

ATTACHMENT A-12 – Regional Plan Review Completed Work Plan (Updated May 2025)

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We can decide how we want Halifax to grow.										
We can make smart decisions about housing and employment and use the Regional Plan to quickly direct growth to the right places, in a way that furthers our community goals, and builds a healthy, thriving economy.										
1.1	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Review and confirm the Regional Plan’s development and growth policies by considering where and how the Municipality will grow within the life of this Plan.	Ongoing	Chapter 2: Planning for the Region, Policies; Maps 1, 2, 3, 4		●	●	●	
1.2	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Assess progress towards achieving household growth targets, including population and housing forecasts and their implications in relation to the available supply of developable land, housing supply and demand, and the provision of a range of housing choices.	Ongoing	Section 2.5 Strategic Growth Planning, Policies RP-23 to RP-30		●	●	●	
1.5	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Review and clarify the process for expanding the Urban Service Area to address minor issues or unique circumstances between Regional Plan review periods.	Completed	Section 10.6.1 Urban Service Area, Policy IM-61			●		
1.6	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Identify any developer requests for expansions to the Urban Service Boundary and assess whether the request should be considered, based on existing policy and the proposed future policy framework	Ongoing	All requests to be reviewed against all relevant Regional Plan policy. See requests for consideration in Phase 5 (Attachment A-6).		●	●	●	
1.7	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Recommend a process for the development of the Sandy Lake, Highway 102 West Corridor Lands and Morris Lake future serviced communities by assessing the relationship to: Achieving household growth targets, including population and housing forecasts and their implications in available supply of developable land, housing supply and demand, and the provision of affordable housing; Incorporating the policies and actions of HRM’s priorities plans (including the Halifax Green Network Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, HalifACT	Completed	Section 3.4.3 Future Serviced Communities, HC-11 and HC-12, Map 3					●

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			and Sharing Our Stories); and Planning for existing and future parkland and wilderness areas.							
1.8	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Use the results of the Capital Cost Infrastructure Charges study to determine the basis, methodology and implications of adopting infrastructure charges.	Ongoing	Section 2.5 Strategic Growth Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28; Section 10.5.5 Infrastructure Charges, Policies IM-53 and IM-54				●	
1.9	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Review the lands designated Urban Reserve where circumstances have changed and make appropriate amendments, such as in the Purcell’s Cove Backlands area.	Ongoing	Section 2.3.1.3 Urban Reserve Designation, Policies RP-9 to RP-14, Map 1			●	●	
1.10	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Remove the Urban Reserve designation from the Akoma lands as directed in The Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan and assess the future development of the entire Urban Reserve in relation to: Achieving household growth targets, including population and housing forecasts and their implications in available supply of developable land, housing supply and demand, and the provision of affordable housing; and Incorporating the policies and actions of HRM’s priorities plans (including the Halifax Green Network Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, HalifACT and Sharing Our Stories).	Ongoing	Section 2.3.1.3 Urban Reserve Designation, Policies RP-9 to RP-14, Map 1					●
1.11	Considering the Regional Scale First	Growth Management & Market Housing	Adopt a policy to require future study of population growth and settlement patterns, including an assessment of Urban Reserve lands and the need for new serviced development beyond 2031.	Ongoing	Section 2.5 Strategic Growth, Policies RP-23 to RP-RP-28; Section 2.3.1.3 Urban Reserve Designation, Policies RP-9 to RP-14, Map 1				●	

