

65 Fort Edward Street Redesignation and Rezoning

Council First Reading

Dec 16th, 2021

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Application

- Council passed a motion at the September 28th Council meeting directing the Chief Administrative Officer to submit an application to the Planning and Development Department for 65 Fort Edward Street
- Application was then received from the Chief Administrative Officer to redesignate the lot from Community Use to Residential and rezone the lot from Open Space (OS) to Two Unit Residential (R-2)





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65 Fort Edward Street, Windsor
PID 45059797



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Orthophoto

0 15 30
Metres
Scale: 1:1,000

-  Subject Parcel
-  Parcels
-  Civics
-  Roads

Orthophoto

- The pool no longer exists at the site and the site is now a gravel lot
- Abuts residential uses and the Fort Edward Historic Site
- Abuts both Fort Edward Street and Cobbett Street

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GFLUM - Current

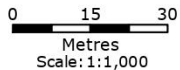
Current Designation:

- Community Use

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Generalized Future Land Use



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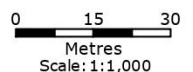


Generalized Future Land Use

- CU (Community Use)
- I (Industrial)
- R (Residential)
- TC (Town Centre)

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Proposed Generalized Future Land Use



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GFLUM - Proposed

Proposed Designation:

- Residential

- Enables residential development of up to 11 units by development agreement

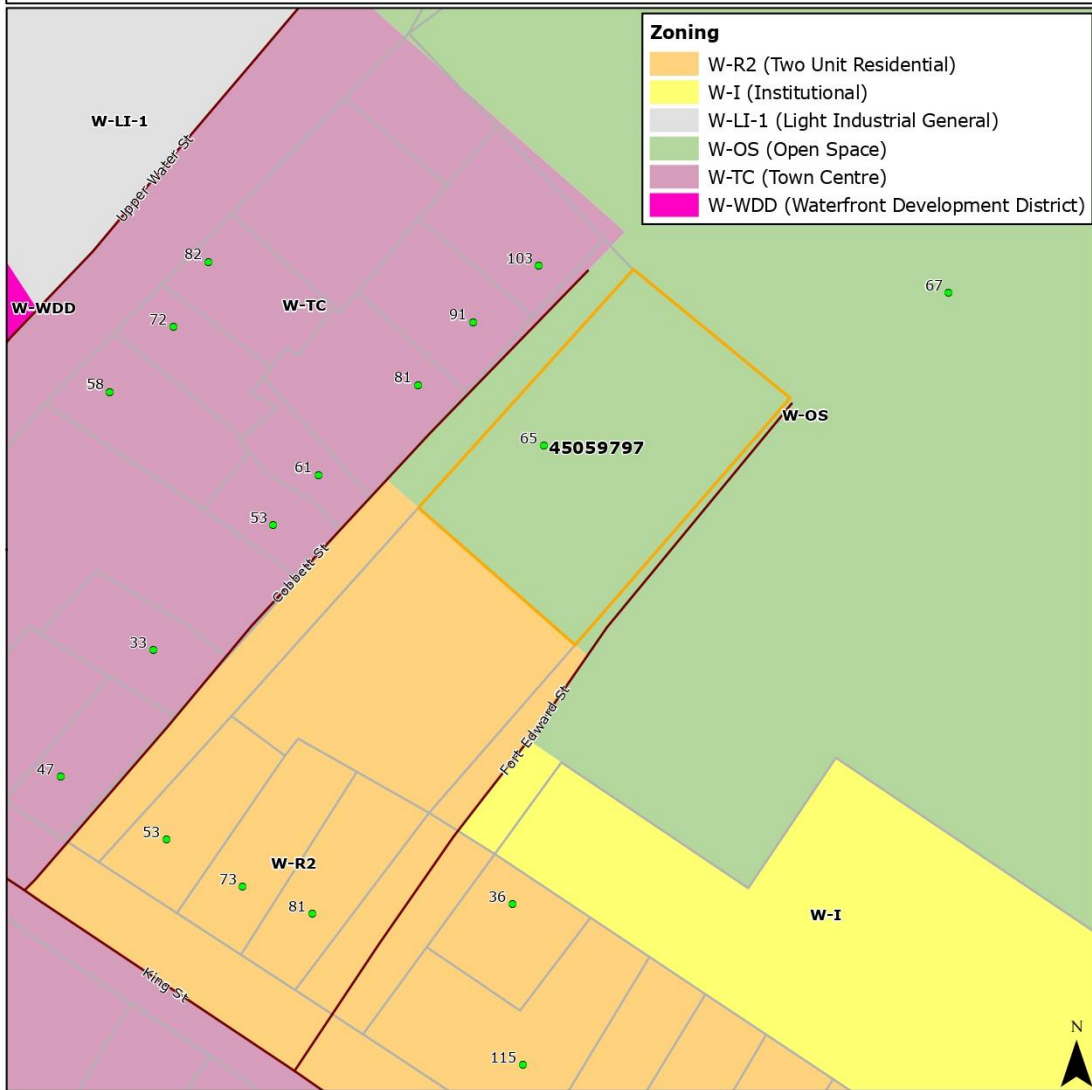
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Zoning - Current

