

**Chapter 7: Cultural and Heritage Resources – Supplementary Table (Comments from July 10 & 16/13 Open House- Gaetz Brook & Sheet Harbour)** *\*Please note that these are working documents and do not represent final policy recommendations until endorsed by CDAC.*

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE / ISSUE RAISED	COMMUNITY FEEDBACK	STAFF RESPONSE (where no response is indicated, the Regional Plan addresses the issue or issue has been previously addressed)	CDAC DIRECTION
Protection of Cultural/Heritage Resources	HRM should provide much more financial support for the conversion of buildings (like the Old School in MH) for use by a wide variety of community-based non-profits (arts, mental health, music, environmental).	The culture and heritage priorities plan proposes to inventory existing cultural facilities, identify gaps based on the needs of the cultural community and HRM residents, and develop a program to enhance existing facilities and develop new ones. Funding for development and partnerships with local communities would be considered as part of this work. Currently, not for profit organizations are eligible to apply for grants for capital improvements to their facilities, visit <a href="http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/CommunityGrantsProgram.html">http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/CommunityGrantsProgram.html</a>	
	Meanwhile, existing rural heritage buildings need support and maintenance – such as the old school in MH. A short term support strategy should be in place while longer range plans are being developed. Old buildings do not wait very well!	There are not enough staff resources to establish an interim support strategy for cultural facilities. See response above also.	
	Recognition of old established communities and villages in rural HRM (Sheet Harbour, MH, and Middle Musquodoboit).	The built heritage inventory, proposed for the first phase of the Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan, will identify and significant buildings, cultural landscapes and scenic views. The Plan will develop programs and policies for the recognition, protection and celebration of these assets.	
	Need for a social heritage policy to support rural heritage assets such as Cemeteries (Need for refresh and restoration) and document all for genealogical recall/archive.	The preliminary work on the social heritage policy, which began in 2011, will be rolled into the Culture and Heritage Priorities plan, which will consider the role of museums, culture and heritage assets in the recognition and celebration of cultural heritage.	

	<p>Not just maintain current heritage projects and institutions, improve them! - They are a tourism booster, in rural areas not just regional growth centre.</p>	<p>The Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan represents a more proactive approach to heritage preservation, with the identification of resources and development of policies and programs to protect and enhance them. This is a step beyond the current program of voluntary heritage registration. The Plan will study all areas of HRM, not just the Regional Centre.</p>	
	<p>Can you provide more specific information about Culture &amp; Heritage concerns?</p>	<p>WHAT IS THE ISSUE?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•RP+5 scope highlighted the need for an enhanced role for culture &amp; heritage</li> <li>•Enhancing culture &amp; heritage is important as they define HRM’s distinct character and are integral to “Placemaking”</li> <li>•Adoption of Cultural Plan, changes in heritage conservation best practices and progress in cultural development supports the need to identify assets and establish priorities for investment</li> </ul> <p>WHAT IS GOING TO CHANGE?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•More robust heritage conservation and preservation of community character</li> <li>•Developing Priorities “Culture &amp; Heritage Priorities Plan”</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Inventory</li> <li>2.Analysis</li> <li>3.Implementation</li> </ol> <p>WHAT IS GOING TO CHANGE?  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Project Plan for Culture &amp; Heritage Priorities Plan, including actions, target dates, budget, staff allocations, and departmental commitments;</li> <li>•Success = completion, adoption and embracing of Culture &amp; Heritage Priorities Plan.</li> </ul> </p> </p></p>	

	Cultural Tourism- recently MH lost its provincial tourist office at the Railway Museum.	RP+5 does not directly address tourism or economic development, these responsibilities fall under the Province of Nova Scotia, Destination Nova Scotia and The Greater Halifax Partnership. RP+5 will promote tourism through recognition, protection and celebration of culture and heritage assets of rural communities.	
	What incentives are there for small businesses to expand? We want to show visitors our coastline, take them fishing, watch our divers, get scallops, etc., eat at our local pub and restaurants and stay overnight.	See above	
	Offer tourists packages – give them reason to stay for a while and not drive through. Open to ideas & discussions!	See above	
	Musquodoboit Harbour and the Eastern Shore need a tourism strategy which can go nicely with Economic and Eco-tourism strategy and/or policy.	See above	
	HRM should support the development of a Local News Media for rural communities like Sheet Harbour and Musquodoboit Harbour.	Local news media is typically a community driven initiative and general is funded through advertising sales. Not for profit organizations are eligible for operating and capital grants through the Community Grants program (see above).	
Library and Community Services	More library hours for Musquodoboit Harbour so we can have more sharing of information and educational issues but the limited hours do not allow for programs, guest speakers, movies which would be interesting to have.	RP+5 will not address specific details such as library operating hours. This request will be forwarded on to the Halifax Public Libraries.	
	Health, sports and anti-obesity initiatives should be addressed at all levels of government. I attended a Sports Day at Oyster Pond Academy where children, adolescents, can learn specific sport's skills early on.	Healthy communities and active living are an important component of the Active Transportation plan, which is currently undergoing its 5 year review, see <a href="http://www.halifax.ca/activetransportation/">http://www.halifax.ca/activetransportation/</a> for more details. The Regional Plan will support the findings of the AT plan and plans for communities that include and promote active transportation and healthy living.	
	Need more HRM sponsored activities for Sheet Harbour teens and youth.	RP+5 will not address specific recreation programming. This will be forwarded on the Community Recreations Services.	