

## Background

- On December 14, 2009, Peninsula Community Council passed a motion that:  
“staff open a planning application to consult with the public, address any potential issues (e.g. separation distances, number of hens, prohibition of roosters) and, if appropriate, draft amendments to the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law to permit backyard laying hens.”

## Land Use By-law Amendment Process

- Preliminary research
- Public consultation
- Draft amendments, if appropriate:
  - + Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy
  - + Public feedback
  - + Internal consultation= Amendments may or may not be recommended to Council
- Staff report
- Public hearing and Council decision
- NSUARB appeal process

## Scope

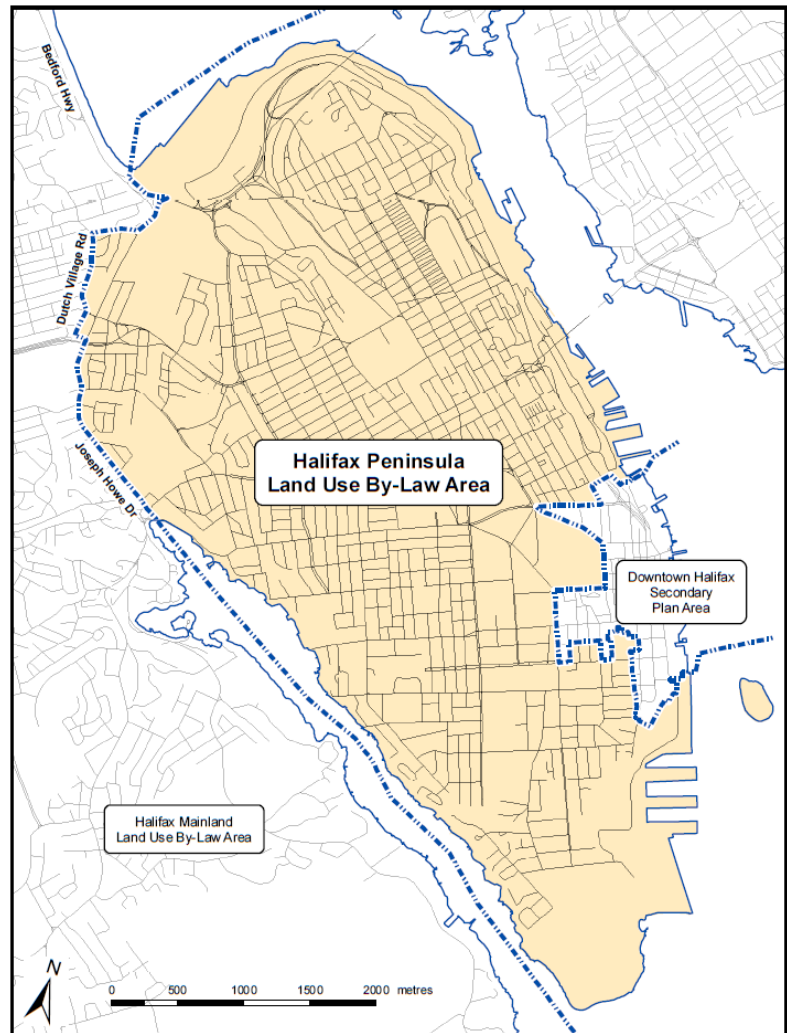
- Only the Halifax Peninsula Land Use By-law could be amended as part of this process.
- Other land use by-laws, the Animal Control By-law and the Nuisance By-law will not be affected.

## A land use by-law can:

- List permitted uses
- Define new uses
- Regulate minimum lot size
- Regulate minimum setbacks
- Outline permit requirements for a land use (e.g. for an accessory building)

## A land use by-law cannot:

- License animals
- Include standards for responsible pet ownership
  - Coop space per hen
  - Biosecurity measures



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# HANDOUT

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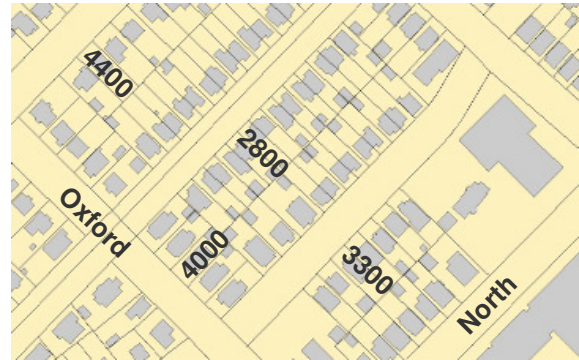
## Lot sizes in the Hydrostone:

~ 1500 – 2500 square feet



## Lot sizes near North and Oxford Streets:

~ 3000 – 4500 square feet



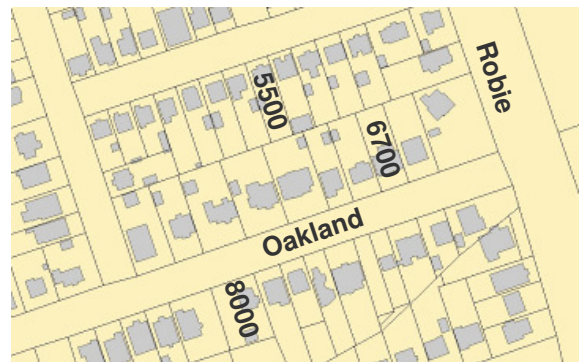
## Lot sizes near Jubilee Road and Vernon Street:

~ 4000 – 5000 square feet



## Lot sizes near Robie Street and Oakland Road:

~ 5000 – 8000 square feet



## Lot sizes near Francklyn Street and Chain Rock Drive:

~ 7500 – 9000 square feet



## Lot sizes on the Halifax Peninsula

- About 83% of the residentially zoned properties on the Peninsula are 3000 square feet or larger.
- About 33% are 5000 square feet or larger.
- Only about 9% are 8000 square feet or larger (this includes residential properties with apartment buildings).

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