

# Planning Applications Approval Process

## Municipal Planning Strategy 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 information meeting
- 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
- 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.*