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3.1	Reconsidering Employment and Industrial Lands	Growth Management & Market Housing	Work with the Halifax Partnership to ensure that the Regional Plan is aligned with Halifax’s Economic Growth Plan 2022-2027.	Completed	Section 8.3 Economic Strategy, Policy EC-1; Section 10.4.2 Priorities Plans, Policy IM-8	●		●		
3.2	Reconsidering Employment and Industrial Lands	Growth Management & Market Housing	Adopt Regional Plan policy to direct ongoing study of employment trends and commercial space demand to inform planning for mixed use, transit-oriented communities and rural service centres.	Ongoing	Section 8.4 Mixed Use Communities and Mixed Employment Centres, Policy EC-8			●		
3.4	Reconsidering Employment and Industrial Lands	Growth Management & Market Housing	Revise Regional Plan policy to better protect and plan for long-term industrial land needs using the recommendations of the Industrial Employment Lands Strategy. This work will: Identify and designate industrial employment areas based on industry type (for example light industry, general/heavy industry, marine industry); Establish a framework for consistent industrial zoning to be adopted in existing and future industrial employment areas across the Municipality; Introduce policy to direct where and how employment-supportive (non-industrial) uses can be accommodated in industrial employment areas; and Adopt policy to direct ongoing study of industrial employment trends, industrial land availability, conversion pressures, and opportunities for land intensification to inform planning for long-term industrial land needs.	Completed	Section 8.5 Industrial Employment Lands, Policies EC-9 to EC-13; Section 8.5.1.1 Heavy Industrial, Policy EC-14; Section 8.5.1.2 Light Industrial, Policy EC-15; Section 8.5.1.3 Commercial Industrial, Policy EC-16; Section 8.5.2 Long-Term Industrial Land Protection, Policies EC-22 to EC-24			●		
7.9	Integrating Community	Growth Management & Market Housing	Explore the use of policy tools like capital cost contributions, and density bonus programs to support parkland dedication based on population density.	Ongoing	Section 2.5.2 Strategic Growth and				●	


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	Facilities and Parks				Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28; Section 4.3.1 Parks and Outdoor Facilities Priorities Plan, Policy CI-4					
10.1	Imagining HRM into 2050 and Beyond	Growth Management & Market Housing	Develop and model several future scenarios based on relatively stable and uncertain variables. Determine what policies should be prioritized based on several scenarios.	Ongoing	Section 2.5.1 Population Growth and Monitoring, Policies RP-23 to RP-25				●	
10.2	Imagining HRM into 2050 and Beyond	Growth Management & Market Housing	Design a framework for how to engage communities on what they think should be studied and considered when planning for the future of HRM. This engagement will inform what to research over the next number of years to position us for the 2026-2030 Regional Plan Review.	Completed	Section 10.3 Community Engagement, and 10.3.1 Public Participation for Planning Applications and Planning Documents, Policy IM-1				●	
11.1	Assessing the Impacts of COVID-19	Growth Management & Market Housing	Continue to monitor the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on social, economic, environmental and population growth indicators, and adopt a framework for tracking these trends to guide future regional planning.	Completed	Section 10.8 Measuring Success, Reviewing the Plan and Adapting to Change, Policy IM-69	●				
11.3	Assessing the Impacts of COVID-19	Growth Management & Market Housing	Explore the potential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on community design preferences by engaging residents about their ability to work from home, changing travel patterns, the demand for “complete communities,”	Completed	Section 10.3 Community Engagement, and 10.3.1	●				

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			housing-form preferences and needs, their use of outdoor spaces, and changes in how residents socialize and gather.		Public Participation for Planning Applications and Planning Documents, Policy IM-1					
2.3	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Establish the Secondary Plan and By-law Simplification Program in policy with the following broad objectives: Implement the Regional Plan and priorities plans through land use and community design policies and regulations; Organize the planning framework around Regional Centre, Suburban and Rural geographic areas; Direct intensification to areas that support the building of healthier and more complete communities; Affirm that each new plan and land use by-law will respond to local conditions and needs of our diverse communities. Community input and participation in this process will be critical, providing a primary source of guiding knowledge for the plans.	Completed	Section 2.4 Community Planning, Policy RP-21; Section 2.5.3 Strategic Growth and Land Use Planning, Policies RP-29 and RP-30, Section 3.3 Community Planning Framework, Policies HC-1 to HC-4; Map 2			●		●
2.4	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Update Chapter 6A of the Regional Plan, “The Regional Centre” to reflect the approval of the Regional Centre Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy (Centre Plan).	Completed	Section 3.3.1 Regional Centre Planning; Section 3.3.1.1 Regional Centre Vision, Core Concepts and Guiding Principles, Policies HC-1 and HC-2; Section 3.4.1. Regional Centre Growth Areas, Policy HC-7			●		

