

Planning Applications Approval Process



Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment and Non-Substantive Amendment

- Complete application received
- Preliminary review of proposal
- Initiation report (includes recommendation on whether to consider amendment)
- **Decision by Regional Council to initiate MPS amendment process**
- Public consultation
- Recommendation from Planning Advisory Committee
- Detailed review of proposal
- Staff report (includes recommendation on MPS amendment)
- Recommendation from Community Council
- First reading at Regional Council
- Public hearing at Regional Council
- **Decision by Regional Council on MPS amendment** – no appeal process
- Ministerial approval – Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs
- Notice of approval of MPS amendment published
- Non- substantive amendment to Community Council for resolution
- Subdivision or building permit applications when changes are in effect

*Estimated time to final decision:
11 months*

*Estimated time is based on a typical case;
however, delays may occur at any step.*

