

Planning Applications Approval Process

Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment and Rezoning

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

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