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2.5	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Establish a vision, objectives and key principles to guide the Suburban Plan, which include: Directing most growth to mixed-use, transit-oriented communities that can be served by transit, walking, wheeling and cycling; Directing growth in a way that protects and preserves valuable wilderness areas and open spaces; Ensuring planning regulations focus on affordability and accessibility, and support people-oriented urban design; and Protecting and prioritizing industrial lands and harbour access for marine-dependent uses, with other employment directed to mixed-use centres.	Completed	Sections 3.1, Introduction, Section 3.2 Objectives, Section 3.3 Community Planning Framework; Section 3.3.2 Suburban Community Planning; Section 3.3.2.1 Suburban Planning Vision and Core Concepts, Policy HC-3; Map 2; Map 3; Section 3.4.2 Suburban Growth Areas, Policies HC-9 and HC-10; Section 8.4 Mixed Use Communities and Mixed Employment Centres, Policies EC-7 and EC-8; Section 8.5.3 Harbour Industrial Lands, Policies EC-25 and EC-26					

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2.6	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Adopt interim policy guidance for applications for secondary municipal planning strategy amendments to guide site planning and built form characteristics.	Completed	Appendix C Suburban Design Guidelines; Section 3.4.2 Suburban Growth Areas, Policy HC-10; Future Serviced Communities, Policy HC-11			●		
2.7	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Consider if the interim policy guidance may also be used to improve the processing of discretionary applications such as development agreements to further the goals and objectives of the Regional Plan.	Completed	Suburban Design Guidelines will apply to plan amendment applications.			●		
2.8	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Establish a vision, objectives and key principles to guide the Rural Plan which include: Directing intensification to existing rural communities that act as important service centres and have the potential to be complete communities; Protecting rural landscapes as critical to the region’s natural and open space network; Supportive adaptive reuse of existing buildings; Supporting working landscapes for resource industries, agriculture and food security, and tourism opportunities; Ensuring planning regulations focus on affordability and accessibility, and support building communities that reflect local character and history; and Support a range of housing forms within each rural service centre.	Completed	Section 3.3.3 Rural Community Planning Framework; Section 3.3.3.1 Rural Planning Vision, Policy HC-4			●		●
2.9	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Review past studies and initiate further analysis to understand the barriers and opportunities for developing innovative services in rural areas, with a focus on water, wastewater and rural public mobility.	Ongoing	Section 3.5.1 Rural Services and Mobility, Policy HC-16				●	●
2.10	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Secondary Planning Program	Revise conservation design development policies to streamline the development process within rural service centres.	Ongoing	Section 10.4.4 Conservation Design Developments,				●	

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					Policies IM-10 to IM-17					
3.5	Reconsidering Employment and Industrial Lands	Secondary Planning Program	Establish policy direction for the Rural Plan to: Mitigate potential conflicts between residential uses and rural industrial, resource extraction and forestry uses; Establish land use regulations to support primary resource industries and agricultural uses within high value working landscapes, as identified by the Halifax Green Network Plan; Support large and small-scale tourist operations, including home-based businesses and eco-tourism opportunities; and Allow for adaptive reuse of buildings in rural areas.	Completed	Section 2.3.1.5 Rural Resource Designation, Policy RP-18; Section 2.3.1.6 Agricultural Designation, Policy RP-19; Section 3.5.3 Planning for Rural Centres, Policies HC-18 to HC-20; Section 3.5.4 Development Outside Rural Centres, Policy HC-21; Section 8.6 Rural Employment Lands, Policy EC-30 Section 8.7.1 Rural Tourism, Policies EC-33 to EC-35; Section 10.4.5 Adaptive Reuse in Rural Areas, Policy IM-18			●		●
1.3	Considering the Regional Scale First	Complete Communities	Ensure coordinated and efficient planning of municipal water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure by including Halifax Water as a key member of the Regional Plan Review Steering Committee, and assessing the projected population growth, proposed settlement pattern, and associated infrastructure requirements for the Halifax Water Infrastructure Master Plan.	Ongoing	Section 2.5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-26 to RP-28 ;	●	●	●	●	

