



Minimum Planning Requirement (I)

The Government of Nova Scotia has required that Halifax Regional Municipality include mandatory content in the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy (Regional Plan) to address the issue of housing supply. This will require the municipality to make changes to the Regional Plan, Community Plans and Land Use By-Laws.

For a full list of changes click [here](#).

Requirement:

I) permit manufactured housing, including modified shipping containers converted into housing, in all residential zones

How will the municipality meet this requirement?

- The Regional Plan will include policy intent to enable and expedite modular housing, manufactured housing, including shipping containers converted into housing, factory-built housing, mass timber constructed housing, and others forms of sustainable and affordable construction.
- Definitions and regulations in the land use by-laws are being adjusted to allow converted shipping containers as a residential use.



Plans Affected:
All land use by-laws

What will this change mean for me?

- You will be able to use a converted shipping container for a main residential dwelling or a backyard suite. Some by-law areas already permit this.
- Shipping containers will have to meet Building Code requirements to safely convert the shipping container into a dwelling use.

Have questions?

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Please share your comments by October 24, 2025.