

Chapter 2. Energy, Environment and Climate Change – Supplementary Table (Comments from July 10 & 16, 2013 Public Open House Gaetz Brook & Sheet Harbour)

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PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE/ISSUE	COMMUNITY FEEDBACK	STAFF RESPONSE (where no response indicated Regional Plan addresses the issue or issue previously addressed)	CDAC DIRECTION
Greenbelting	Greenbelting will restrict more rural areas from potential development	Doesn't restrict property as it is currently described in the Plan	
	We would like to see that the rain forest island on the Eastern Shore be fully protected.	Investigate re the Greenbelting and Open Space Priorities Plan	
Watercourse Buffers	Enforce riparian buffer zones on open ocean properties in vulnerable coastal areas.	Riparian Zones can be increased during Secondary Plans	
	Enforce the riparian buffer zones – which is currently not happening!		
	Buffers – No shoreline hardening: seawalls, groins, infilling		
	Riparian zones should be increased in areas adjacent to water courses. Plus, there needs to be better enforcement especially in rural areas.		
	Increase setbacks on open ocean properties to 30m horizontal 3.5m vertical because of the storm surge. Wave action rising sea levels and vulnerable coastal geology (drumlins).	The 2.5 metre elevation is to be investigated (re the higher high water large tide); add to policy to continue investigation	
	Residents have had 10 years since Hurricane Juan to adjust to the reality of coastal storms and flooding so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Increase coastal setbacks to 30 metres & elevations to 3.5 meters. o No grandfathering allowed. 		
Could we expand setbacks to 30 meters and 3.5 feet vertically to prevent environmental damage by storm surge, and higher waters from climate change?			

	<p>Riparian Zones & Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to see a moratorium on development on Easter Shore beaches so the environment there is maintained and not destroyed. • Climate change visual pollution and rearrangement of sand and dunes are concerns we would like to avoid. • What are concrete steps to prevent further climate change or how can we adapt? • Can we increase the setback to 30 feet and 3.5 metres? 		
	Riparian Zones – need better enforcement of buffer zones in developments		
	Coastal Zones – Coastal setbacks should be increased to 30m and 3.5 m elevation.		
	Coastal – Increase coastal set back to 30m from 20 and 3.5 meters high from 2.5.		
	Riparian buffers need to be enforced.		
	Coastline strategies are needed and should override development issues.	Agreed – a coastline strategy should be included as part of the Open Space & Greenbelting Priorities Plan.	
	Beaches Act? Bringing <u>all</u> HRM beaches under this Act.	See above comment.	
Emissions Reduction	Idling – I would like to see enforcement of trucks and cars idling.		
General	Prevention of Emergency Measures, such as truck and gas leaks, hurricane wind, flood, snowstorms/weather bomb, fire disaster prevention.		
	There should be revised or wind turbine policy established so turbines are removed /set back from private residences.	Wind turbine setbacks were established in 2010 and a review is premature.	
	The draft seems very light on the potential impact of climate change on area roads. Along the coast, sections of roads are vulnerable to erosion, and may need to be rerouted. Floods from severe storms are likely to cause change to interior roads and bridges.		