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					Section 10.6 Water and Wastewater Services, Policies IM-56 to IM-67					
1.4	Considering the Regional Scale First	Complete Communities	Use the concepts of the Halifax Green Network Plan to assess and consider ecological connectivity and value when identifying lands for future serviced development.	Ongoing	Section 3.4.3 Future Serviced Communities, Policies HC-11 to HC-14			●	●	
2.1	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Complete Communities	Review and revise the Regional Plan’s Settlement policies to better support the Municipality’s goal of building complete communities and implementing the direction of the Priorities Plans.	Completed	Section 2.3 Regional Planning, Policies; Section 3.3 Community Planning Framework, Policies HC-1 to HC-4		●	●		
2.2	Building Heathier and More Complete Communities	Complete Communities	Review and revise the Regional Plan’s growth centre policies using a ‘complete communities’ analysis by: Defining different types of centres and adopting land use policies reflecting appropriate levels of growth for each; Refining the expected population growth projections based on recent observed trends; Identifying environmental and other physical constraints; In Suburban communities, targeting new development around frequent transit networks; and, In Rural communities, maintaining the Regional Plan’s overall approach to limit sprawl and cluster development that encourages strong rural centres.	Ongoing	Section 3.4 Urban Area Land Use, Policies HC-5 to HC-14; Section 3.5.3 Planning for Rural Centres, Policies HC-18 to HC-20; Section 3.5.4 Development Outside Rural Centres, Policy HC-21			●	●	
3.3	Reconsidering Employment and Industrial Lands	Complete Communities	Establish policy to remove barriers to establishing small scale commercial uses in residential areas, including home-based business policies and regulations.	Completed	Section 8.4 Mixed Use Communities			●		●

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					and Mixed Employment Centres, Policy EC-7					
7.1	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Complete Communities	Continue to implement the recommendations of the Community Facility Master Plan.	Completed	Section 4.4.1 Indoor Recreation Facilities Priorities Plan, Policy CI-11 and CI-12			●		●
7.2	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Complete Communities	Review and consider recreation trends, demographics and community needs as part of planning for complete communities. Consider the location and distribution of community facilities when reviewing locations for growth and ensure that services are available or planned to accommodate new development.	Ongoing	Section 2.5 Strategic Growth Planning, Policies RP-26 to RP-30; Section 4.4 Community Facilities, Policies CI-8 to CI-10; Section 4.4.1 Indoor Recreation Facilities Priorities Plan, Policies CI-11 and CI-12			●	●	●
7.3	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Complete Communities	Consider the location and distribution of libraries when reviewing locations for growth and work with Halifax Public Libraries to ensure that services are available or planned to accommodate new development.	Ongoing	Section 2. 5 Strategic Growth Planning, Policies RP-26 to RP-30; Section 4.4.2 Libraries, Policy CI-13	●		●	●	●








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7.4	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Complete Communities	Consider the location and distribution of schools when reviewing locations for growth and work with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial to ensure that services are available or planned to accommodate new development.	Ongoing	Section 2. 5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28; Section 4.4.3 Public Schools, Policies CI-14 and CI-16; Section 4.4.4 Child Care and Health Care, Policies CI-16 and CI-17	●		●	●	
7.5	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Complete Communities	Consider the location and distribution of emergency service infrastructure when locating growth and work with emergency service providers to ensure that services are available and planned to accommodate new development.	Ongoing	Section 2. 5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28; Section 4.5 Public Safety and Emergency Services, Policies CI-18 to CI-20	●		●	●	●
We can create change through new partnerships. We can use the Regional Plan Review to act on new partnerships, grow in a new way, and pursue opportunities for meaningful change together.										
5.1	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Align with the work of the Social Policy Committee to define the Municipality’s role in social planning and inventory the Municipality’s existing initiatives to better use existing resources and identify gaps.	n/a	Section 4.6 Food Security and Food Systems; Chapter 5	●				

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					Fostering Diverse and Affordable Housing; Section 7.6 Complete Streets and Networks					
5.2	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Study the possible use of tools that could support capacity building, such as community benefit action planning, community trusts or community-led planning or projects.	Ongoing	Section 8.8 Inclusive Economic Prosperity, Policy EC-36 and EC-37	●		●		●
5.3	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Identify neighbourhoods facing inequities or communities that have been historically underserved and underrepresented and coordinate across departments to address vulnerabilities and build neighbourhood capacity.	Ongoing	Section 2. 5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28; Policies RP-5, CI-11, M-18 and Table 7.1- Mobility Network Pillars and Principles	●				●
5.4	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Provide continued support for the development of partnerships to provide a range of community infrastructure and services for residents towards complete communities.	Ongoing	Policies CI-4, CI-13 to CI-20	●			●	
5.5	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Explore additional approaches to encourage a diversity of housing forms though reviewing existing policies.	Ongoing	Section 5.4 Increasing Our Housing Supply, Policies H-1 to H-27		●	●		●
5.6	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Support the development of the Housing Governance report to identify a municipal role in housing, furthering partnerships with non-profit housing organizations,	Ongoing	Section 5.5 Increasing Housing	●	●	●		●

