Municipality of East Hants

STRATEGIC PLAN

February 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

The Municipality of East Hants exists to deliver services in a financially responsible manner to diverse communities while; fostering sustainable development, preserving the natural environment and creating a high quality of life.

The Municipality of East Hants respects the interests of its citizens, promotes active healthy lifestyles and values our history and our culture.

VISION STATEMENT

East Hants is a vibrant, diverse, growing municipality attractive to residents and visitors because of our unique;

• Blend of urban and rural residential settings • Commercial activities • Programs and services • History • Cultures and values	• Active healthy lifestyle • Affordable housing • Beautiful landscapes • Volunteers • Recreation opportunities

These strengths, combined with sustainable economic development, a skilled workforce, strong agriculture and tourism sectors, productive working relationships, and open government processes, ensure we are recognized as a leading municipality in Nova Scotia.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. Generation of economic opportunities for growth.

2. Develop evaluation criteria that will allow the Council to prioritize capital projects and to develop a multi-year plan for implementation – Completed

3. Heighten the visibility of the Municipality as a dynamic and viable community.

4. Improve the working relationship between and among Councillors and staff.

5. Improve the Municipal relationships with the business community and developers while respecting the rights of residents.

6. Promote Tourism with more effective focus on selected sites or attributes.

7. Strengthen Recreation initiatives that improve healthy lifestyles and quality of life.

8. Use the East Hants Official Community Plan to guide land use and development decisions to foster orderly and focused growth.

9. Enhance organizational efficiency and effectiveness.

10. Enhance commitment to environmental sustainability.