

## Planning Applications Approval Process

# Regional Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment

- Complete application received
- Preliminary review of proposal
- Initiation report (includes recommendation on whether to consider amendments)
- **Decision by Regional Council to initiate Regional MPS amendment process**
- Public information meeting
- Detailed review of proposal
- Staff report (includes recommendation on Regional MPS amendment)
- Recommendation from Regional Planning Advisory Committee
- First reading at Community Council(s) (as applicable)
- First reading at Regional Council
- Joint public hearing with Regional Council and applicable Community Councils
- **Decision by Regional Council and applicable Community Council(s) on proposed amendments – no appeal process**
- Ministerial approval – Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs
- Notice of approval of Regional MPS amendment published
- Subdivision or building permit applications when changes are in effect

*Estimated time to final decision:  
18 months  
Estimated time is based on a typical case;  
however, delays may occur at any step*