

Open House #3
Draft 2 – Revised Regional Plan
Gordon Snow Community Centre
1359 Fall River Road, Fall River
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Comments:

Transit

- Agree but...express drops & pickups on Hwy#2; create bus stops in the area of Tim's/Sobeys so that people are not left to walk from the 118 Perrin Drive & ride area. Will it take a robbery or an attack on a person to change this policy?

Rural Conservation

- Agree but...
 - Rural communities have lost a great deal when it comes to their ability to move ahead with local community development initiatives. Many items that have formed a part of the Community Visioning Plan that a community has indicated as a High Priority often does not move ahead because HRM Council and staff do not place it as High Priority when considering other HRM initiatives.
 - Previous amalgamation these communities could deal more directly with the Province and Federal entities when pursuing funds for projects. This flexibility needs to be made available to HRMs Rural Communities and they should be encouraged to seek outside funding and project solutions when direct HRM support is lacking.

Industrial Lands

- Land use...
 - Should ALWAYS have to go through the most intensive environmental study to make absolutely sure that the disturbance of the land does not lead to the ruination of rivers and lakes.
 - STOP the Miller Lake Quarry! The last time the soil in that area was disturbed it led to the closure of the fish hatchery on Grand Lake.

Housing

- Would like to see a realistic approach to the use of basement apartments in the Fall River/Waverly/Wellington area.

Regional Centre

- Agree but...
 - More nature in the city core will help to attract people to live in the city i.e. daylight , steams, wetlands, hearing peepers in spring
 - Grocery store within walking distance
 - Need to bring children out of doors but not necessarily into the streets
 - More parks, not just the Halifax Common
 - Stop the big – box craze; Dartmouth Crossing should be in downtown HRM
 - Shuttles – park and ride to shopping areas in places with places to store parcels/goods
 - Encourage delivery for groceries so people don't need cars to get groceries

Regional Road Works

- Agree but...

- I am concerned that we may lose the 320 bus; perhaps it should be promoted more in this area; more incentive/ability to use it
- Suggest incorporating a 320 bus stop at Sobey's in Fall River; it's easier to see it/notice and may entice more people to use it
- Inbound Windmill Rd – 7-9am reversing lane Akerley to new lights/intersection/new development/cars/trucks move over leaving inside lane right turn only and bus lane – NO LEFT TURNS
- New lights/intersection to McDonalds build right turn lane only & sidewalk to Wright Ave

Map 5

- Why are some lakes in the same system, not shown as “Yellow” species while others in that system are shown as “Yellow”? (e.g. 2nd Lakes vs Grand Lake)
- Use COSEWIC criteria not just red, yellow & green
- Species @ Risk Act (SARA)
- Trigger for DFO management plan is COSEWIC criteria “endangered” or “threatened”
- COSEWIC (assessment) -> DFO assessment – SARA listing (species at risk Act)