



RP+5

Regional Plan 5 Year Review

Community Engagement Phase 3

Community Design Advisory Committee

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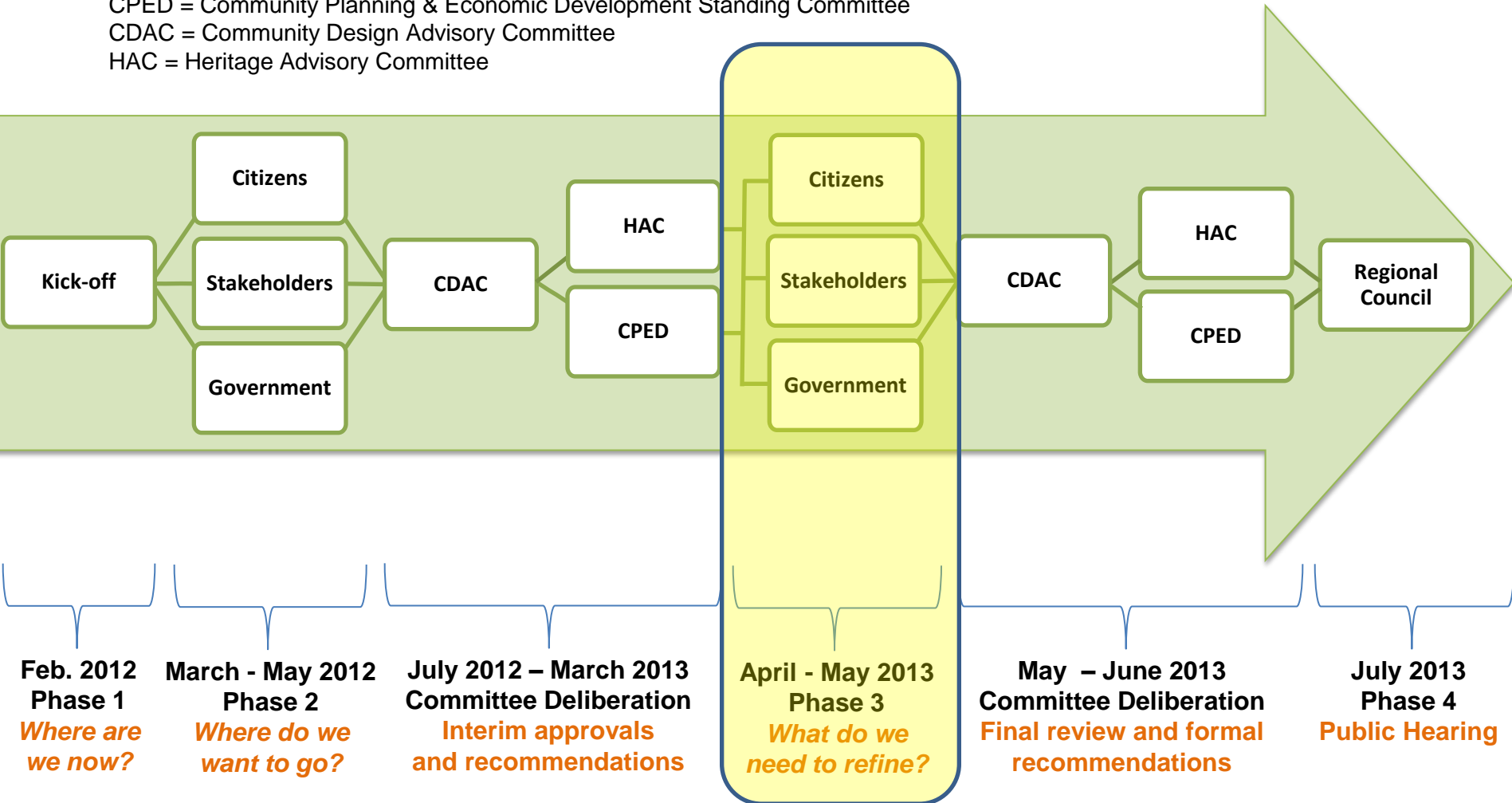
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Phase 3 process proposal

What are your hopes and expectations for the final phase of community engagement?

