



Date: November 29, 2023
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Mitchell, Planning Advisory Committee Chairperson
RE: Planning Advisory Committee Report

The Committee held its regular meeting on November 21, 2023 in Council Chambers. The following motions are coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. [PLN23-008 THE TIRE MAN - REDESIGNATION AND REZONING - FINAL REPORT](#)

To be dealt with at tonight's public hearing.

2. [MOUNT UNIACKE SECONDARY PLANNING STRATEGY SCOPING REPORT](#)

The Mount Uniacke Secondary Planning Strategy has been identified as a future project under Section E3 Municipal Projects and Studies of the 2023 East Hants Official Community Plan and as part of the 2023/2024 Business Plan for East Hants.

The Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct staff to initiate the Mount Uniacke Secondary Planning Strategy as outlined in the scoping report dated November 7, 2023, and presented to Planning Advisory Committee on November 21, 2023.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. [HOUSING STRATEGY](#)

Housing has become a growing concern across Nova Scotia with the increasing cost of housing, the limited availability of homes for sale or rent and the inability to add new dwellings units fast enough to satisfy demand based on population growth. The report provided background information on the housing crisis in Nova Scotia, housing information specific to East Hants and identified options for the preparation of a municipal housing strategy.

The Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council *that Council authorize staff to begin the preparation of a terms of reference for a municipal housing working group; authorize staff to begin recruiting for a municipal housing working group; and invite Max Chauvin, HRM Director of Housing & Homelessness to present to PAC.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. [HERITAGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM POLICY](#)

Beginning in April 2016, heritage property owners were able to apply for a grant to cover 50% of the costs of improvements to their heritage property, up to a maximum of \$2,000. Staff recommended that amendments be made to the Heritage Incentive Program to increase the amount of money available to heritage property owners and to include commercial properties in the list of eligible properties.

The Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council *that Council approve the amendments to the Heritage Incentive Program Policy as outlined in the staff report dated November 8, 2023.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.