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			private developers and the Province, to encourage the development and retention of affordable housing, including: Identifying planning tools to ensure no net loss of housing during redevelopment; Updating the Housing Needs Assessment on an annual basis; Removing barriers and reviewing and expanding opportunities to support the development and retention of affordable housing; and Study possible tools and programs to further leverage surplus or available land including community land trusts.		Affordability, Section 5.5.2 Partnerships, Policies H-16 to H-19					
5.7	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Develop an interim regulatory tool for a region-wide density bonus program.	Completed	Policy H-13; Section 5.5.3 Incentive or Bonus Zoning, Policies H-20 to H-26					
5.8	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Support the creation of JustFOOD and ensure alignment with its goals and recommendations by: Directing the use of JustFOOD tools and resources to better understand community vulnerability to food insecurity and the local food landscape when updating or creating planning policies. Removing barriers and creating incentives for food uses such as urban agriculture, agricultural operations, food outlets, etc. and reducing the impact of non-agricultural uses on viable agricultural land.	Completed	Section 4.6 Food Security and Food Systems, Policies CI-21 to CI-30					
5.9	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Continue to engage the Diversity and Inclusion Office as a resource during planning projects.	Ongoing	Section 9.3 Sharing Our Stories					
5.10	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Review existing engagement policies and adopt the upcoming Public Engagement Guidebook.	Completed	Section 10.3 Community Engagement, Policy IM-1					
5.11	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Ensure the Regional Plan is aligned with the 94 Calls to Action, recommendations from the Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History, and the African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity.	Completed	Policy IM-8; Section 8.8 Inclusive Economic Prosperity,					

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					Policies EC-36 to EC-40					
5.12	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Review and update planning documents (the Regional Plan, secondary plans and land use by-laws) that bring HRM closer to the goal of being a city for people of all abilities, ages, and backgrounds. Ensure these documents align with the forthcoming HRM Accessibility & Inclusion Strategy.	Completed	Section 1.4.2 Guiding Principles; Section 3.3.2.1 Suburban Planning Vision and Core Concepts; Section 9.3 Sharing Our Stories, Policies CH-1 to CH-7; Section 7.3 Pillars and Principles; Section 7.6.2 Complete Networks			<div></div>		
5.13	Social Planning for Community Well-Being	Social Policy Team	Include the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Diversity & Inclusion Office in the review of the forthcoming engagement tool to ensure it uses best practices for inclusion of residents with a wide array of disabilities.	Completed	Section 10.3 Community Engagement, Policy IM-1	<div></div>				
11.2	Assessing the Impacts of COVID-19	Social Policy Team	Identify communities with inequitable access to the social determinants of health necessary to weather a pandemic, such as housing, food security, access to green/amenity space, and transportation options, and focus on prioritizing the servicing of these communities.	Ongoing	Section 2. 5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28	<div></div>				<div></div>
<div>We can make it easier for people to move.</div> <div>We can use the Regional Plan to link decisions on land use and our mobility system by focusing on the movement of people, not just vehicles, be it by walking, rolling, cycling, transit or in a vehicle.</div>										
4.1	Transforming how we move in our region	Integrated Mobility Team	Update the Transportation and Mobility chapter of the Regional Plan to reflect the policies and actions of the Integrated Mobility Plan and its regional approach to	Completed	Chapter 7: Providing Options for			<div></div>		

