

# Mill Cove Land Use Planning Project

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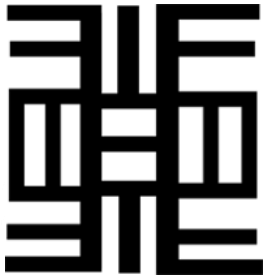

# Land Acknowledgement

The Halifax Regional Municipality is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

# African Nova Scotian Affirmation

We acknowledge that African teachings, strength and perseverance continue to challenge and inspire our community.

> “If we stand tall it is because we stand on the shoulders of many ancestors”
> - African Proverb



# Why we are here today?

**To develop a shared future vision for the Mill Cove area and Bedford Waterfront** as a connected, vibrant community that balances growth while creating an active, accessible cultural destination.






# Mill Cove Ferry Terminal

The Mill Cove area is currently underdeveloped for a higher-volume transit destination. However, the future Mill Cove Ferry Terminal, along with a new public library, present a unique opportunity to support the development of a mixed-use and transit-oriented community in the area. One that serves not just as a departure point but also as a destination.

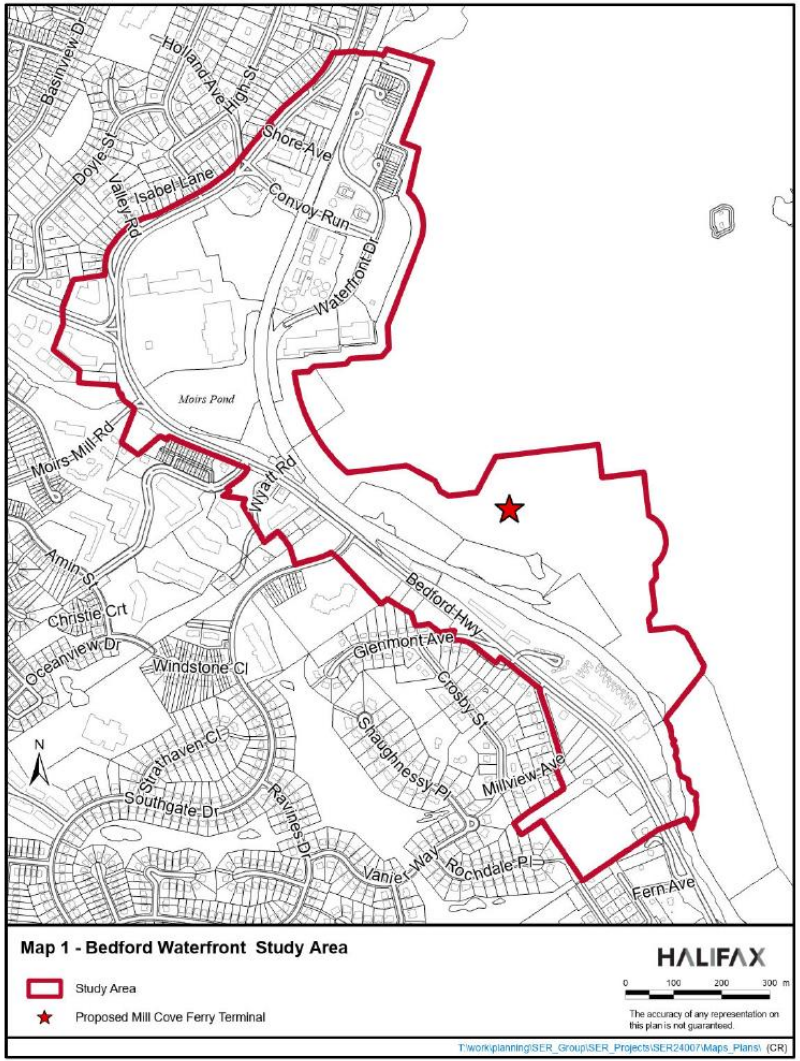


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# Project Overview

This project will combine planning and community engagement to create a Conceptual Development Plan for the Mill Cove area, including the Bedford waterfront.

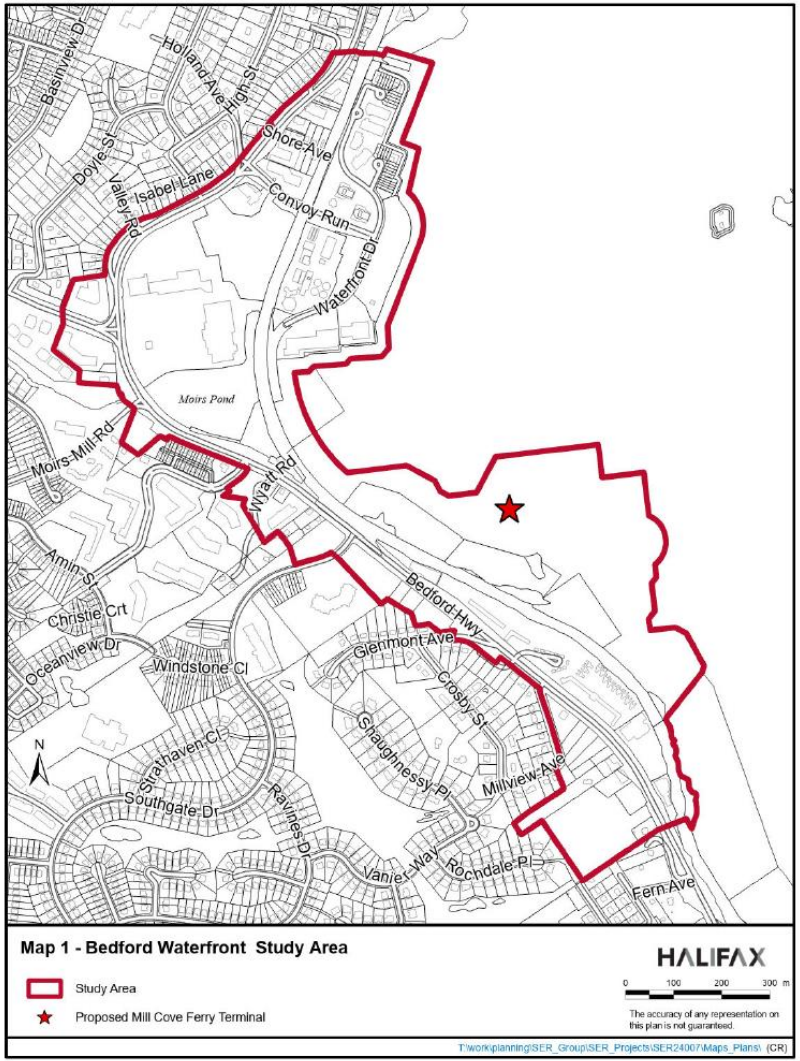
The plan will provide recommendations to guide future policies and decisions related to housing, land use, public space and parks, transportation, water and wastewater servicing, climate adaptation, and other priorities identified through the process.



