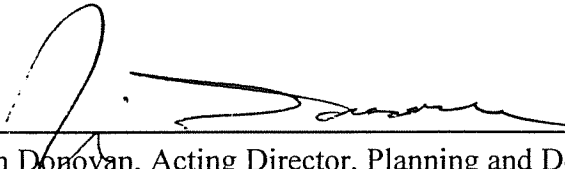
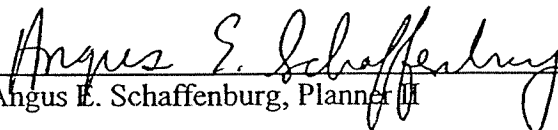

Halifax Regional Council
March 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Jim Donovan, Acting Director, Planning and Development Services



Angus E. Schaffenburg, Planner III

DATE: March 13, 2002

SUBJECT: 2001 Census of Population

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On March 12, 2002 Statistics Canada released population and dwelling counts from the 2001 Census.

BACKGROUND

Population and dwelling counts were contained in the first of eight releases. This report will highlight the population changes within Halifax Regional Municipality. Additional data on other census variables will be released over the next year and a half including age, income, family structure, education, and place of work.

DISCUSSION

Population Growth

- In May 15, 2001 there were 359,183 persons in HRM; representing an increase of 4.7 percent (16,217 persons) from the 1996 Census.
- The 1996-2001 growth rate of 4.7 percent is somewhat greater than the previous period of 1991-1996 when the population growth rate was 3.7 percent (12,120 persons).
- The population of Halifax Regional Municipality has increased over the last 25 year period (from 1976) by 28.9 percent (80,652 persons).
- There were noticeable population shifts between 1996 and 2001 in HRM. Using census tracts, one of the standard geographies of the census, the changes range from an increase of 73.8 percent to a decrease of 21.1 percent. The four census tracts with growth above 20 percent in the 1996-2001 period were:
 - CT26.01 (Clayton Park West/Glenbourne area) 73.8 percent (3320 persons)
 - CT123.04 (Crestview and Paper Mill Lake area of Bedford) 54.7 percent (1638 persons)
 - CT132.02 (Hammonds Plains including areas such as Kingswood and Glen Arbour) 48.2 percent (3292 persons)
 - CT121.06 (Cow Bay/Eastern Passage area) 24.4 percent (878 persons)
- The three census tracts with a population decrease greater than 10 percent were:
 - CT113 (Wallis Heights area) decrease of 21.1 percent (-241 persons)
 - CT112 (Tuft's Cove) decrease of 19.3 percent (-575 persons)
 - CT 122.01 (Area generally bounded by Forest Hills Parkway, Settle and Cranberry Lakes and Main Street) decrease of 10.6 percent (-438 persons)

Population Growth in Nova Scotia

- During the 1996-2001 period, Nova Scotia's population was virtually unchanged with a slight **decrease** of 0.1 percent, well below the national average of 4.0 percent increase. The Municipalities's growth out-paced that of the Province in percent and absolute terms.
- HRM now represents 39.5 percent of the population of the Province, compared to 37.7 percent in 1996. Hants County was the only other Nova Scotia County to show a significant increase with 2.6 percent growth over the 1996-2001 period.
- Statistics Canada, in the presentation of the 2001 Census results on March 12th, stated "Halifax's 5-year growth rate of 4.7% almost equally split between natural increase and international immigration".

The next release will be in July 16, 2002 providing age and gender data. Staff will be reviewing the population data at the census tract and lower levels of geography (ie dissemination areas -similar to enumeration areas) to examine the changes in more detail. Staff will report on these findings at a later time.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are general budget implications directly associated with the population growth and movements within Halifax regional Municipality. These will be discussed as part of Regional Planning in the upcoming months.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budget, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

None at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Population, Halifax Regional Municipality, 1976-2001
Statistics Canada Map

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment A: Population, Halifax Regional Municipality, 1976-2001