What role would CDAC members like to play in public and stakeholder consultations?

CPED = Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committee
 CDAC = Community Design Advisory Committee
 HAC = Heritage Advisory Committee



- Kick-Off event with guest speaker Calvin Brook
- 7 Public sessions (incl. 2 live-streamed sessions)
- Stakeholder meetings (HRM Alliance, Heritage Trust etc)
- 2 Focus groups with newcomers (ISIS ESL classes)
- Online survey (450 submissions)
- Letters to First Nations and Urban Aboriginal community
- E-mail list (over 4,000 members)
- Written submissions (mail, e-mail and blog 40+)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Blog)
- CDAC review of comments
- Summary report (March 6)



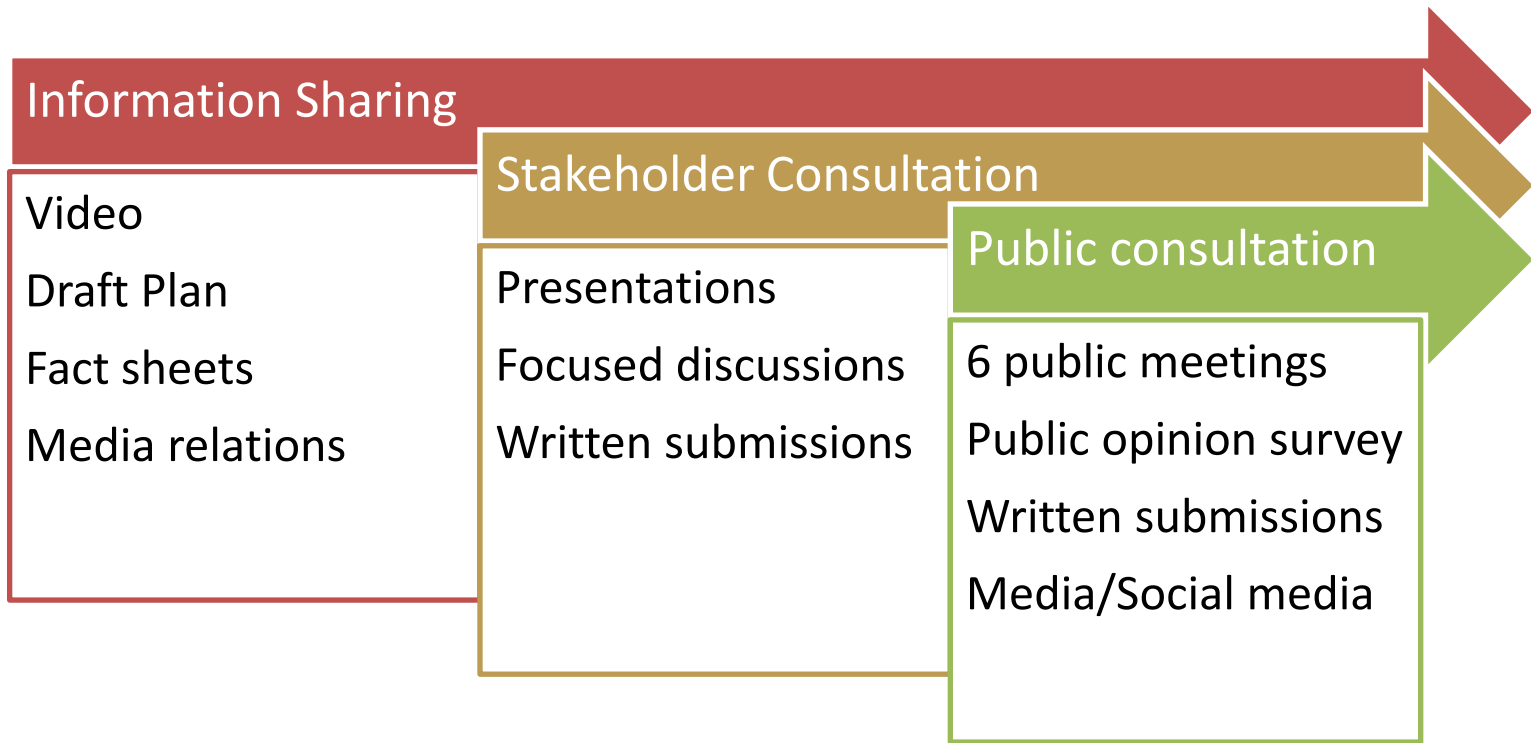
Purpose:

- To inform the public and stakeholders, about the RP+5 review process, proposed policy changes and implementation; and
- To obtain feedback on the Draft revised Regional Plan and implementation.

