to prevent our sea level from rising. This is going to happen faster and faster with catastrophic weather to accompany it. This needs to be factored into all decision making. When I drive around Nova Scotia finally self very aware of homes and communities and roads and other infrastructure that will be underwater in the near future. We need to start doing better with planning for this now. We need to be aggressively doing everything that we can to reduce negative environmental impact. We need our leaders to be smart and understand this and provide the leadership required. Thank you. Sincerely, Alison Petten	n/a	Email

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C275	Chris Henkelmann	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Leverage existing urban and suburban areas to increase density Ensure transit - bus, ferry, rail, walkability are factored into planning decisions Ensure greenspaces for the public, but also greenspace corridors for wilderness are factored into development decisions Ensure coastal development is done in an appropriate manner considering sea level rise and coastal erosion. Enable mechanisms to ensure HRM plans inform Provincial development objectives (e.g. impact of major developments like schools or hospitals moving from one centre to another -- Musquodoboit Harbour HighSchool's relocation.) Sincerely, Chris Henkelmann	n/a	Email
C276	Suzanne Bechard	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Suzanne Bechard	n/a	Email
C277	Anne Bishop	Dear Ms. Fralic, I no longer live in HRM, but did for 11 years, and Halifax is an important centre for the whole Province. Therefore I feel strongly that the voices of people in surrounding areas should also count in your consideration of the Halifax Regional Municipal Strategy. Please use it to address the ecological crisis we all face. Increase the density of urban areas rather than developing green spaces. Protect the coast, wildlife corridors and all the existing	n/a	Email

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		natural spaces within HRM's jurisdiction from shameful misuse such as that planned for Owls Head Provincial Park. Map our natural spaces and the precious biodiversity in them. Plan human access to natural areas with equity in mind, addressing the historic lack of access for marginalized communities. Recognize the Mi'kmaw people's inherent rights to their unceded land. Sincerely, Anne Bishop		
C278	Maxime Tardy	Dear Ms. Fralic, We need to respect and study our cultural heritage and have a space to celebrate Dartmouth history. The post office downtown should be a museum and it's really upsetting it will most likely be demolished... fail Sincerely, Maxime Tardy	n/a	Email
C279	Christine Greene	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review Sincerely, Christine Greene	n/a	Email
C280	Laurette Geldenhuys	Dear Ms. Fralic, For the health and quality of life of the residents of Halifax 1. Abundant access to nature, by preserving Halifax's wilderness areas and bodies of water, including, Sandy Lake – Sackville River, Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands. 2. Active transportation	n/a	Email

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		3. Robust and green public transportation 4. Local access to food by structuring complete communities, and preserving and activating the remaining agricultural land in our community 5. Affordable housing 6. Planning for climate change, including sea level rise must be accommodated in city planning. Sincerely, Laurette Geldenhuys		
C281	Shannon Doane	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to start looking after our communities, environment, endangered and threatened species a lot better than it has been. I've personally seen first hand that the Planning and Development departments of HRM label communities and the people who try to take action against unwanted developments in their communities due to environmental concerns as "not in my backyard". This is a disgraceful way to treat the voters of HRM. If the people of a community do not care to speak out on behalf of their own community then who will? The answer is no one. Rampant over-development without a clear plan in place for green spaces, parks, preserving natural spaces and helping endangered and threatened species simply for the sake of making money for a developer has never helped any community in the long run. Case 19117 is a perfect example. No one in the community wanted this project to move forward yet it was approved anyway without any of the voices of the community who took the time to oppose the development being recognized or heard. From my perspective the decision to approve the development certainly appeared to have been made before the public hearing was even held, and the thinly veiled threats from the developers to appeal to the utility and review board was blatantly evident at the public hearing. The area is well known to be habitat for threatened wood turtles and members of the community had been making reports to the Department of Lands and Forestry for many years, myself	n/a	Email

