

Centre Plan

Engagement Progress & Project Plan

2015-03-27

Today

1. Engagement Action Plan Review (Step 1)
2. Project Plan
3. Public Work on Related Projects
4. Technical Studies Updates

Engagement Strategy Goals



Goals

- 1) Be consistent with and draw on the strength of the HRM Community Engagement Strategy,
- 2) Respect the work done by staff and the public in earlier engagement,
- 3) Build trust that will enable staff and the public to engage in effective city building, and
- 4) Provide clear framework for actions and allow for all bodies to observe measured success.

Engagement Action Plan

Step 1 – Engage and Define

Tools & Techniques	2015			
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
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2. Plain Language Guides				
3. Planning Workshops		<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Remote / Open Work Spaces				
5. Community Narratives			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Citizen Survey				
7. Planning Workbooks / Local Event Toolkit				
8. Educational Engagement				
9. Stakeholder Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Engagement Action Plan Update

Step 1 – Engage and Define

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Impact of Action Plan Update

- **Longer Engage & Define Step Required**
 - Logically pushes engagement strategy and next steps out further.
 - Will result in improved outcomes and understanding in the community.
 - Work plan is not detrimentally affected, technical studies are enhanced by the engagement.
 - Public Launch is delayed, but will be improved.

Public Work on Related Projects

- **5 Year Review of the Downtown Halifax Plan**
 - The goal is to perform proactive updating to the Downtown Halifax Plan documents, integrating learnings from 5 years of implementation.
 - Outcomes Relevant to the Centre Plan
 - Fixing issues we've discovered
 - Updates to tools such as Site Plan Approvals (process) & Density Bonusing
 - Learning from public as to success of policies
 - Next Public Interaction: MPS, LUB, and Design Manual Updates to be shared in the coming months.

Public Work on Related Projects

- **Downtown Dartmouth Plan Amendments**
 - The goal is new Plan Policy for Downtown Dartmouth to help direct development to achieve growth targets that exist within the plan.
 - Outcomes Relevant to the Centre Plan
 - Test case for expansion of DT Halifax Plan tools into new jurisdiction(s)
 - Public knowledge sharing & learning on Municipal Planning Strategies and Planning Tools
 - Next Public Interaction: release of Draft Plan Amendments in April

Public Work on Related Projects

- **Dutch Village Road Area Planning Study**
 - The goal is to work with the community to craft new policies and updates to zoning within the Fairview Plan Area based on modern standards and the community needs.
 - Outcomes Relevant to the Centre Plan
 - Rationalized Halifax Peninsula Land Use Bylaw Boundary
 - Public knowledge sharing on Municipal Planning Strategies and Planning Tools
 - Next Public Interaction: release of outcomes from 2015-03-25 Public Meeting.

Public Work on Related Projects

- **Heritage Conversation Districts (Schmidtville & Old South Suburb)**
 - The goal is to implement Heritage Conservation District tools to ensure development supports and enhances heritage assets in the Municipality.
 - Outcomes Relevant to the Centre Plan
 - Policy Research & Updates in Areas Outside the Downtown Halifax Plan Area (and within the Regional Centre)
 - Public knowledge sharing on Municipal Planning Strategies and Planning Tools
 - Next Public Interaction: upon council approval, Steering Committees will be struck.

Public Work on Related Projects

- **Road Network Functional Plan Update**
 - The goal of this project is to inform and engage the public in a discussion of an enhanced Roadway Network Priorities Plan, including the principles of street classification, demand management, the rationale for the projects, the relationship between projects and the Regional Plan's growth targets, and sustainable transportation objectives.
 - Outcomes Relevant to the Centre Plan
 - The Road Network Functional Plan is a key input into the Regional Centre MPS and LUB.
 - Award of RFP for Road Network Plan Enhancement and Public Engagement is ongoing.

Technical Studies

- **Community Profile**
 - Scoping Complete, Consultant Procurement Ongoing
- **Lot Block Typology**
 - Consultant Engaged, DSRA Architecture
 - Project Timeline leads to final report in May.
- **Local Pipe Capacity Study**
 - Council Approved
 - Halifax Water RFP Released 2015-03-27, closes 2015-04-16
- **Density Bonusing Policy Study**
 - RFP Closed, Award Expected early April 2015
- **Retail Area Catchment Assessment**
 - Scoping being done, product of stakeholder identification
- **Land Use Intensification Around New Transit Network**
 - Scoping being done, product of stakeholder identification

Stakeholder Update

- Stakeholder Updates based on CDAC input and community input through public release of meeting information has contributed to the detailed plan for engagement throughout the Regional Centre.
- One session has been held in March, with the Our HRM Alliance. Learnings from the organization of that event has contributed to the detailed plan for engagement throughout the Regional Centre.

Project Plan Steps

- Stakeholder Consultation through the spring will help ensure that the universe of technical issues are being addressed in the definition of the project.
- With Define & Engage Step ending we will be able to onboard the support required to drive the policy and land use projects forward through the summer and fall of 2015.

Next Steps

- Technical Study & Associated Project Completion
 - The Project Team will drive toward completing ongoing policy work to ensure focus and attention on the Regional Centre Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law
- Stakeholder Consultation Sessions
 - April & May are focused on maximum stakeholder engagement with staff team executing the engagement plan.