

# WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

KICK OFF EVENT  
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# HALIFAX

CENTRE PLAN

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# KICK-OFF EVENT

## WHAT

The Centre Plan Kick-Off Event was the first major public presentation of the Centre Plan Project. Held on the evening of Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 from 6-9pm, the open house was held at the Alderney Landing Market in Downtown Dartmouth. This location was chosen for its convenience, allowing residents from across HRM and the Regional Centre to attend. The event served as an introduction to the Centre Plan Project, and an opportunity to receive preliminary feedback from the public on the seven Plan Themes as well as identified strengths and opportunities within the Regional Centre.

The public was notified of the Kick-Off Event beginning three weeks in advance through a variety of sources, including:

- Email notification to internal and external stakeholders
- Flyers at prominent locations such as libraries and other community facilities
- Ads in the local newspapers, including: The Coast, Chronicle Herald, Halifax Citizen, Dartmouth Tribune, Bedford Sackville Observer, and Halifax Metro
- Twitter and Facebook posts

At the open house, 4 boards greeted people as they entered the market space. These boards contained an overview of the Regional Centre, an overview of the Centre Plan (including why the plan is needed and what it will do), how participants can get involved (both at the event and in the future), as well as the next steps of the project.

Attendees were then able to circulate amongst 14 boards, two for each of the seven plan themes, where they could learn about the themes and respond to questions through post-it notes. A 'Stamp Your Feedback' area enabled people to identify strengths and opportunities of the Regional Centre, categorize them with stamps associated with the plan theme, and place them on two large wall maps. Additionally, a plans and policies reference table provided a space for people to dig deeper into relevant planning documents.

During the course of the open house, HRM, O2, UPLAND, CBCL and NATIONAL staff were available to answer questions and engage with attendees. Attendees also had the opportunity to fill out 'What's Your Question' cards and complete a survey meant to initiate further dialogue



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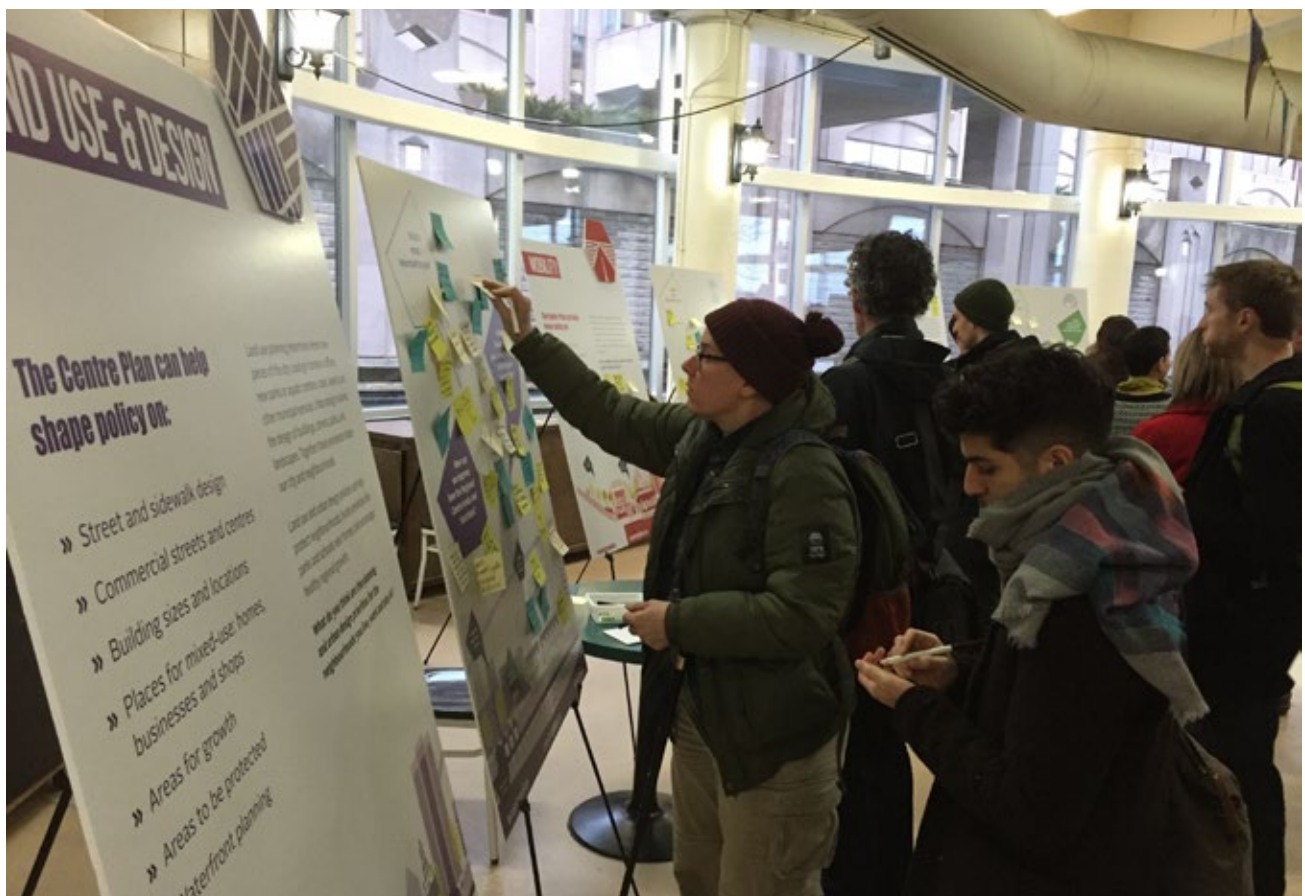


