

Plan Review – Visioning Meetings

Planning & Development Department

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EAST HANTS

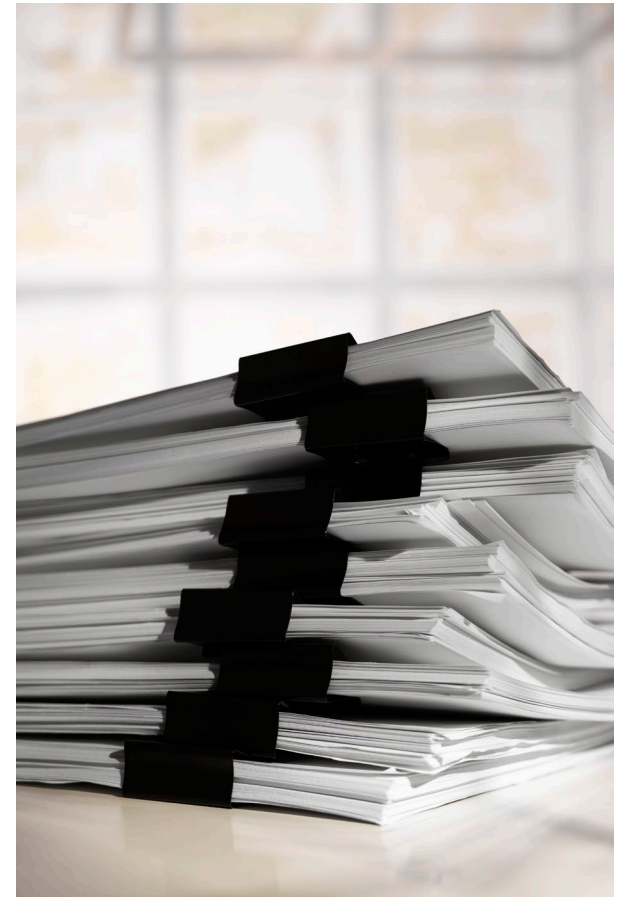
2026/2027 Plan Review

- Two years to complete.
- A Plan Update was completed in 2023 that brought land use regulations to the entire area of East Hants. Minimal changes are being considered in the RU-2 Zone.
- Community Visioning Meetings this spring and we expect to go back to the community with “What We Heard” meetings this fall.
- Online surveys are available.
- A series of background reports will be presented to Planning Advisory Committee starting this fall.
- Draft planning documents expected spring of 2027.
- Documents that will feed into new policies & regulations:
 - Housing Strategy
 - Mount Uniacke Secondary Planning Strategy
 - Lantz North Secondary Planning Strategy



Background Report Topics

- Wind Energy Regulations - Updates from the Province
- Fire Smart Principles and Land Use Regulations
- Parking Assessment in the Corridor
- Heritage Preservation and Development Agreements
- Where does the Municipality Grow Next?
- Data Centres
- Sustainability & Efficiency
- Agriculture
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Floodplain Mapping Review
- Technical review for multiplexes (i.e. building height, established grade, underground parking)
- Other topics?



Visioning Meetings

- **Purpose:** to enable members of a community to envision the overall future of their community. It allows residents to have a voice in what their community looks like and what their goals and objectives are for their community.
- A community's vision should balance fiscal responsibility, sustainability, and practicality while accommodating a full range of land uses, including commercial, residential, and industrial areas.
- Details of the community visioning meetings will be presented in a future report titled "What we heard".
- Additional meetings will be held to discuss the Secondary Plan for the Grand Lake/Horne Settlement GRA (Enfield Secondary Planning Strategy).

Tourism and Climate & Weather Resilience

- As part of the Visioning Meetings, we have staff here tonight who are preparing two other documents to help guide the future of East Hants.
 - **Tourism Strategy:** Aurora Douthwright, Tourism and Events Supervisor
 - **Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Update:** Anne Warburtan, Sustainability Coordinator
- The outcomes of these documents will feed into the policies and regulations in the East Hants Official Community Plan. Together, they will guide the future of land development in your community.