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John Woodford, Director of Planning and Development
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Dear Mr. Woodford,

This letter is to serve as formal notice that the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM) has commenced a process to develop new planning documents to regulate land-use within WHRM. The new planning documents will include a Municipal Planning Strategy, Land Use By-law, and Subdivision By-law. The intent is to ensure that the new Municipal Planning Strategy and accompanying by-laws, are complete documents that address a range of land-use planning goals, objectives, and priorities for WHRM including housing, agriculture, economic development, environmental sustainability, coastal protection, and cultural stewardship. The updated planning documents will establish a new vision and supportive policy framework for WHRM and guide the growth and change of the Municipality for the next generation. The process to develop and adopt the new planning documents is being undertaken in a multi-phase approach and is anticipated to be completed by early 2025.

We are contacting you to provide you with some initial information as your Municipality directly abuts the West Hants Regional Municipality. WHRM is committed to a process that values and respects its Municipal neighbours given the synergies that exist between communities. Our intention is to keep the lines of communication open throughout this process; we welcome input from the Staff, Council, and Residents of your Municipality. Further, a robust and fulsome program of public engagement activities, offering many options and opportunities for the community to provide meaningful input and feedback will form an integral component of this process.

We would encourage you to check our West Hants Regional Municipality's website regularly for updates regarding the progress of the planning documents review process. We will provide written notification when the draft documents are complete, and a public hearing is scheduled for Council review and potential adoption.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this Project, please contact the undersigned at spoirier@westhants.ca or 902-798-8391 ext. 117.



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