# Project Objectives

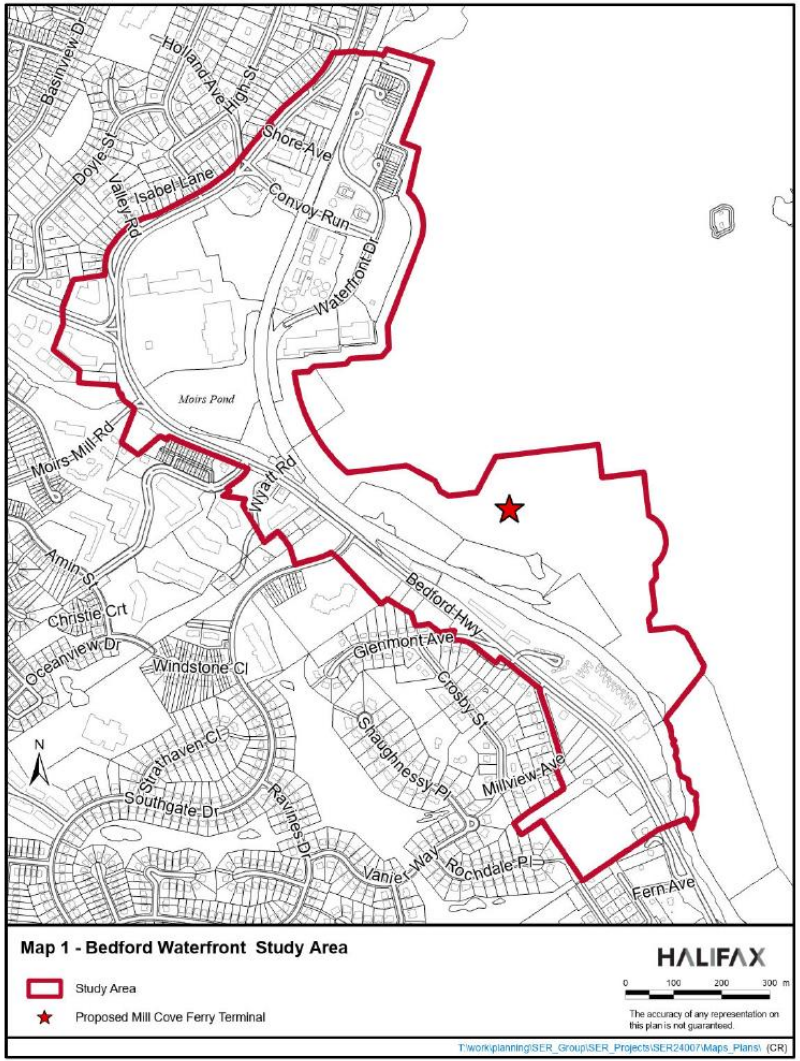
The key objectives of the project are to:

- establish urban design direction, including building heights, land uses, built form, view corridors, and parking;
- address coastal hazards and sea level rise through resilient and nature-based solutions;
- create welcoming, pedestrian-friendly public spaces;
- enhance waterfront access and amenities, including parks and natural areas;



# Project Objectives *(cont.)*

- improve walking, rolling, and cycling connections;
- identify mobility network upgrades needed to support ferry service, transit, public amenities, and connections to surrounding communities;
- promote accessibility and inclusion along the waterfront; and
- recognize, protect, and celebrate cultural landscapes.



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Project Status & Next Steps



Retaining a project consultant – December 2025

Reviewing existing conditions and vision – Jan to March 2026

**Community Engagement 1 (Phase 1) – Feb 2026**

Analysis/Detailed Review/Scenario Development – April to June 2026

**Community Engagement 2 (Phase 3) – Sept/Oct 2026**

Conceptual development plan & recommendations – Oct to Dec 2026

Staff Report + Recommendations to Council – Winter 2027

Initiation of amendments to planning documents – Winter 2027

# How can residents can participate?

## PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb 11, 2026
**Location:** Bedford United Church – 1200 Bedford Highway

**Afternoon Session:**
1:30p.m. – 4:00p.m.

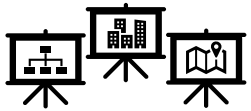
**Evening Session:**
6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.

## PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT

Project presentation (10 mins)



Information on project, waterfront context and workshop overview



Small group table discussions with project team members



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# How can residents participate?

- Mill Cove Online Survey *(March 2nd)*

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- Email Planner directly
- Public Engagement (Phase 2) – Fall 2026



# Thank You!


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