

**ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT**

This “Response to Public Input – Phase II” document is an important milestone of the RP+5 Review process, intended to provide a clear public record of proposed policy changes, public feedback, and staff response to this feedback. The comments are organized according to the five themes of the review (Sustainable, Vibrant, Livable, Mobile and Prosperous). HRM residents were invited to submit comments through a number of channels, including 7 regional public meetings, 2 focus groups with newcomers, several stakeholder meetings, an on-line survey, and submissions via e-mail, mail, and social media. All comments were forwarded to appropriate Staff for response and are reflected in this document. Given the volume of comments and submissions, it was necessary to organize and abbreviate some of the comments to ensure that all points of view were captured in a succinct and accessible manner.

To assist with reading the document, the primer below has been provided to outline the key intentions and information contained in each section of the document.

The RP+5 team would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents, business owners and community organizations who haven taken the time to engage in the RP+5 process and passionately present their vision for HRM. The extent of public comments and questions clearly illustrates that HRM residents are well-informed, care deeply about the future of the HRM and want to participate in city-building for generations to come. This document is a demonstration that all your feedback is treated seriously, that it has increased dialogue on the project, and is reflected in future deliberations and decisions.

**THEME #: HRM is .....** *(One of the 5 themes framing the Regional Plan Five Year Review (RP+5))*

*Vision: provides a summary of the key vision underlying the 5 themes*

Key Objectives:

- ✓ *The objectives relay the main goals under each theme.*

*Council Focus Areas, Community Outcomes and Administrative priorities: links the themes to Council’s guiding documents and corporate plan.*

PROPOSED POLICY DIRECTIONS	COMMUNITY FEEDBACK	IN/OUT SCOPE	STAFF RESPONSE	RECOMMENDATION TO CDAC	RESEARCH/BEST PRACTICES
<i>1.1 This section outlines the policies and actions proposed to achieve the key objectives of RP+5, as approved by Regional Council.</i>	<i>1.1.1 Comment: these are comments submitted by the public, either verbatim or grouped with similar comments.</i>		<u>Aligns with approved scope:</u> The comment aligns with the approved RP+5 scope.	This section will relay a positive recommendation to the Community Design Advisory Committee(CDAC) as the public comment is within the approved RP+5 scope.	This section will support the recommendation by highlighting additional information and general direction for the next phase of work.
<i>Survey Says: highlights the results from the public survey(the full survey results are attached to the report)</i>	<i>1.1.2 Comment: these are comments submitted by the public, either verbatim or grouped with similar comments.</i>		<u>Addressed by another initiative:</u> The comment is addressed by the existing Regional Plan or by another HRM initiative or project, but not under RP+5.	This section will not include a recommendation as the comment is addressed by current policy, another HRM project or initiative.	This section may provide additional information about the external initiative or existing policy.
	<i>1.2.1 Comment: these are comments submitted by the public, either verbatim or grouped with similar comments.</i>		<u>May require expanded scope:</u> The comment may require a potential addition to the approved RP+5 scope subject to CDAC approval.	This section will relay a recommendation to CDAC to either take action on the comment, not take action, or consider for further discussion	This section will support the recommendation by highlighting additional information and general direction for the next phase of work.
	<i>1.2.2 Comment: these are comments submitted by the public, either verbatim or grouped with similar comments.</i>		<u>Out of Scope:</u> The comment is outside the approved RP+5 scope and is not recommended as an addition.	This section will recommend not to expand the current scope of the RP+5 review.	

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