Current Zone:

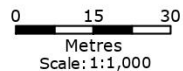
- Open Space (OS)

Permitted Uses:

- Cemeteries
- Museums and historic sites
- Outdoor recreation
- Parks and playgrounds

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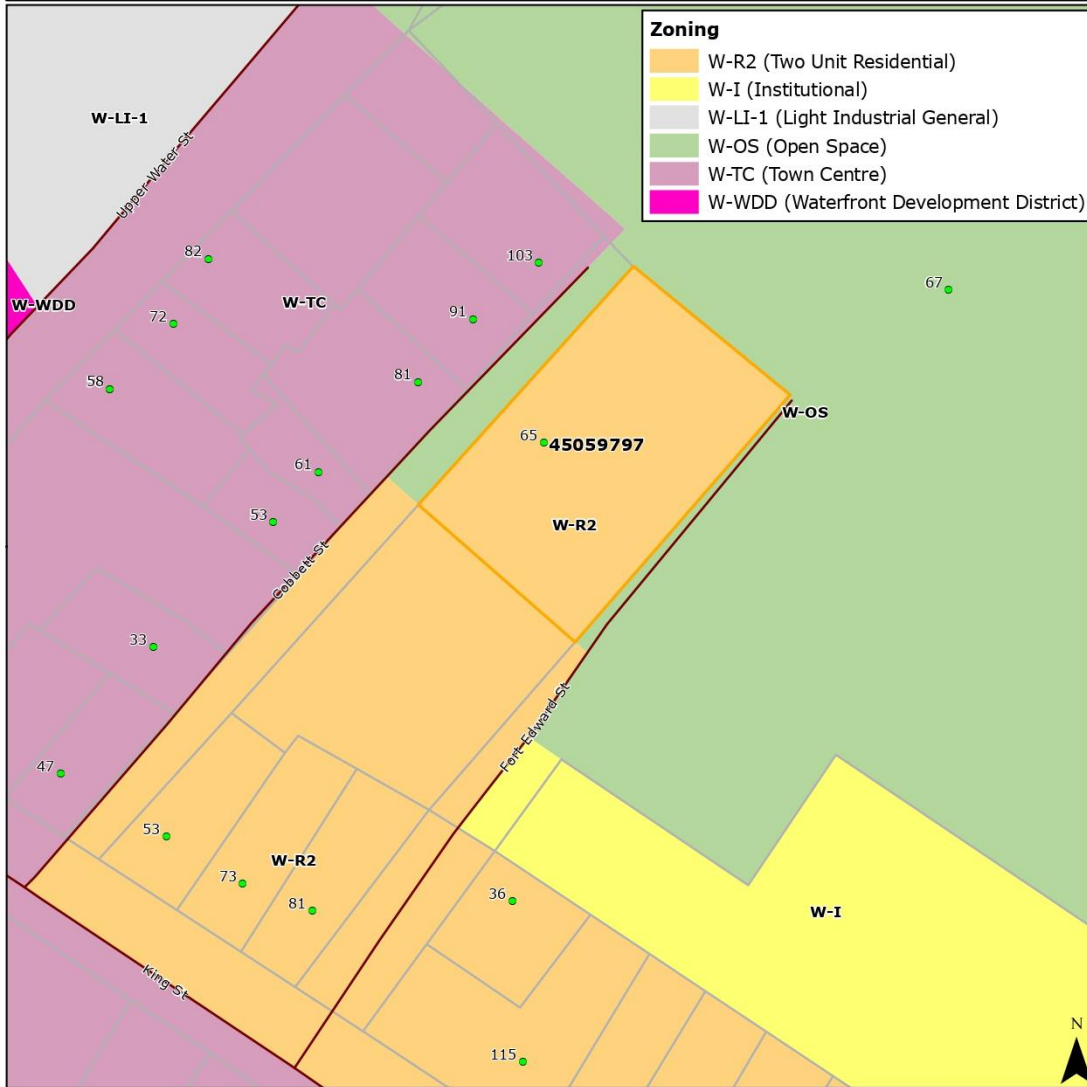
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Zoning - Proposed