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			transportation planning by: Adopting policy to support the use of the Complete Streets approach to prioritize the movement of people using sustainable modes of transportation over vehicles; Revising the region-wide and sub-regional mode share targets; Removing the list of road network projects and adopting alternative policy to direct evaluation of all existing and future mobility projects through the IMP’s Evaluation Scorecard; Adopting new guidelines for the preparation of Transportation Impact Assessments, which includes Multi-Modal Level of Service guidelines to evaluate road network performance for all mobility modes (walking, cycling, transit and vehicles); Revising policy to support the Transportation Demand Management program, which will include policies and programs that encourage behaviour change to complement investments in infrastructure aligned with mode share targets; and Identifying areas requiring partnership with other levels of government and agencies to collaborate on major transportation infrastructure projects.		Mobility, Policies M-1 to M-30					
4.2	Transforming how we move in our region	Integrated Mobility Team	Update Regional Plan policy to identify strategic multi-modal corridors that connect communities and include policy direction to guide future functional plans for these corridors that reflect the objectives of the Integrated Mobility Plan, Rapid Transit Strategy, Moving Forward Together Plan and Active Transportation Priorities Plan and align with land use planning.	Ongoing	Section 7.6.1 Complete Streets and Strategic Corridors, Policies M-10 to M-14; Map 8			●	●	
4.3	Transforming how we move in our region	Integrated Mobility Team	Study opportunities for land acquisition tools in addition to the Transportation Reserve Zone, to acquire or preserve right-of-way lands for investments in strategic multi-modal corridors, and use this to inform a land acquisition strategy for these corridors.	Ongoing	Section 7.6.1 Complete Streets and Strategic Corridors, Policies M-12 to M-14				●	●
4.4	Transforming how we move in our region	Integrated Mobility Team	To address the importance of coordinating land use and transportation planning around Rapid Transit, the Regional Plan will plan for higher-density mixed use development around Rapid Transit, and create policy direction for the provision of affordable housing,	Ongoing	Section 3.4 Urban Land Use, Policy HC-5			●	●	●

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			connectivity of local streets and active transportation infrastructure near stations and terminals.							
4.5	Transforming how we move in our region	Integrated Mobility Team	Building on the approved Integrated Mobility Plan and Rapid Transit Strategy, establish a program of study to develop a long-term vision for transportation in HRM aligned with regional strategic growth.	Ongoing	Section 2. 5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policies RP-27 and RP-28; Chapter 7Providing Options for Mobility, Policies M-4, M-15			●	●	●
We can protect what matters. We can use the Regional Plan to strengthen and protect important natural and cultural places and use them to shape our region’s communities.										
6.1	Celebrating Culture and Heritage	Sharing Our Stories Team	Incorporate the recommendations of the final Sharing Our Stories Plan into the Regional Plan, with a particular focus on initiatives that share and celebrate a more diverse range of stories.	Complete	Section 9.3 Sharing Our Stories, Policy CH-1; Section 9.3.3 Community-Led Approaches, Policy CH-7			●		
6.2	Celebrating Culture and Heritage	Sharing Our Stories Team	Amend the Regional Plan to provide Heritage Development Agreement policies that will guide sensitive redevelopment of municipally registered properties, including some additional development rights.	Complete	Section 9.4.3 Heritage Development Agreement Policy, Policy CH-20; Section 9.4.4 Heritage and Sustainable Development, Policies Ch-21 to CH-23		●			

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6.3	Celebrating Culture and Heritage	Sharing Our Stories Team	Review Regional Plan Policy CH-16 to provide additional direction for new development in a heritage context in secondary planning strategies, including the following considerations: Architectural compatibility and subordination; Building scale, massing and design; Transition; Shadow impacts; Impacts on the integrity of nearby heritage properties and streetscapes; and The assessment and preservation of any unregistered structures for their heritage value, if deemed necessary.	Complete	Section 9.4 Protection of Heritage Resources, Policies CH-8 to CH-14; Section 9.4.7 Conservation Standards, Policy Ch-29; Section 9.5 Development Abutting Registered Heritage Properties			<div></div>		
6.4	Celebrating Culture and Heritage	Sharing Our Stories Team	Use the recommendations of Sharing Our Stories to review and enhance policies related to the creation of future Heritage Conservation Districts and the identification of additional future Heritage Conservation Districts by: Updating policy to reflect the Heritage Conservation District Adoption Process approved by Regional Council at their November 17, 2020 meeting; Incorporating the Heritage Conservation District Prioritization Methodology and Evaluation approved by Regional Council at their November 17, 2020 meeting; and Incorporating any additional HCD policy considerations identified by Sharing Our Stories.	Complete	Section 9.4.2 Heritage Conservation Districts, Policies CH-17 toCH-19			<div></div>		<div></div>
6.5	Celebrating Culture and Heritage	Sharing Our Stories Team	Use the recommendations of Sharing Our Stories and the Halifax Green Network Plan to direct how the Municipality will collaborate with residents and stakeholders to identify, prioritize and protect potential cultural landscapes, and continue to work with the Province to support the development of regulations for cultural landscapes under the Heritage Property Act.	Ongoing	Section 3.3.3.1 Rural Planning Vision, Policy HC-4; Section 9.3.3 Community-Led Approaches, Policy CH-7; Section 9.4.5 Cultural Landscapes,				<div></div>	<div></div>

