



West Hants



Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments:
Public Participation Program Policy
Hantsport, West Hants, Windsor
Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee
January 12, 2023

Background

- Nova Scotia Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations require that *“In addition to the requirements prescribed in subsection 214(1) of the Act, a municipal planning strategy must contain all of the following:
...(d) a statement of policy describing the procedures to be followed when reviewing a municipal planning strategy that must provide for public consultation and notice.”*
- WHRM established a Regional Public Participation Program Policy April, 2020
- amendments to the Public Participation Program Policy have also been considered tonight

Background

- WHRM has three sets of planning documents: Hantsport, West Hants & Windsor
- each meets the Nova Scotia Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations with one exception: each is missing a policy referring to the Public Participation Program Policy
- proposed amendments are intended to meet this requirement

Background

- proposed amendments have been considered within the context of, and are consistent with the intent, objectives, and policies of the three Municipal Planning Strategies
- there are no specific policies within the three Municipal Planning Strategies which need to be considered in relation to the proposed amendments

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS: HANTSPORT

11.2 Review of Municipal Planning Strategy

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The Municipal Government Act requires Council to adopt, by policy, a public participation program policy (PPPP) and to have policy within the MPS which establishes Council's intent to have a PPPP.

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RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS: HANTSPORT

A PPPP has been in place and utilized in the area regulated by the Hantsport planning documents since before 2010, and planning in Hantsport has been subject to the West Hants Regional Municipality Public Participation Program Policy since April 28, 2020, following the establishment of the Regional government. In order to ensure the requirements of the Municipal Government Act are met, Council is establishing a policy which will link the MPS and PPPP.

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Policy IM-2A

It shall be the policy of Council to establish and maintain a Public Participation Program Policy.

RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS: WEST HANTS

16.1 Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments and Review

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A program of public consultation, known as a Public Participation Program Policy, has been in place and utilized in the area regulated by the West Hants planning documents since before 2008, and planning in this area has been subject to the West Hants Regional Municipality Public Participation Program Policy since April 28, 2020, following the establishment of the Regional government. In order to ensure the requirements of the Municipal Government Act are met, Council is establishing a policy which will link the MPS and PPPP.

Policy 16.1.2

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RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS : WINDSOR

16.1 Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments and Review

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RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS : WINDSOR

A PPPP has been in place and utilized in the area regulated by the Windsor planning documents since before 2008, and planning in Windsor has been subject to the West Hants Regional Municipality Public Participation Program Policy since April 28, 2020, following the establishment of the Regional government. In order to ensure the requirements of the Municipal Government Act are met, Council is establishing a policy which will link the MPS and PPPP.

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PROCESS

Staff Review



Public Information Meeting December 8, 2022
Comment period closed noon December 22; none received



Planning Advisory Committee Review and Recommendation
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Council First Reading January 24, 2023*



Public Hearing & Council Second Reading February 28, 2023



Submission to Minister for consideration
Notice of Approval Published in Paper

*anticipated dates

RECOMMENDATION: HANTSPORT

...that PAC/HAC recommends that Council give First Reading and hold a Public Hearing to consider amending the [Hantsport](#) Municipal Planning Strategy by adding background and a policy referring to the Public Participation Program Policy, **in a manner substantively the same** as shown in Appendix D of the January 12, 2023 report Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations: Hantsport, File # 22-31.

RECOMMENDATION: WEST HANTS

...that PAC/HAC recommends that Council give First Reading and hold a Public Hearing to consider amending the [West Hants](#) Municipal Planning Strategy by adding background and a policy referring to the Public Participation Program Policy, **in a manner substantively the same** as shown in Appendix D of the January 12, 2023 report Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations: West Hants, File # 22-32.

RECOMMENDATION: WINDSOR

...that PAC/HAC recommends that Council give First Reading and hold a Public Hearing to consider amending the [Windsor](#) Municipal Planning Strategy by adding background and a policy referring to the Public Participation Program Policy, **in a manner substantively the same** as shown in Appendix D of the January 12, 2023 report Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations: Windsor, File #22-33.



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