

**Chapter 9: Governance and Implementation – Supplementary Table (Comments from June 17/13 Public Open House)**

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE / ISSUE RAISED	COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – (each # represents a separate comment received)	STAFF RESPONSE	CDAC DIRECTION
Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consultation needs a more “transparent” approach. Planning Staff should post on the website their reasons for accepting or rejecting suggestions made at public meetings.</li><li>2. Extend the time for feedback, more time is needed to review.</li><li>3. More community consultation in rural and suburban areas.</li><li>4. I hope that the public hearing at City Council will take place at various meetings in HRM.</li><li>5. Why were there not more meetings along the Eastern Shore and to further rural areas?</li><li>6. Why not have more meetings?</li><li>7. Why only one town hall?</li><li>8. This meeting is kind of monopolized by Haligonians and Purcell’s Cove groups with specific agendas to push.</li></ol>		

	<p>9. This is more like RP-15.</p> <p>10. Extend the period for RP+5 feed-back to the end of July 2013. People need time to think about what they have heard during the public engagements.</p> <p>11. We would like to see the deadline extended for feedback in this process.</p> <p>12. Public consultation in rural HRM - Musquodoboit/Sheet Harbour. Outline potential plans/growth opportunities in these rural areas rather than focusing strictly on Halifax/Dartmouth.</p>		
Governance	<p>1. How do we become more inclusive?</p> <p>2. Please put rural concerns in one area of the draft plan for those of us in rural areas. Please try to be less urban-centric!!</p> <p>3. We need to ensure we build and develop on a human Scale. People live here. Have more green space, active transportation, affordable housing, and increased density without high rises. We can do it. It takes a vision and citizens to act with politicians who think past their election term!</p>		
Policy G-16 / Urban Reserve	<p>1. I am concerned about what I heard regarding discretion in rezoning Urban Reserve via some policy by-law to adjacent designations. That effectively voids the plan. Ok, the intent may be been to allow re-designation of small pockets, but leaves open the door to arbitrary changes. Needs to be addressed.</p>		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Remove Policy G-16. Do not allow developers and councillors this “wiggle-room” to change the zoning against the wishes of HRM residents. If this area opposes the rezoning – cannot be left to the discretion of councillors.</li> <li>3. Protect urban reserves – take the discretionary loop-hole out.</li> <li>4. Get rid of G-16 for Urban Reserve.</li> <li>5. <i>Agree but</i>, need to consider moving some “Urban Reserve” lands e.g. Purcell’s Cove Backlands to “Greenbelt” designation. This will “tighten” the Greenbelt and enable green spaces closer to the core to be preserved for public recreation and environmental use. We have a glut of land allotted to urban development, therefore “urban reserve” such as Backlands not needed!</li> <li>6. I think this is perhaps the most important part of the plan. Suburban sprawl need to stop now.</li> <li>7. Delete clause G-16! It favours Developers, not residents!</li> </ol>		
Performance Measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Making plans is great, but what about implementing them? 7 years and no movement on acquiring lands for Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park, and we’re already way off our growth targets. Please update RP to include more teeth for implementation targets and deadlines.</li> </ol>		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Plan does not have...<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Reporting deadlines on the many proposals.</li><li>b. Completion dates or deadlines of the many plan undertakings.</li><li>c. Assignment of responsibility for undertaking the many proposed changes.</li><li>d. Lacking an ongoing public input strategy.</li></ol></li><li>3. Create more specific goals and evaluate every year.</li><li>4. Set goals and objectives that can be used to measure progress in e.g. 5 years, 10 years...</li></ol>		
--	--	--	--