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		included in 2016, yet the reports were discarded by the very department that was supposed to be a steward to the environment. Government departments need to stop passing the buck around between them when it comes to protecting the environment. This also does not take into account that once a development is complete the developer gets to move on and the bill for making any needed upgrades to infrastructure lands firmly in the laps of the tax payers instead of the developer who contributed to the stresses on that infrastructure in the first place. An individual land owner who buys land for their own personal use is one thing, but I believe a developer who buys lands and develops it into mobile home parks, multi story buildings, or other multi dwelling projects needs to also add value to the community in other ways outside of their own financial interests. HRM need to start putting action to words when it comes to supporting the healthy development of communities, support the environment and protect the other living things we share the world with that cannot speak for themselves. There is no community in Canada that ever feels like it has enough tax dollars to support its plans. Greed for more development and more money will never ever be satisfied so we have to start looking at quality communities over quantity communities. At some point we have to realize that growth is not going to be the answer to our problems. It's a solution that creates problems. Time to start thinking smarter for a change and to also respect what the voices of the people in a community instead of ignore them in favour of big business and developers. Sincerely, Shannon Doane		
C282	Janice Kirkbright	Dear Ms. Fralic, The HRM's regional plan needs to go further to protect biodiversity and deliver climate change action. Specifically, I would like to see the following actions: Create a strategy to protect and steward our wilderness areas. Prevent development from occurring too close to the coast.	n/a	Email

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		Create a municipal wetland policy which ensures no-net loss of wetlands within HRM. Increase protection for riparian areas by establishing a 100 metre vegetated buffer for all watercourses and a 50 metre vegetated buffer from the high water mark in the HRM land use bylaw. Protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up to date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors with HRM. Prioritize increasing density within existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Create a storm water management plan and program which encourages homeowners to use naturalization efforts (rain gardens, bioswales) on their properties. Provide incentive for homeowners to move toward green energy and green initiatives. Avoid making growth and development decisions until mapping access to nature and parks through an equity lens which considers historical lack of access for marginalized groups. Sincerely, Janice Kirkbright		
C283	Jean Chard	Dear Ms. Fralic, I have only just learned, hours before the deadline, about this opportunity to provide input concerning the regional plan for growth. As there isn't time to compose a detailed submission I will just state my primary concern. It is absolutely imperative that so-called wilderness be preserved. To the very best of our ability we humans must rapidly shrink our footprint. What better place to start at the municipal level than by concentrating further development in already existing suburban areas and leaving untouched what little	n/a	Email

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		remains of lands, and waters, not already in use by humans. Another simple new regulation which could improve the microclimate of the city is to require all future large buildings, whether residential or business, to have a green roof. This will enhance our existing urban forest and mitigate the heat produced by the city. Sincerely, Jean Chard		
C284	Patricia Brennan-Alpert	Dear Ms. Fralic, The Regional Plan Review has to reflect the findings of the TRC. HRM has to take seriously the land acknowledgements that we all give lip service to. We live in Mi'kmaki under the Peace and Friendship Treaties. As non-indigenous people who came here we have had the peace and even the friendship of Mi'kmaq and Maliseet people and have used up the land and resources until we are all plunged into the nightmare of run away climate change; they have suffered under our UNfriendly control. Treaty rights and inherent rights of indigenous people must be accepted and protected to make reconciliation real instead of just a re-Con game. We can't make little islands of wilderness; they have to be connected by wildlife corridors where development is prohibited in HRM. These no development corridors should be part of clear rules on where growth and development can happen. These new communities should include all the resources needed by residents like groceries stores, post offices, schools, recreation, garden areas, parks, etc. Expand, protect and actively care for wilderness areas, especially Sandy Lake, the Purcell's Cove Backlands and Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes area, and their like. Covid has awoken HRM residents to the wealth of wild places within easy reach. Paths are widening from overuse. We need more education on preserving the land. Densify existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness.	n/a	Email

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C285	Kaly Tam	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. After reviewing the plan, I cannot stress enough the importance of preserving our natural habitats by restricting developments too close to the ocean, by creating buffer zones between future developments and natural habitats and by approving more parks and conservation of existing wetlands where necessary. Please hear our voices and those of people who support the Ecology Action Group. Sincerely, Kaly Tam	n/a	Email

