



John Woodford, Director of Planning – 20-Years Service



On October 20, John will celebrate his 20th anniversary as a full-time employee of the Municipality.

John worked for East Hants as Project Planner earlier in his career during a plan review in the late 1990's and then thankfully, after a stint as a Municipal Planner for the County of Kings, returned to East Hants to take the role of Director of Planning & Development. Over 20 years John has provided professional land use planning advice to three CAOs, Planning Advisory Committee and six Municipal Councils. Over the years John has also managed Building and Fire Inspections, Mapping services, Emergency Management, Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control services.

John has overseen our planning reviews and worked through hundreds of planning applications. His legacy, his most significant of achievements, is not one or two projects. It is that he has managed the planning and development of our communities during our most significant period of growth. John's ability to build relationships, his vision and his leadership have played a huge part in the sustainable growth we are seeing today in East Hants.

Along with being a busy Dad of 3, John spent many of his 20 years as Co-Chair for the Municipality's Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee. In his professional circles, John has been active in the Nova Scotia Planning Director's Association, serving as both president and treasurer in the past and is currently the East Hants representative on the Municipal Advisory Committee for the Joint Regional Transportation Agency.

Please join me in thanking John for his 20 years of dedicated service.