

REGIONAL PLAN REVIEW

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL PLAN?

THE REGIONAL PLAN sets out where, when, and how future growth and development should take place across the Halifax Regional Municipality. It provides the Municipality's high level vision for land use and development, environmental protection, transportation, and infrastructure such as water, solid waste and recreation, culture and heritage protection, and economic growth.

PLAN FOR



THE ENTIRE REGION



1 MILLION
POPULATION

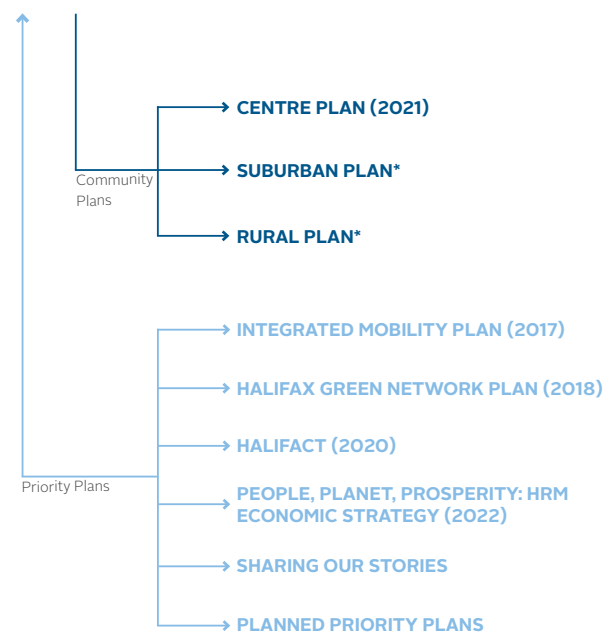
WHAT ARE THE MAIN IDEAS?

- » **DIRECT** new development in areas with existing utilities and transportation services, reducing costs for taxpayers
- » **ENSURE** every community has different types of housing, including affordable options
- » **DIRECT** development away from important natural areas and habitats
- » **SUPPORT** buildings with energy efficiency in mind to reduce carbon emissions
- » **HONOUR** our commitment to reconciliation with the Mi'kmaq and community action planning with African Nova Scotian communities
- » **MAKING SURE** newcomers feel included in our public spaces
- » **PROTECT** important cultural and historical buildings and landscapes

HOW DOES IT RELATE TO OTHER PLANS?

- » **THE REGIONAL PLAN**, also known as the Municipal Planning Strategy, is the overarching planning document guiding the growth and development of the entire Municipality, including direction for community plans, and the creation of Priority Plans

REGIONAL PLAN → REGIONAL SUBDIVISION BYLAW



* Suburban Plan and Rural Plan will consolidate the existing 20 Secondary Municipal Planning Strategies

PROJECT TIMELINE

PHASE 1 - Initiation - 2020

- » Initiation of the Regional Plan review by Council.

PHASE 2 - Themes and Directions - 2021

- » The Themes and Directions Report was developed using research and the Priority Plan actions. The results of the virtual community engagement on this report was presented to Council in a What We Heard Report, and provided direction for future work during the Regional Plan review.

PHASE 3 - Quick Adjustments - 2022

- » Changes were made to Regional Plan policy and land use regulations, primarily focused around increasing opportunities for housing.

WE ARE HERE

PHASE 4 - Draft Regional Plan - 2023

- » The Draft Regional Plan was released at Regional Council on June 20, 2023.
- » The public is invited to comment on the draft Plan until **October 27, 2023**.
- » Staff will present a What We Heard Summary to Regional Council and confirm if any major changes to the draft Plan are required.
- » The final proposed Regional Plan and any required amendments to community plans and land use by-laws will be presented to Council for consideration and approval in 2024. Council must hold a public hearing before approving the new plan.

PHASE 5 - Review of Future Growth Areas - Beginning 2024

- » Will include assessing future growth areas, including Urban Reserve areas and other proposed developments, and working with service providers to develop a plan for services and infrastructure to support our growing population.