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					Policies CH-24 to CH-26					
7.10	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Green Network Plan Team	Apply the Open Space and Natural Resources Designation and Regional Park Zone to the publicly-owned lands for the Sandy Lake Regional Park, Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Area, Shaw Wilderness Park and McIntosh Run Regional Park, maintain the Western Common Zone for the Western Common Wilderness, and adopt policy to guide future park development and management of these areas as “wilderness parks”. Ensure that parks and open spaces owned and/or managed by community organizations and other levels of government are recognized within this framework.	Completed	Section 2.3.3.1 Open Space and Natural Resource Designation, Policy RP-7; Section 4.3.2 Regional Wilderness Parks, Policies CI-5 to CI-6			●	●	●
7.6	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Green Network Plan Team	Incorporate the park spectrum into the Regional Plan.	Ongoing	Section 4.3.1 Parks and Outdoor Facilities Priorities Plan, Policy CI-4			●		●
7.7	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Green Network Plan Team	Review and develop Level of Service Standards based on the recommendations of the Halifax Green Network Plan, public engagement and spatial analysis mapping of parkland and outdoor recreation amenities and future growth.	Ongoing	Section 4.3.1 Parks and Outdoor Facilities Priorities Plan, Policy CI-4				●	●
7.8	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Green Network Plan Team	Amend the Regional Subdivision By-law to reflect the identified Level of Service Standards.	Not started	Section 4.3.1 Parks and Outdoor Facilities Priorities Plan, Policy CI-4				●	●
7.11	Integrating Community Facilities and Parks	Green Network Plan Team	Continue to work with other levels of government and conservation groups to increase access to open spaces.	Ongoing	Section 4.3.1 Parks and Outdoor Facilities Priorities Plan, Policy CI-4; Section 4.3.2 Regional	●				

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					Wilderness Parks, Policy CI-5; Section 6.5.1 The Umbrella – Watershed Planning, Policy EN-15					
8.1	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Adopt Regional Plan policy requiring that the Green Network Ecology Map is used to help guide regional planning decisions	Completed	Section 6.4 Protecting and Connecting Open Space Policy EN-4 to EN-6; Section 2. 5.2 Strategic Growth and Infrastructure Planning, Policy RP-28; Section 10.4.2 Priorities Plans, Policy IM-8		●	●		
8.10	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Review and revise existing regulations protecting wetland and riparian areas in HRM land use by-laws to ensure greater protection for these features and ensure standard regulations are adopted across the region.	Completed	Section 6.5.6 Watercourses and Wetlands, Policies EN-34 to EN-45			●	●	
8.11	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Continue to work with the Province to develop and adopt revised policies and regulations consistent with the Coastal Protection Act and tailored to the HRM context. This work will consider: Whether the current required elevation is sufficient given expected sea level rise, storm surge and coastal erosion risks (currently 3.8 CGVD - equivalent to 3.2 CGVD 2013); Requiring different horizontal setbacks for coastal shorelines and inland watercourses; Requiring coastal elevations (vertical setbacks) to apply to all uses, not just residential	Completed/ Ongoing	Section 6.5.7 Coastal Protection, Policy EN-47 to EN-58			●	●	●

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			properties; Providing guidance for estuaries, salt marshes, barrier beaches and similar features; Providing guidance for resilient infrastructure design; Replacing the CGVD28 standard with CGVD2013; and Ensuring consistent regulations are applied across the region.							
8.2	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Continue to apply the Open Space and Natural Resource designation to recognize the value of the Green Network, and revise the designation’s boundaries to reflect the core areas and corridors shown on the Green Network Ecology Map.	Ongoing	Section 6.4 Protecting and Connecting Our Green Spaces, Policy EN-4 to EN-6			●	●	
8.3	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Review Regional Plan policy to ensure that secondary planning strategies and land use by-laws include appropriate development regulations in important ecological areas and corridors and directs development away from hazardous locations.	Ongoing	Section 6.4.1 Ecological Corridors, Policies EN-7 to EN-9; 10.4.2 Priorities Plans, Policy IM-8			●	●	●
8.4	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Provide guidance for environmental considerations during policy-enabled discretionary planning applications.	Completed	Section 10.4.3 Discretionary Applications, Policy IM-9		●	●		
8.5	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Growth Management	Develop a regional approach to the protection of natural corridors that: Directs how natural corridors should be delineated at the regional and individual site level; Prioritizes wildlife connections to the Chebucto Peninsula; Includes clear policy direction for developing wildlife crossings through major infrastructure like highways and utility corridors; and Coordinating this work with the provincial government, utilities and other relevant stakeholders.	Ongoing	Section 6.4.1 Ecological Corridors, Policies EN-7 to EN-9			●	●	●
8.6	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Review policies to support and where appropriate, require the use of naturalization and green infrastructure during development.	Ongoing	Section 6.4.2 Naturalization and Municipal Natural Asset Management, Policy EN-10; Section 6.4.3 Urban Forests,			●		●

