HALIFAX CENTRE PLAN

Centre Plan

Engagement Progress & Stakeholders

2015-02-26

Updates

- 1. Action Plan Review (Step 1)
- 2. Public Work on Related Projects
- 3. Technical Studies
- 4. Stakeholders Review



Engagement Strategy Goals

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- 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.



Action Plan

Step 1 – Engage and Define

| | | 2015 | | | |
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| | | Step 1 | | | |
| Tools & Techniques | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
| 1. | Online Portal | | | | |
| 2. | Plain Language Guides | | | | |
| 3. | Planning Workshops | | | | |
| 4. | Remote / Open Work Spaces | | | | |
| 5. | Community Narratives | | | | |
| 6. | Citizen Survey | | | | |
| 7. | Planning Workbooks / Local Event Toolkit | | | | |
| 8. | Educational Engagement | | | | |
| 9. | Stakeholder Outreach | | | | |
| 10. | Staff Working Groups / Technical Committees | | | | |



Call to Clarity

To communicate the results of the Centre Plan Engagement Strategy a report will be drafted at the end of each step in the above noted process. These reports will assist the Community Design Advisory Committee in reporting to Regional Council and will provide a window into the Centre Plan process that is more accessible than the technical details. Through this reporting structure, we hope that greater clarity and understanding of the planning process is gained by citizens, stakeholders, Committee members, Council, and Staff.



Public Work on Related Projects

- Downtown Dartmouth Plan Amendments
- 5 Year Review of the Downtown Halifax Plan
- Dutch Village Road Planning Study
- Heritage Conversation Districts (Schmidtville & Old South Suburb)



Technical Studies

- Community Profile
- Lot Block Typology
- Local Pipe Capacity Study
- Density Bonusing Policy Study



Stakeholder Purpose

- Before rushing into consultation it is important to understand the need for it, and what is to be accomplished.
- The Centre Plan will deliver a new Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, tools that concern themselves with policy (to ensure the desired direction) and practicality (to ensure what we are building meets intent)
- Knowing this we can begin to think about the types of organizations and interests that should be engaged in both the policy and practicality



Stakeholder Definitions

- Core / Internal Teams
 - People and projects that are within the boundary of influence of the Centre Plan within the Municipality, Council, and Committees of Council.
- Other Government
 - Agencies and departments of the Provincial and Federal Government who have overlapping jurisdictions or mandates.
- Non-Governmental and Community Groups
 - Citizen groups and non profit agencies that have overlapping jurisdictions or mandates.



Stakeholder Review

- Through evaluation of RP+5 stakeholders, 2012 Corridors Study participation, and our networks we've developed a fulsome list of stakeholders for consultation.
- Through classification and grouping we can create a manageable stakeholder consultation process that will ensure value in the input, and consideration of the valuable time of participants.









Stakeholder Review

- It is clear to see in the Stakeholder wheel where gaps exist in our current networks.
- The CDAC and the public can help fill these gaps, and they already have.
- Lets continue that conversation today.



Next Steps

- Stakeholder Consultation Sessions
 - First are scheduled for next weeks with stakeholders

