



HRM is developing Sharing Our Stories: The Culture & Heritage Priorities Plan. This Plan focuses on Reconciliation, addressing anti-Black racism, diversity, and inclusion; these topics are accordingly at the heart of Draft Regional Plan policies on culture, arts and heritage. These Plans aim to strengthen relationships with communities by working in partnership to commemorate cultural and heritage assets. Sharing Our Stories was developed through a community-led process to focus attention on those whose unique interests have not always been addressed through conventional engagement processes.

The Draft Regional Plan also seeks to broaden heritage protection to a wider range of eras and cultures. It creates policies that accommodate growth while preserving cultural and heritage assets. It also considers environmental issues related to demolition and adaptive reuse.

What's in the Draft Plan?

Strengthening Representation and Diversity

Celebrating and increasing access to the wider range of cultures and eras within the region.

Incentivizing Heritage Protection

Allowing increased development and density in exchange for heritage registration and protection through Heritage Development Agreement policies.

Encouraging Sustainable Development

Introducing policies that reuse existing building materials is a way to preserve heritage and reduce carbon emissions associated with demolition and new construction.



Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is seeking feedback on the Draft Regional Plan (released June 2023). This Topic Summary provides a broad overview of objectives and policies contained in the Draft Plan. For further details, speak with a staff member or consult the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan is available online and in Halifax Public Libraries.

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Prioritizing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Formalizing and acting upon HRM's commitment to addressing Reconciliation, Anti-Black Racism and Diversity & Inclusion.

Community-Led Actions

Giving communities a leading role in identifying, preserving and celebrating HRM's diverse heritage and culture.

Investing in Culture, Art and Heritage

Reviewing municipal grants on culture, art and heritage to make the programs more accessible, and developing strategic plans for municipal investment in arts-related infrastructure.

More information on this topic is contained in Chapter 9 of the Draft Plan.