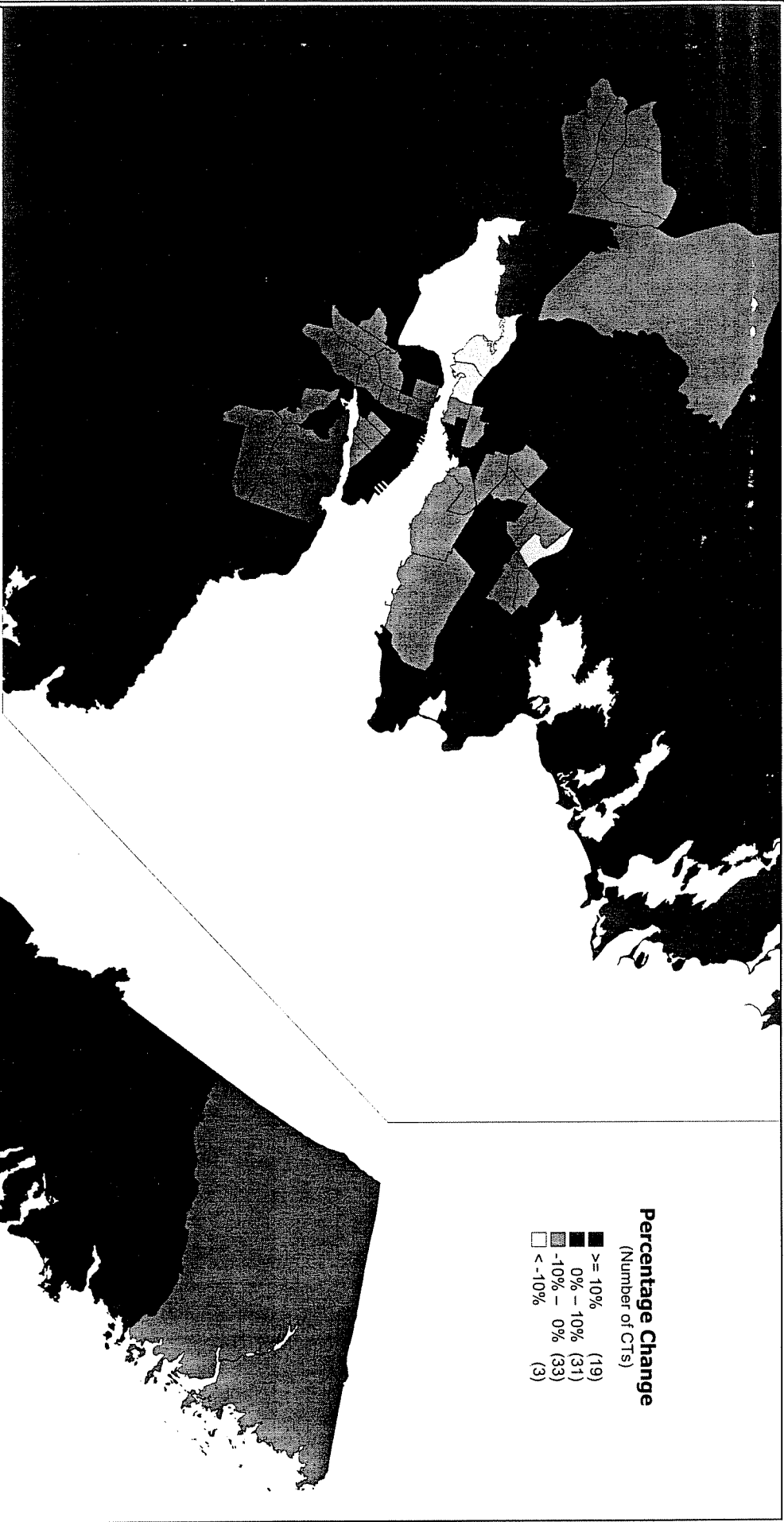
	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001
Population	278,531	288,126	306,418	330,846	342,966	359,183

Absolute Change

	1976-81	1981-86	1986-91	1991-96	1996-01
Population	9,595	18,292	24,428	12,120	16,217

Percent Change

	1976-81	1981-86	1986-91	1991-96	1996-01
Population	3.4%	6.3%	8.0%	3.7%	4.7%



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 Population Change, 1996 - 2001
 by 2001 Census Tract