

Municipal Budget 2016

Fact Sheets



REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

Where people live, the services they are provided and the design of healthy communities are all important components to regional and community planning. The primary focus is to identify ways for Halifax to grow sustainably – and to share this knowledge with residents and Regional Council. Ultimately, these insights help to inform decision making regarding what infrastructure, programs and services will be needed over the short-term and long-term as well as considerations for budgeting appropriately.

Through community engagement, research and the assessment of best practices, plans and policies are created – such as the Regional Plan and HRM by Design – that help to shape the built form of the municipality. Regional and Community Planning oversees the administration of the Regional Plan and 33 community plans to ensure orderly, efficient and sustainable settlement patterns, and appropriate investment of municipal resources in support of those settlement patterns.

Highlights:

- Develop public policy on environment, settlement and housing, transportation and mobility, economic development, culture and heritage, services and utilities, and governance
- Design, facilitate and manage public engagement processes for the development of public policy
- Advise and collaborate with other municipal business units and external agencies in preparing plans to carry out directives of the Regional Plan
- Perform research, assessment of best practices, and trend analysis in the monitoring and review of community plans and the Regional Plan
- Prepare amendments to community plans and the Regional Plan in order to implement Council direction and to address new opportunities and challenges