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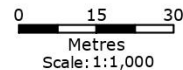
- Two Unit Residential (R-2)

Permitted Uses:

- Single unit dwellings
- Two unit dwellings
- Converted dwellings of up to two units

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View of Subject Lot from Fort Edward Street



View of Historic Site from southern side of Subject Lot

Windsor MPS – Enabling Policy

- **Policy 16.1.1** enables Council to make amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy when necessary:
 - to change the Generalized Future Land Use Map (GFLUM);
 - to bring the strategy in line with the Statements of Provincial Interest; and
 - when Council deems it necessary due to a change in policy intention or the development environment.



Windsor MPS – Enabling Criteria

- **Policy 16.3.1** criteria have been considered met and are summarized as the following:
 - the proposal is not considered premature or inappropriate;
 - no municipal costs related to the proposal are anticipated;
 - there are several properties zoned Two Unit Residential (R-2) in the area and there should be little impact on the nearby development; and
 - the Fire Chief, Development Officer, Senior Building and Fire Official, Director of Public Works and Traffic Authority have no major concerns

Windsor MPS – Supporting Policies

- **Policy 11.0.1** establishes the Community Use designation which applies to existing institutional uses, municipal recreation uses, and open space areas.
 - As the lot is currently a vacant gravel lot used for parking, it does not reflect the intent of the Community Use designation.
- **Policy 11.2.1** establishes the Open Space (OS) zone which applies to parks and other outdoor recreational uses, cemeteries, historic sites, museums, and similar uses.
 - As the lot is currently a vacant gravel lot used for parking, it does not reflect the intent of the Open Space (OS) zone.



Public Information Meeting Notes

- A virtual Public Information Meeting was held on November 8 and was broadcast live on the Municipal Facebook page.
- The deadline for comments was November 23.
- Staff have received:
 - two (2) letters, four (4) emails, and four (4) phone calls.



Public Information Meeting Comments

Of the comments received:

- one (1) had requested priority consideration for nine (9) months so the West Hants Historical Society may create a project plan;
- seven (7) were opposed to the redesignation and sale of the lot, citing the lot's proximity to the National Historic Site, tourism use, neighbourhood disruption, parking use, and former Town Council decisions; and
- two (2) were in favour of the redesignation for residential development.

