



Imagine Middle Sackville at its very best!

Invitation to the Community Liaison Group

Middle Sackville has been selected to take part in Community Visioning! This area is one of three communities identified for the first phase of a region-wide, multi-year program [www.halifax.ca/visionhrm] recently approved by HRM Regional Council.

Under the Regional Plan for Halifax Regional Municipality, Middle Sackville is designated a Suburban Local Centre. The Regional Plan [www.halifax.ca/regionalplanning] describes community visioning as a great way to involve residents in the Plan's implementation at the local level. Visioning also builds citizen capacity such that communities can themselves undertake local initiatives.

Through Community Visioning residents of the Middle Sackville area will have an opportunity to work with HRM to develop a 25-year Vision and Action Plan to address a wide range of community aspirations and priorities for action. Once created, the community's Vision and Action Plan will be presented to the Regional Plan Advisory Committee, Community Council and Regional Council. The Vision and Action Plan would become one of the frameworks used by HRM to guide future municipal budgetary and business planning decisions.

Community Liaison Group (CLG)

Community Visioning is a community driven process. A Community Liaison Group (CLG) will be established to guide and champion the Middle Sackville process. The CLG will:

- lead the community visioning process
- develop guiding principles for public consultation
- ensure diverse voices in the community are represented
- facilitate the development of vision goals and objectives
- develop solutions, actions and priorities that reflect local context

The CLG does not have to be a large group, but it is very important the CLG is diverse and energetic. Each member will be asked to make a volunteer commitment of up to one year and a time commitment of about 8-10 hours each month. Once recruited, an orientation session and training will take place.

Members of the CLG for Middle Sackville should be able to represent the community as a whole. This means it different geographic areas, demographic characteristics, interests and points of view. The CLG is charged with making the process credible. The CLG must solicit and carefully consider a broad range of public input.

The CLG will lead the process of developing the vision, but will not censor what the community at large has expressed. CLG members will be invited to use an "appreciative lens" during the process which places emphasis on how the community can build on its strengths. Information gathered by the CLG will be used by Council to guide future decisions affecting the community.

HRM will make all effort to provide an opportunity to all residents to apply for a seat on the CLG. The CLG will not be a committee of Regional Council or Community Council and CLG members will not be appointed by Council. A screening and telephone interview process will be used to ensure the CLG is representative of the make-up of the wider community and different interests and skill-sets are at the table.

Members of the CLG for Middle Sackville must be community-minded individuals who:

- are residents of the Middle Sackville area
- must be willing to make a one year responsible volunteer commitment
- are reflective of the demographic diversity of the community (i.e. gender, age, ethnicity, socio-economic status)
- have effective interpersonal and communication skills
- have leadership potential and an active interest in the community
- have knowledge of social, health, economic and environmental issues and/or a willingness to learn
- must understand and accept the responsibility and accountability of being a member of a CLG
- must commit the time necessary for the work and training of the CLG
- have the ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- have the ability to bring a useful perspective to the deliberations and work of the group

If you are interested in this opportunity, please fill out the application form on the back. Mail/fax the form to the contact information provided below by **June 13, 2008** or drop the form at Acadia Center, HRM Customer Service, 636 Sackville Drive. The form can also be downloaded from the VisionHRM website.

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Middle Sackville CLG
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Expression of Interest

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Date:
Age: [_____]	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Email:	
Is email a convenient way to communicate with you? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Parent/Guardian Consent:	Date:
Parent/Guardian Name (please print):	

As a way to help us identify a diverse range of individuals to serve on the committee, please answer the following questions:

- How long have you lived in the Middle Sackville area? [] years
- Are you a racially visible person? *Applicants are encouraged to self-identify*
 Yes No
- Are you a person with a disability? *Applicants are encouraged to self-identify*
 Yes No
- Do you rent or own your home? Rent Own
- Do you own a business in the community? Yes No
- How long have you lived in Canada?
 All my life More than 5 years Less than 5 years
- Can you make a one year responsible voluntary commitment? Yes No
- Can you dedicate an average of 8-10 hours per month to the work of the CLG?
 Yes No If not, how many hours can you dedicate? []
- What is your occupation? _____
- Do you have children? Yes No
If you have children, what are their ages? _____
- What are your key areas of interest (more than one may apply)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> HRM Programs & Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Services & Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Open Spaces
<input type="checkbox"/> Culture and Heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Places
<input type="checkbox"/> Economy	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping & Commercial Areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Transit
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry/Agriculture/Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic and Roads
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

Thank you! Please return your completed application by June 13, 2008.