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					Policy EN-13; Section 6.4.4 Bird Safe Design, Policy EN-14; Section 6.5 Protecting Our Water; Section 6.5.3 Stormwater and Flooding, Policy EN-20 to EN-27					
8.7	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Review policies to continue to support the implementation of the Urban Forest Master Plan.	Completed	Section 6.4.3 Urban Forests, Policy EN-12, EN-13			●		
8.8	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Adopt policy to direct future study and implementation of a comprehensive water quality monitoring program, including Lake Water Management Plans for urban lakes that establish phosphorus loading limits and mitigation measures and water quality monitoring protocols.	Ongoing	Section 6.5.5 Lake Monitoring, Policies, EN-32, EN-33			●		●
8.9	Enhancing Environmental Protection	Green Network Plan Team	Update existing policy to reflect the Municipality’s recent work to improve stormwater management practices.	Ongoing	Section 6.5.3 Stormwater and Flooding, Policies EN-24 to EN-28			●		●
8.12	Enhancing Environmental Protection	HaliFACT Team	Complete a spatially-based risk and vulnerability analysis of HRM’s coastal waterfront and shoreline area and adopt policy to direct development of a coastal-specific adaptation strategy.	Ongoing	Section 6.5.7 Coastal Protection, Policy EN-47 to EN-58			●		●
8.13	Enhancing Environmental Protection	HaliFACT Team	Establish requirements for updating municipal LiDAR data, digital elevation models and coastal vulnerability mapping.	Ongoing	Section 6.6 Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Policy EN-59			●		●
9.1	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Update the Environment, Energy and Climate Change chapter of the Regional Plan to reflect HalifACT’s net-	Completed	Section 6.3 Acting on			●		

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			zero emissions targets and require consideration of climate impacts across issue areas.		Climate, Policy EN-1 to EN-3					
9.2	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Develop policy to encourage net-zero and climate resilient new construction when considering discretionary planning applications.	Completed	Section 6.6 Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Policy EN-60; Section 6.7.1 Renewable Energy, Policy EN-65			●		
9.3	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Adopt policy to direct consideration of alternative energy systems, such as district energy and microgrids, as part of secondary planning and master neighbourhood planning projects.	Completed	Section 6.7.1 Renewable Energy, Policies EN-63 to EN-67			●		
9.4	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Review and revise policy and land use by-laws to remove barriers to solar installations, energy storage systems, and electric vehicle infrastructure.	Completed	Section 6.7.1 Renewable Energy, Policy EN-68			●		
9.5	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Review the Regional Plan's wind energy policy to ensure it reflects current technology and provides opportunities for large-scale wind energy generation.	Completed	Section 6.7.2 Wind Energy, Policies EN-71 to EN-75			●		
9.6	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Identify current and future climate change hazards and critical infrastructure at risk to extreme climate events.	Ongoing	Section 6.6 Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Policies EN-60 to EN-62			●	●	●
9.7	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Adopt policy to prioritize resiliency measures that will help reduce risk, protect critical infrastructure and require building back better.	Ongoing	Section 6.6 Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Policy EN-60			●		
9.8	Leading through action on climate	HaliFACT Team	Adopt policy to require emergency management services and current and future climate change hazard projections are considered as part of the as-of-right development process, discretionary planning	Ongoing	Section 6.6 Protecting Critical Infrastructure, Policy			●	●	●

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			applications, and during reviews of secondary plans and land use by-laws.		EN-61, EN-62; Section 10.4.3 Discretionary Applications, Policy IM-9					