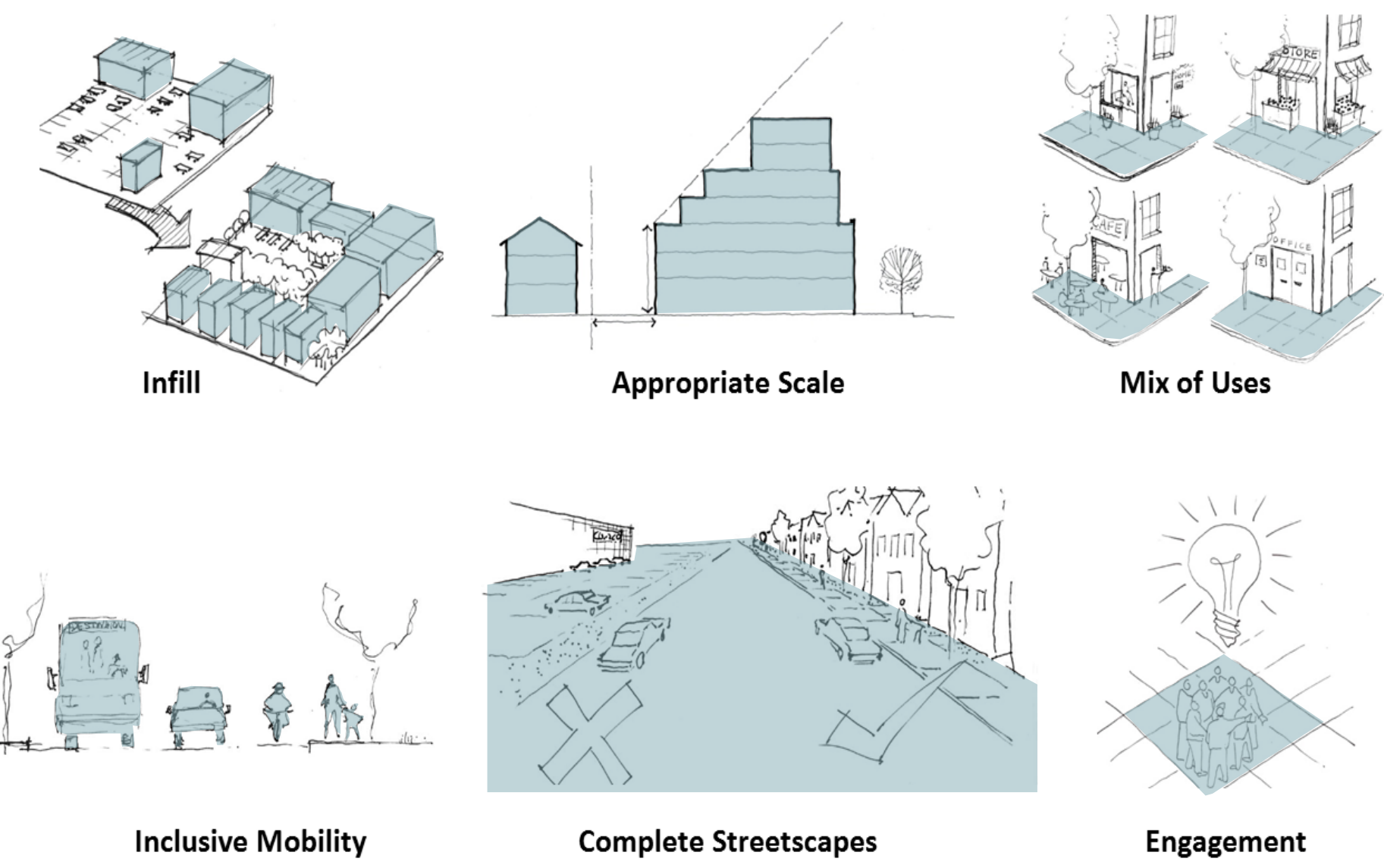


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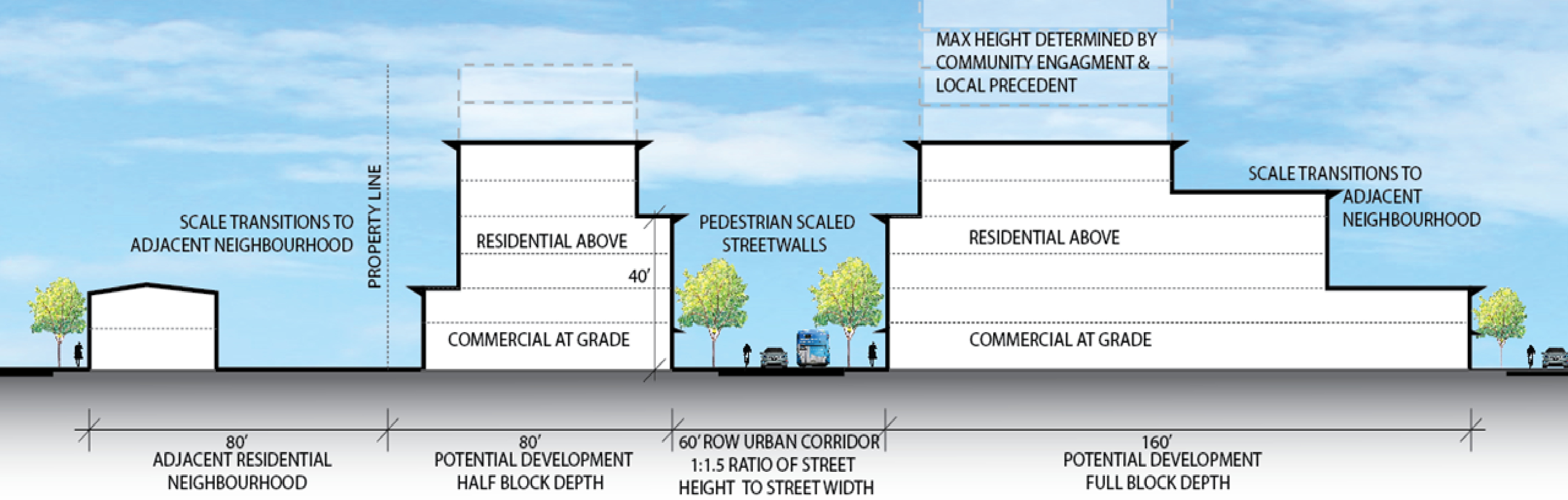
CENTRE PLAN

- The Regional Centre is defined as the Halifax Peninsula and Dartmouth within the arc of the circumferential highway.
- The Centre Plan is Phase 3 of the HRMbyDesign project (Phase 1- The Regional Centre Vision and Principles- adopted by Regional Council in 2007; and Phase 2- The Downtown Halifax Plan- adopted by Regional Council in 2009).
- The Regional Centre is currently governed by multiple planning strategies and by-laws. These documents are out of date and tend to be unresponsive to current opportunities and challenges. The Centre Plan project will create a new Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law which will include design standards.

Centre Plan Principles



Protecting Neighbourhood Stability



Centre Plan Opportunities

The Centre Plan will reinvent development and community design within the Regional Centre, and will be a model for future planning efforts across the entire municipality. The Centre Plan will:

- Create economic development opportunities through new, clear, predictable and expedient approval processes;
- Result in walkable and complete neighbourhoods;
- Focus growth, change, and density on vacant and underutilized land (“opportunity sites”) and along major urban corridors;
- Protect the character and scale of existing neighbourhoods;
- Ensure that patterns of land use and transit/active transportation are mutually supportive;
- Reduce environmental footprint through the reduction in energy and resource consumption associated with dense and walkable communities;
- Improve housing affordability and housing options; and,
- Keep the cost of municipal services low (and thereby protect the residential tax rate) by focusing growth in areas with existing infrastructure and services.

Protecting Neighbourhood Identity



Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC)

The Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC) has been formed to provide Regional Council with advice and expertise on the Centre Plan, through the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee (CPED).

The CDAC has a two-part mandate:

- 1) Report to CPED and Regional Council on progress of the project;
- 2) Make ongoing recommendations to staff regarding areas of strategic importance to Centre Plan project.

The CDAC is a key communication link between Regional Council and the community, and will be involved in the delivery of the public participation program.