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around the public's perception of strengths and opportunities in the Regional Centre, and the Centre Plan Project's relevancy and guiding principles.

## WHO

Over the course of three hours, roughly 450 people came out to the Kick-Off Event through three main entrances. A number of commuters also passed through the space prior to the official start of the event. A contingent of interested public and private entities were in attendance, including representation from: HRM's Community Design Advisory Committee, development and planning firms, community organizations, local businesses, university students, and municipal employees. 122 people wrote their names on sign-sheets. Of those who signed in, 111 included their contact information.

## RESULTS

As a whole, most verbal feedback was positive. Attendees were curious about the direction of the project and many were ready to provide input regarding specific issues and challenges. However, a few members of the public voiced discontent about using 'Halifax' branding on some of the printed materials and were concerned that Dartmouth was being overshadowed by the Halifax Peninsula.

Written feedback included **717 post-it note comments** posted on the theme boards and **129 comments** on the two large maps, as well, **25 'What's Your Question' Cards** and **25 surveys** were filled out. The feedback from the completed survey and post-it note comments have been organized by the seven plan themes so that they can better inform the Draft Centre Plan.

### Theme Board Comments

#### Number of Comments Per Theme

Land Use & Design: **116**

Mobility: **128**

Public Spaces & Places: **108**

Culture & Heritage: **77**

Housing: **124**

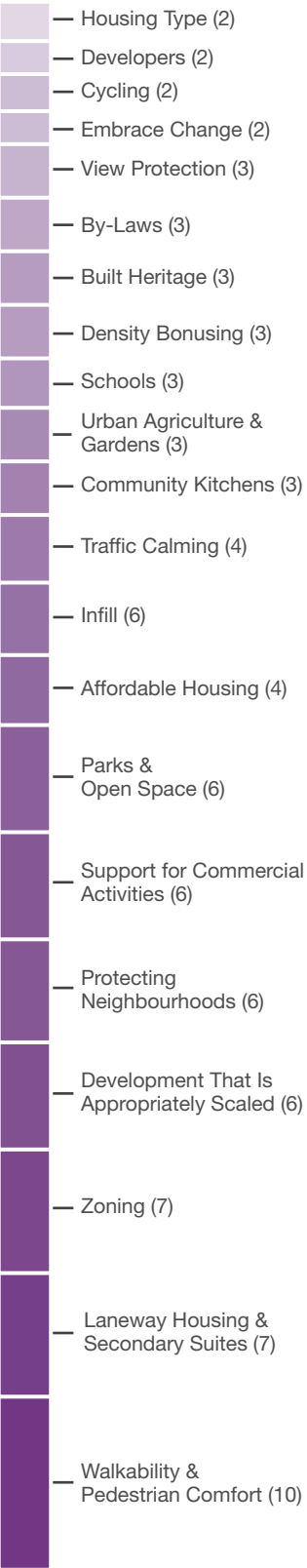
Sustainability: **82**

Jobs & Economic Development: **82**

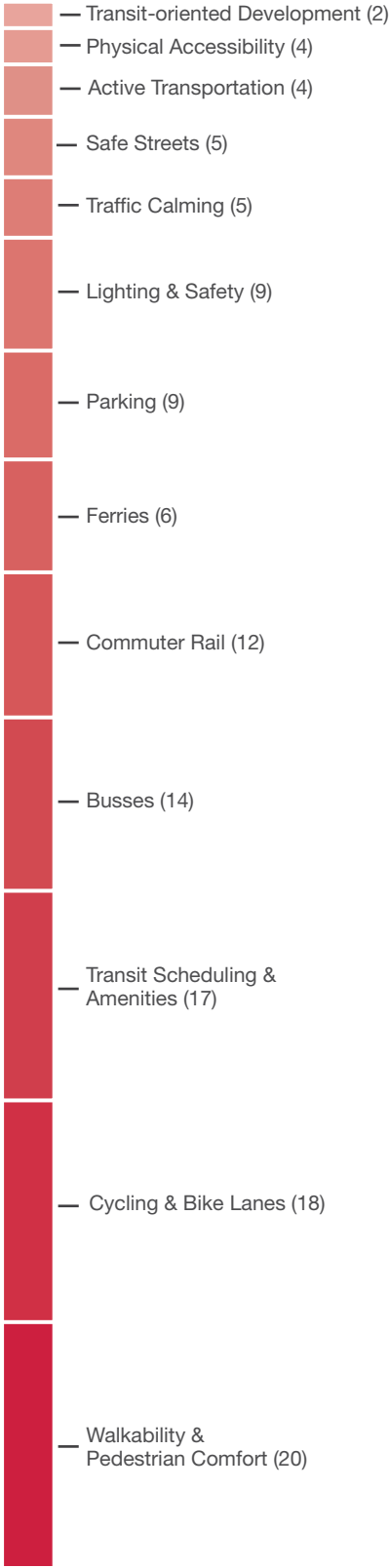
There were a total of 717 post-it notes relating to the plan themes, with comments that ranged from specific community development projects to a general vision for an improved Regional Centre. Event participants sorted their comments amongst the seven themes. Mobility received the most number of comments (128), followed closely by Housing (124). Please see Appendix A for the complete list of comments.

