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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: June 5, 2003

SUBJECT: Regional Planning Process, Timeline and workplan

ORIGIN

May 13, 2003 - Regional Council endorsed the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) Terms of Reference, calling for the RPC to bring a workplan to Council within 60 days.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. Regional Council endorse the Regional Planning process and estimated timeline (Attachement # 1), to be used as the Committee workplan.

BACKGROUND

The Attached Regional Planning Process and timeline, forming the basis of the workplan, reflects research completed regarding best practices for Regional Planning processes and methods from other North American jurisdictions that have recently completed regional plans. The information, reviewed in the context of the HRM environment, resulted in the attached recommended process.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Planning process and timeline are provided as high level indications of milestone deliverables, with approximate dates. They represent targets and the team will provide updates on a regular basis re status and results. As with all complex and public processes, changes may occur. A change process will be established to manage scope, budget and timing changes that can occur in projects of this magnitude, so that any significant changes are understood, agreed to and endorsed.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The process has no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

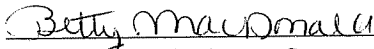
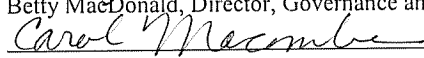
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

A different process could be proposed. This isn't recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

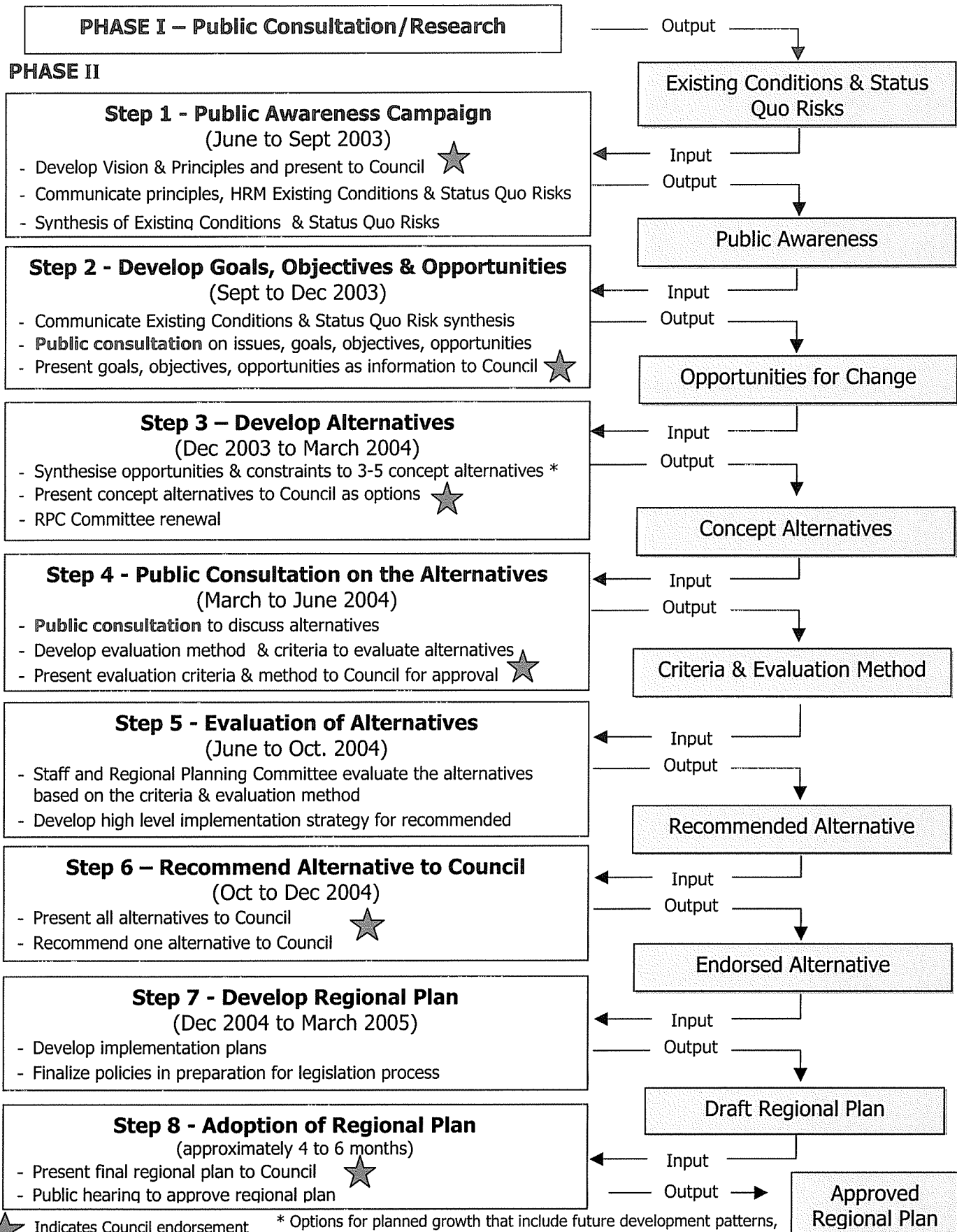
Regional Planning Process (to be used as RPC workplan).

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Regional Planning Process – Phase II

Actions

Inputs/Outputs



★ Indicates Council endorsement opportunity

* Options for planned growth that include future development patterns, community forms, employment centres, a transportation system, and environmental protection.