
News Release

Residents Help Direct the Action for Future Growth in HRM

(Monday, December 8, 2003) – Mayor Peter Kelly, Chief Administrative Officer George McLellan and the Chair of HRM’s Regional Planning Committee, Joe O’Brien are officially launching the Regional Planning goals and objectives today at the first in a series of public open houses. The goals and objectives will direct how HRM will grow over the next 25 years.

The goals and objectives are based on extensive research and the input of more than one thousand HRM residents who responded to the *Directing the Action* workbook during September and October and participated in Fall focus groups.

“We are very pleased with the results of the workbook and focus groups,” says Joe O’Brien, Chair of HRM’s Regional Planning Committee. “The responses confirm some ideas we already had for growth in the region, as well as giving us new insight into what HRM residents really want our region to look like in the future. Translating residents’ responses into clear directives for the Regional Plan was a challenging and exciting task for the Committee. Together, we are shaping the future.”

The goals and objectives are measurable, concrete statements that will guide the municipality in making decisions about transportation solutions; where people will live (settlement patterns); locations for economic expansion; environmental protection; and the uses of Halifax Harbour.

Residents now have the chance to view the results of their input. A series of public open houses will give residents a chance to review and comment on the goals and objectives before they are presented to Regional Council in the new year.

The open houses will be held on:

Monday, December 8

3 pm to 8 pm
Keshen Goodman Library
330 Lacewood Drive
Halifax

Wednesday, December 10

3 pm to 8 pm
Cole Harbour Place
Forest Room
Forest Hills Parkway
Cole Harbour

Thursday, December 11

3 pm to 8 pm
LeBrun Centre
36 Holland Ave
Bedford

Monday, December 15

3 pm to 8 pm
Municipal HRM Office
Village Plaza, 7900 Highway 7
Musquodoboit Harbour

Wednesday, December 17

11 am to 3 pm
Halifax Ferry Terminal
Lower Water Street
Halifax

The municipality is developing a Regional Plan to ensure Halifax Regional Municipality grows as residents want it to; to protect the things they value most; and to ensure the region's economic success.

Residents can call 490-5857 for more information or to have a copy of the goals and objectives sent to their home or office.

Comments on the goals and objectives can be dropped off at HRM customer service centres, mailed to the Regional Planning office at P.O. Box 1749 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3A5, emailed to regplan@halifax.ca or made by fax to 490-5730 or by telephone to 490-5857.

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