Breakdown of Theme Board Comments

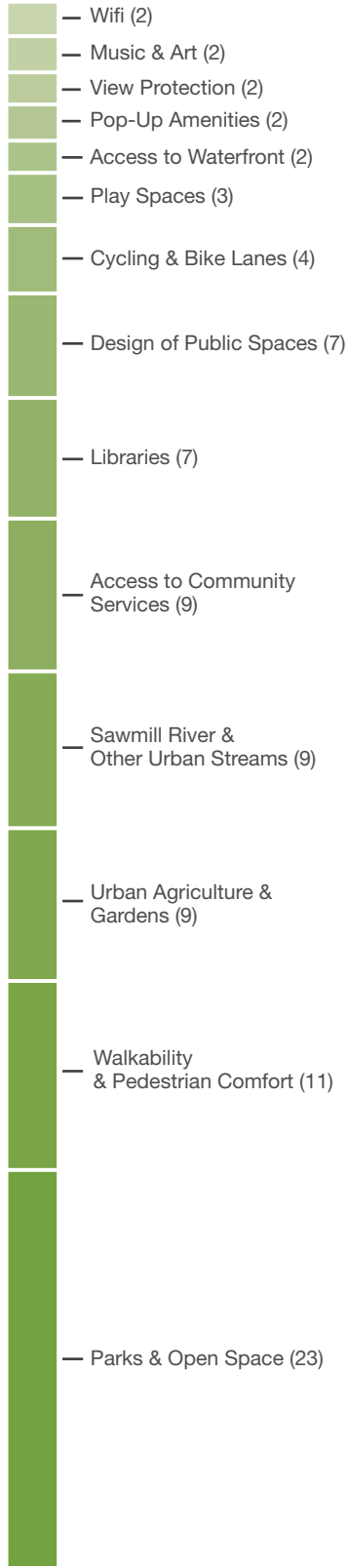
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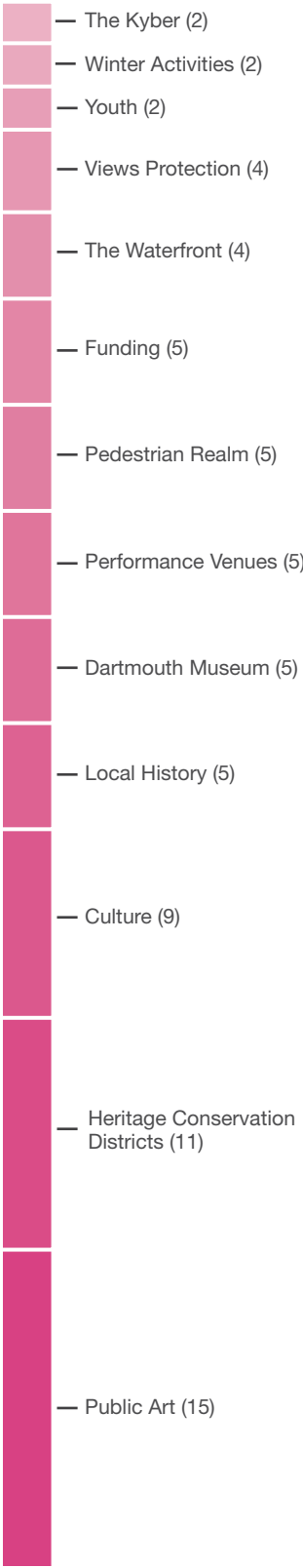
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