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C286	Dawn Carson	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. Going forward sustainable living must be a priority. Making our homes and transport carbon neutral is essential to move forward in eco-sustainable ways. We need affordable housing for lower/middle income. We need green burial to the sustainable disposition choice of the majority. We need universal basic income to stimulate the economy and dignify our society. Ww need continued economic relief for those who have not yet recovered from the ubiquitous affects of Covid-19. The Mi'kma'ki deserve to be recognized as a voice in regional planning. Stop cutting down the trees. Stop polluting the earth and the water. Just stop. Don't support industry that adds to the toxic problems. Instead support renewable, clean, inclusive business models. Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation. Create transparent criteria to decide where growth and development occurs as well as measurable criteria for complete communities. Prioritize increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Avoid making development and growth decisions until mapping access to parks and nature, including using an equity lens which considers historical lack of parks access for marginalized groups.	n/a	Email

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C287	Martha Radice	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review to better protect natural resources, tackle climate change, and prioritize livability for all Halifax residents regardless of their income and social and geographic location. We need to take an equity lens as we look to the future with our Regional Plan. I want to see us especially protect and steward wilderness places in HRM, provide robust and reliable public transportation (including to those wilderness places), and take what action we can to respond to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. I would also like to see settlers take seriously their obligations to the Mi'kmaw people under the Treaties that govern our presence on this land.	n/a	Email

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		I also want HRM staff and councillors to take seriously the concerns of residents in respect of urban development and planning. I know many neighbours and friends who have worked in good faith and within all the rules of due process to raise concerns about how certain developments have been constructed, only to come up against a solid brick wall of HRM planners ignoring everything we do and acquiescing to developers. Our good faith participation in the planning process has been completely and utterly wasted. It feels like nothing we do matters. Convince me otherwise. Sincerely, Martha Radice		
C288	Paul Turbitt	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. With our woodlands shrinking please establish priorities to increasing density in existing suburban areas rather than developing wilderness. Please create a municipal wetland policy which will ensure no net-loss of wetlands within HRM, better protecting wetlands and their subsequent ecosystem systems. Wetlands are key areas to maintain as they also help to maintain our necessary biodiversity. Establish and protect wildlife corridors and ensure that our growth is guided by accurate, up-to-date mapping of the locations of wildlife corridors and take species at risk into primary consideration within HRM. Sincerely, Paul Turbitt	n/a	Email
C289	Blair Lopes	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. The plan must recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki and recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people. It is also important to advance reconciliation.	n/a	Email

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C290	Daniel McClay	Dear Ms. Fralic, I have lived in Halifax for about a year now, and I have been struck by how beautiful the the city and it's neighbouring areas. In my opinion, it is probably the best selling point for the city to attract new residents. I also hope that I don't need to mention that we are living through a climate change and biodiversity crisis. As such, we should be doing our utmost [emphasis added] to remedy these issues. This involves developing a municipal growth plan in accordance with the opinions and views of conservation, biodiversity, and economic experts as well as Sustainable Development Goal 11 . This is absolute crunch time for our society to start transitioning to a net-zero way of life. Cities have a huge role to play in this. Personally, I would like to see MUCH more biking infrastructure. Coming from Montreal, I was shocked to see how few bike paths exist. The few times that I have been on my bike in the city, I have been forced to ride within the tiny margin on the side of the road; this needs to become a much more bike-friendly city. As for biodiversity protection, I implore you to follow these guidelines: (1) Create a strategy to protect and steward wilderness places like Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake, and the Purcell's Cove Backlands.	n/a	Email

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C291	Patricia McMullen	Dear Ms. Fralic, Regarding the Regional Plan review, I support these recommendations from the Ecology Action Centre: HRM Recognize HRM as part of Mi'kma'ki in the Regional Plan. Recognize the importance of Treaty and inherent rights of the Mi'kmaq people, as well as the importance of advancing reconciliation.	n/a	Email

