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THE HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SACKVILLE AND LITTLE SACKVILLE RIVER FLOODPLAINS

UNDER THE BEDFORD, SACKVILLE, SACKVILLE DRIVE AND THE BEAVER BANK, HAMMONDS PLAINS, AND UPPER SACKVILLE PLAN AREAS

AND FLOODPLAIN POLICY UNDER THE REGIONAL PLAN

Halifax Regional Council intends to consider and decide whether to approve or refuse the following amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws for Bedford, Sackville, Sackville Drive and Beaver Bank/ Hammonds Plains/ Upper Sackville Plan Areas (area planning documents) and the Regional Plan. Halifax Regional Council invites you to make known your opinions on the proposed amendments before they make their decision at a public hearing scheduled as follows:

April 29, 2025 - 6 P.M.

PLANNING CASE 21402 – SACKVILLE AND LITTLE SACKVILLE RIVER FLOODPLAINS

Summary of Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendment to the Regional Plan clarifies that all floodplain policies and regulations adopted within the Municipality will align with the Nova Scotia Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Flood Risk Areas. The proposed amendments under the area planning documents are designed to:

- encompass all areas that were determined to be areas at risk of flooding along the Sackville and Little Sackville Rivers under recent floodplain studies and floodplain mapping update;
- introduce new floodplain policies and regulations to control development in additional floodplain areas that are beyond the floodplains that were identified under the Canada-Nova Scotia Flood Reduction Program;
- amend the existing floodplain policies and regulations that were adopted for the areas identified under the Canada-Nova Scotia Flood Reduction Program; and
- set out a timeline for future floodplain review.

If you would like to determine if any portion of your property is within a floodplain, as determined by the 2024 Mapping Update, you can search for your property by address or property identification number on the Sackville Rivers Interactive Floodplain Map. You can find the link to this map at halifax.ca/sackvillefloodplain.

PLEASE refer to the STAFF REPORT maps and the proposed policy changes to determine how various portions of these floodplains are proposed to be zoned and regulated under this planning process. Quick links to the maps are provided in the public hearing notices at halifax.ca/sackvillefloodplain.

The public hearing will be held on **April 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at Halifax City Hall (Council Chamber), 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax, NS. All oral and written submissions will be considered at that time. Information on how to sign up to speak in advance is available on-line: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/regional-council/public-hearings>. Written submissions may be forwarded to the Municipal Clerk by mail, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3A5; by fax, 902-490-4208; or by e-mail, clerks@halifax.ca. **Written submissions should be received by the Municipal Clerk's office as early as possible and not later than 3:00 p.m. on April 29, 2025.**

The staff report is available online at the following location: <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>. **Please see item 15.1.4 Case 21402 – Update to the Development Controls along the Sackville and Little Sackville River Floodplains on the March 18, 2025 Regional Council agenda.** If you have questions about how to access the staff report contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk clerks@halifax.ca or 902.490.4210. To arrange for a paper copy of the staff report to be sent to you by mail if the internet is unavailable, please contact Maureen Ryan, Planner, at ryanm@halifax.ca or 782-640-0592.

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Alternatively, you may speak virtually at the public hearing. To participate virtually, speakers must contact the Municipal Clerk's office to pre-register no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025. All speakers are encouraged to register as early as possible. Email clerks@halifax.ca or phone 902.490.4210 to pre-register.

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If you have questions about the proposed floodplain regulations or policies please contact Maureen Ryan, Planner, at ryanm@halifax.ca or 782-640-0592.