Outcomes:

- The public will have a clear understanding of the revised Regional Plan.
- A summary and response to public input document and draft Regional Plan, will be presented to CDAC, HAC and CPED. It will also be publicly available.
- Input received will inform final policy changes.

Phase 3 Process



Opportunity for CDAC members to lead/play active role in the process

Key Components

Process	Timeline	Tools
Information sharing	Feb – June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall FAQ • Short video on RP+5 • E-mail list update • Community handbook (fact sheets on key studies, policy changes & rationale, new maps) • Draft RMPS publicly available late March
Stakeholder consultation	Early April– mid April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on key areas of policy; urban, suburban and rural issues; one cross-sector. • Focussed presentations and discussions (see attached list) • Written Submissions Deadline: mid May
Public consultation	Mid April – early May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six public meetings across the region • 2 urban, 2 suburban, 2 rural (e.g. Halifax, Dartmouth, Upper Tantallon, Bedford, Sackville, Oyster Pond) • Open house, presentation, open house • Written submissions deadline: mid May
Public opinion survey	May 1 st (results May 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission public opinion survey to gain representative public opinion on key policy issues
Summary report	Early -June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary report

- 1. Revised Community Design program**
- 2. New Regional Centre Chapter**
- 3. Review of transportation projects to ensure alignment with growth pattern**
- 4. Preserve and expand industrial land holdings**
- 5. Measure the Plan's performance**

- **Greenbelting**
- **Increased protection for riparian buffers**
- **The number and classification of Centres**
- **Regional Centre**
- **Priorities for secondary planning**
- **Urban transit focus**
- **Rural transit support**
- **Revised rural subdivision standards**
- **Secondary suites**
- **Culture and heritage priorities for investment**
- **Active transportation investment**
- **Industrial land and role of municipal business parks**
- **Undergrounding of power services**
- **Measuring the plan's performance**

** Not a complete list*

Environment

Culture and Heritage

Health and Recreation

Business

Development

Government / Education

Proposed questions (for discussion only)

- 1. Why is the Regional Plan important to you?**
- 2. What RP+5 policy changes do you like, and why?**
- 3. What RP+5 policies do you have questions or concerns about, and why?**
- 4. How could your organization/community participate in the implementation of the Regional Plan?**
- 5. What does a successful implementation look like?**

Proposed questions (revised draft)

Given the scope of the review, research and public input to date...

- 1. Are you satisfied with the proposed changes?**
- 2. Is anything missing?**
- 3. What are the opportunities for successful implementation?**

Open house

- Participants can tour at their own pace
- Set up can include stations on specific issues
- Can be engaging and highly visual (e.g maps)
- CDAC members and staff can guide participants through the exhibits and answer questions
- Can include opportunities for all to provide feedback
- Can include an element of “rotating thought building”

- Usually includes 8 to 12 participants;
- Led by a facilitator who is impartial, but subject experts can respond to questions;
- Uses ground rules to set the tone for a respectful, productive discussion;
- Is rooted in dialogue and deliberation, not debate;
- Does not require consensus, but uncovers areas of agreement and common concern;
- Possible to focus on specific issues of interest

- Open or representative public meetings to discuss issues
- Uses ground rules to set the tone and process
- Presentation and a moderated Q&A period
- More formal
- Not everyone is comfortable with speaking at a microphone
- Not conducive to an in-depth conversation

Public meetings – Option A

30 min	Open House
30 min	Presentation
60 – 90 min	Open House & Comment Form

Public meetings – Option B

30 min	Open House
30 min	Presentation
60 min	Q&A or Focused small group discussions
30 min	Report back

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