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C292	Judith Cookey	Dear Ms. Fralic, Re the survey I filled out the survey but felt that my responses, due to the constraints of the survey, did not accurately reflect my opinion. In fact, I felt with some questions that I was leaving a false impression. Also there was no opportunity to express my thoughts or explanations. With surveys like that is, my concern is that when the data is compiled the overall conclusions may be quite different from what those being surveyed actually wanted to convey. That is why I am also writing an email. To comment on all 11 Themes and Directions would require too long a document so I limit my comments to those that I think are most important at the beginning of a planning process. 1. Considering the regional scale The land upon which we live should be given first priority. As much land as possible should be left to Mother Nature to control and shape. The Regional Plan should outline a mechanism to thoroughly examine the lay of the land and to use guidelines such as Ian McHarg ,in Design with Nature suggested, to determine where new development would have the least detrimental effect on the natural environment. Then allow development only in those areas. Yes, any immediate growth in development should fall within the infrastructure of the municipality for financial and efficiency reasons. 2. Building healthier and more complete communities Indeed. The whole region should be identified as a large set of communities/villages	n/a	Email

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		Each community should be complete with places to work, to grow food, to play and experience nature, to get educated, to get health care, have safe pedestrian and active transport pathways and be connected to other communities by public transportation and of course, a variety of housing types. Using the catchment areas of elementary schools might be an approach to start identifying communities/villages. This would take time to accomplish but the regional plan should have policies to guide all new developments in this direction. 4. Transforming how we move in our region Incorporate the Integrated Mobility Plan into the Regional Plan. HRM has a wide variety of transportation issues. We have rural needs, suburban needs and urban needs. Also, Halifax has a very awkward downtown - from a transportation point of view - due to our geography. Therefore a 'one size fits all' approach has not worked well. A dynamically different approach is needed, particularly in the peninsular downtown. A regional plan should have flexible transportation policies to accommodate one system for rural areas, another for suburban areas and yet another for the downtown. Consider this idea: no private cars allowed in peninsular downtown. Have depots on the periphery where cars park and buses drop passengers. A fleet of publicly owned very small, electric cars are available for people to drive around within the downtown area to meet their individual needs. And this idea: a fleet of small buses in rural areas that carry passengers to bus depots where they transfer to larger buses to travel through the suburban and urban areas. 8. Enhancing environmental protection Incorporate the Green Network Plan into the Regional Plan		

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		Again , the land upon which we live should be given first priority The measures mentioned under #1 above would go a long way to protect the environment. The Regional Plan should have policies to ensure that all citizens have easy access to natural areas through a network of green spaces and these spaces should be connected by green corridors. All natural waterways, coastlines, wetlands and a diverse selection of wild areas should be protected. 9. Leading through action on climate Incorporate HalifACT 2050 into the Regional Plan The long term outlook should definitely include fossil free energy systems, a municipality prepared for climate change and its various effects on life in Halifax. Radical changes to the contemporary ways of doing things are necessary and the Regional Plan should have policies to encourage such changes . For example, building Solar Roads <solarroadways.com>which provide many services. 10. Imagining HRM into 2050 and beyond A regional plan should have a long term outlook with policies for the shorter term which direct development in the direction of that long term outlook. It is very important to describe the long term outlook in the Regional Plan. Sincerely, Judith Cookey		
C293	Peter Lewis	On visiting the HRM Regional Plan Review website I was disappointed to see that the deadline for public submissions was July 16th. I have been following the process from inception almost 20 years ago! My family moved to Halifax in 1996 and being and very keen on exploring the outdoors we really appreciated the opportunities HRM offered to be able to get out into at least semi-wilderness within minutes of leaving downtown. However, during the following years we have see most of these areas being encroached	Yes	Email