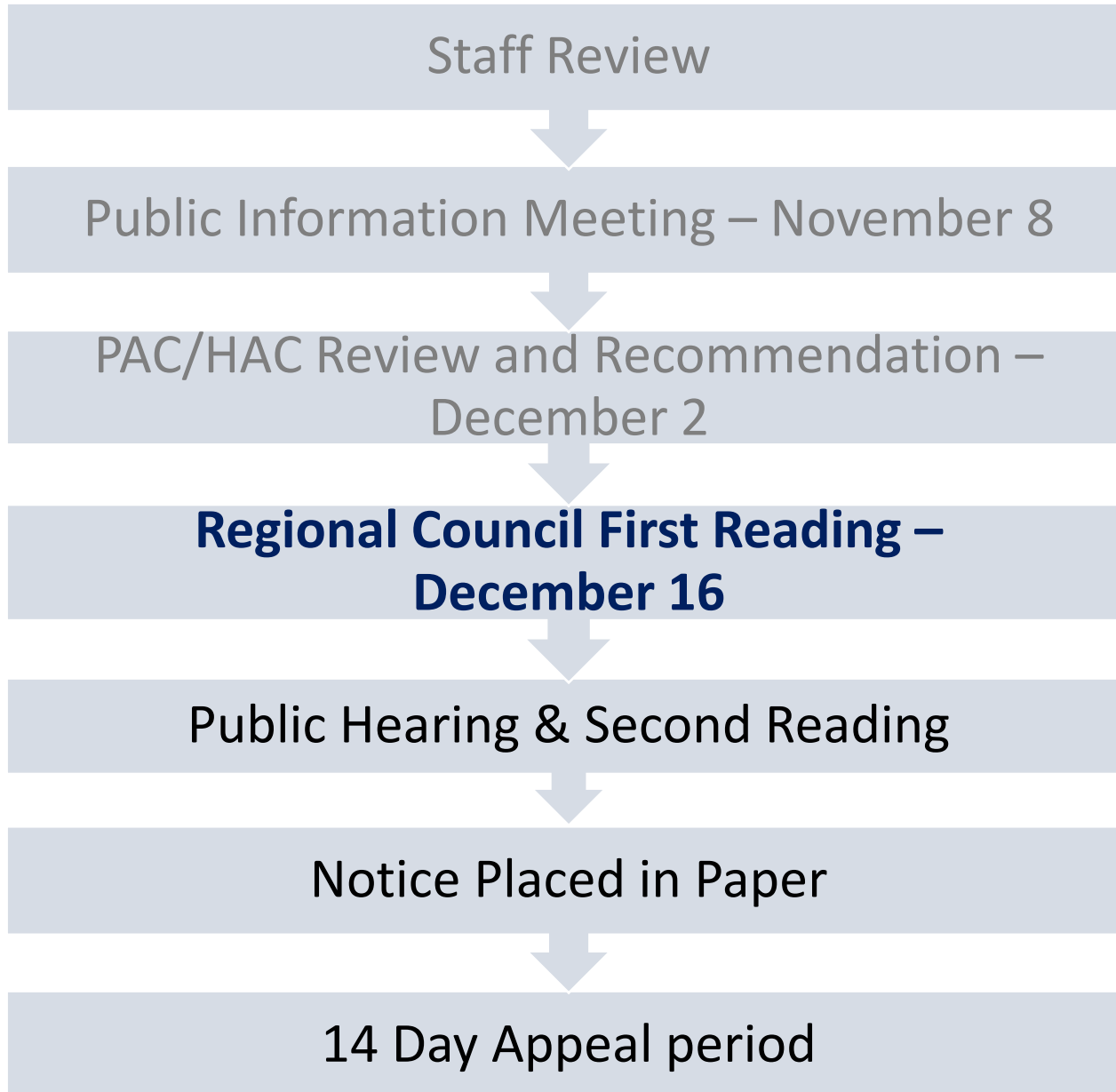


Heritage Discussion

- The recommendation from staff is based on only the policies within the Municipal Planning Strategy.
- One component which is not addressed by the policies for this redesignation and rezoning is heritage. As reflected in the PIM Notes and discussion at PAC/HAC, the historic aspect of the subject lot is an important part of the public's opinion and should be brought to the attention of Council.
- As a result of this discussion, the Chief Administrative Officer has determined that the Municipality will initiate Phase 1 of the Archeological Research Impact Assessment.



Process



Staff Recommendation

- ... that Council gives First Reading and holds a Public Hearing to consider redesignating from Community Use to Residential and concurrently rezoning from Open Space (OS) to Two Unit Residential the lot identified as PID 45059797, 65 Fort Edward Street, Windsor.

New Motions from PAC

- that PAC/HAC recommends that Council delay First Reading and direct staff to complete their research related to any former Town of Windsor outstanding commitments to heritage projects at site (PID 45059797).
- that PAC/HAC request staff for comment from the Province of Nova Scotia regarding requirements of the Special Places Protection Act for the site (PID 45059797).



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