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**HALIFAX**  
CENTRE PLAN

# Centre Plan

Program Update for CDAC

2015-09-09

# Today

1. Centre Plan, Request for Proposals & Staff Efforts
2. Updates on Related Projects
3. Next Steps



## Program Direction

### Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy

Issues  
Identification

Policies

Implementation  
Plan

### Public Engagement

Strategy

Delivery

Communications

### Land Use Bylaw

Harmonization

Modernization /  
Updates

### Charter Amendments

Housing  
Partnership

Clarifications /  
Updates

## Program Direction

Secondary

- Project Charter
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Senior Leadership
- Sectoral / Departmental Inputs

Policies

Delivery

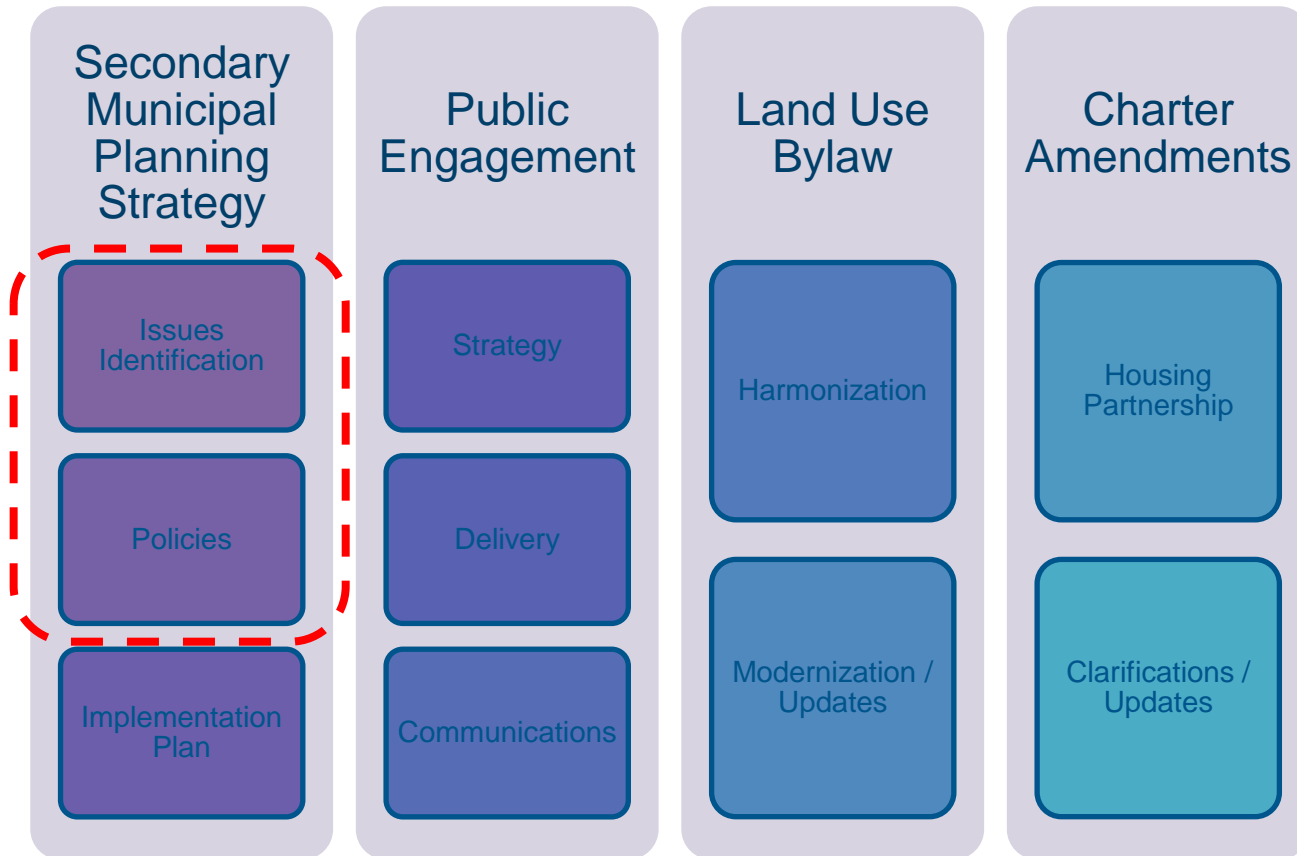
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- Regional Centre Urban Design Study (2008)
- Neighbourhood Greenprint (2010)
- Corridors Project (2012)
- Technical Studies (2014 – today)

## Program Direction

### Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy

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### RFP for Consulting Services in Support of the Centre Plan

- Technical Support in Development of Policies and Implementation Strategy
- Expertise and Effort in Delivery of the Engagement Strategy



## Program Direction

### Staff Led Efforts

Urban Design Section  
(Policy) efforts with  
Development Approvals

Legal, GREA, Housing  
Policy Group Supporting  
Charter

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# Centre Plan RFP

This Request for Proposals is intended to help staff procure services broadly defined as “Consulting Services in Support of the Centre Plan”. Specifically this competition will allow the Municipality to bring on board;

- (a) lead consultant to provide planning & project management expertise on land use, urban design, policy, in support of the project, while also providing**
- (b) consulting expertise in communications and public engagement in line with the Centre Plan Engagement Strategy.**

Collectively these areas of expertise may be found in a single firm, or potentially more likely, through a consulting team with a lead consultant and sub-specialty support where required.

# Centre Plan RFP, Critical Path

- Step 1: Understanding (Review of Current Conditions & Past Work)  
Fall 2015
- Step 2: Setting the Plan Framework  
Fall 2015 – Winter 2016
- Step 3: Develop Draft Plan for Regional Centre  
Winter 2016 – Spring 2016
- Step 4: Public Review of Draft Plan for Regional Centre  
Summer 2016 – Fall 2016
- Step 5: Final Plan Preparation  
Fall 2016

# Centre Plan, Direction Forward

- Much of the work to date has been toward an Urban Design approach to planning for the Regional Centre.
- Learning from Step 1 of the Engagement Process, and digging into the effects of the 2014 Regional Plan, we recognize the need for the Centre Plan to be a Comprehensive Plan for the Regional Centre.
- The adoption of form based code in the Downtown Halifax Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy, the use of density bonusing in Land Use By-Laws represent unique implementation of planning tools for mid-sized Canadian municipalities.

# Updates on Related Projects

1. **Local Piped Service Capacity Issues**
2. **Downtown Dartmouth Policy Changes**
3. **Heritage Conservation Districts**
4. **Plan Dutch Village Road**
5. **Five Year Review of the Downtown Halifax Plan**
6. **Density Bonusing Study**
7. **Housing Needs Assessment**

# Next Steps

- Continued Engagement Strategy implementation
- Launch of Shape Your City portal
- RFP for Lead Consultant
- Engagement through all the work the Urban Design and Policy team is doing