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		upon or lost entirely to what appears to be uncontrolled development and urban sprawl. I have prepared a submission (attached) which I hope can at least be considered for inclusion in the comments from the public. Sincerely, Peter Lewis Halifax		
C294	Emily LeGrand	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review on the following issues. *Green space access- access to nature is essential for well-being and equity, and there has been disproportionate access to nature. How will the regional plan ensure that all people, regardless of income or skin colour, have access to natural areas within a 20 minute walk? This is especially important that schools have access to nature. Many nature after school programs that run throughout the rest of the province which are predicated on a natural area to play in within a 20 minute walk of the school are not possible in the HRM. *Wetlands- we need a no net loss wetland policy for HRM. They are essential carbon sinks and flood buffering areas, which will only become more important as climate change ramps up. *Stormwater Management- there are great techniques to reduce stormwater runoff and hard infrastructure via using a variety of techniques to absorb water as close to the area it fell as possible, including rain gardens, green roofs, more trees and parks, more natural areas preserved or restored throughout an urban area, permeable pavement, and reducing the need for paved areas for cars, which comes from expanding transit, pedestrian and bike infrastructure. This needs to be incorporated in the regional plan.	n/a	Email

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		*Coastal ecosystems- we are building too close to the coast which makes whatever built there vulnerable to erosion and sea level rise. Coastal ecosystems such as eelgrass meadows and salt marshes do so much protective work for us, if only we take care of them and allow them to exist. *Wildlife corridors need to be planned for and protected within the regional plan. If we are going to survive the next 30-50 years as a species, we need to recognize that we too are animals, interdependent upon on all other life. What a great way to practice recognizing this by including other animals' movement needs in the regional plan. *Treaty Rights- the regional plan needs to recognize and be openly questioning what it means to plan on unceded Mi'kmaq territory, people who understood that we are also animals and are interdependent upon all other life. A part of reconciliation means asking how we can embody that truth in our actions, decisions and planning documents. Thank you for making sure these aspects will included in the regional plan. It's 2021. It's time to get these things right. Sincerely, Emily LeGrand		
C295	Mary Snyder	Dear Ms. Fralic, HRM needs to take ambitious action through the Regional Plan Review. My particular interests are protecting our coastline from development, maintaining the Green Network, and considering how to best plan communities so that citizens have access to the natural environment, no matter what their financial state. Affordable housing should be a right, and the health of individuals and neighborhoods depends on how carefully communities are planned. Access to healthy food, nature, and almost as important, is the way the housing, the community looks - good design - people want to feel that where they live is beautiful. Sincerely, Mary Snyder	n/a	Email

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C296	Michael Basford	Dear Ms. Fralic, Regional Plan Review Themes and Directions I support the OurHRM Response to the Themes and Directions report. In particular , the Green Network (HGNP) should lead rather than be a consideration as proposed in Themes and Directions. The Wildlife Corridor Landscape Design mapping should be integrated into the HGNP. Halifax should have a Parks strategy for a defined spectrum of public green spaces, region-wide. The Regional plan should incorporate the HGNP, the IMP, and HaliFACT Sincerely, Michael Basford	n/a	Email
C297	Allan J. Owen	Hello Councillor Blackburn: I want to see: The Regional Plan embrace the concept of densifying existing communities to reduce urban sprawl. Regional Parks increased and/or expanded for the well-being of citizens and to support bio-diversity and carbon sequestration. I am thinking about Sandy Lake Park as a current example. Large undeveloped blocks of land are needed to maintain bio-diversity, particularly for many songbird and animal species that are under severe stress from fragmented habitat. The Urban Forestry Program expanded to make our urban areas more beautiful and to resist climate change.	n/a	Email

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		The “greening” of civil engineering practices for the treatment of storm water (no direct discharge into watercourses which has caused the demise of water quality in so many of our lakes. Thank you for the dedication that you show to public service. Allan		
C298	Margot Metcalfe	<i>Submitted attachments (via the Clerks Office) regarding the protection of Sandy Lake.</i>	Yes – C298	Email
C301	Lila Pavey	Hello Regional Plan Project Team, Please find attached a letter of request from our Health Promotions Central Zone team for an opportunity to contribute to the discussions on the Regional Plan. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing what might be possible. Kind regards, Lila	Yes – C301	Email/ Stakeholder Meeting
C302	Shane O’Neil	<i>Submitted attachments (via the Clerks Office) regarding the protection of Sandy Lake.</i>	Yes – C302	Email