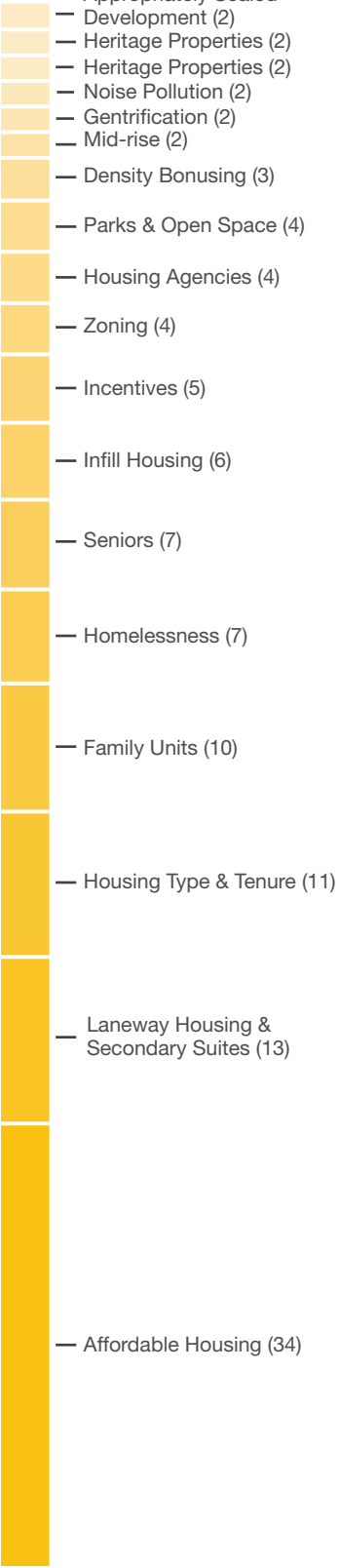
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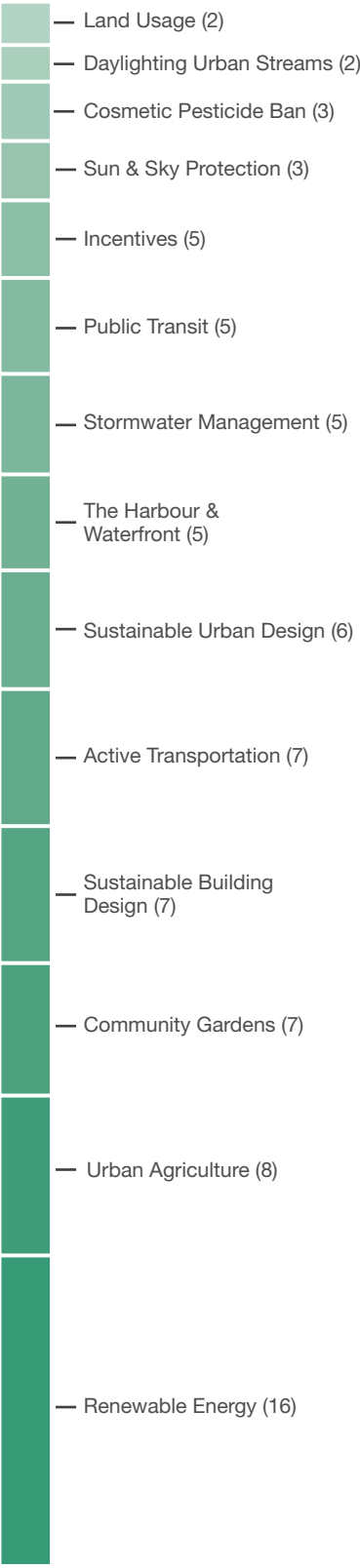
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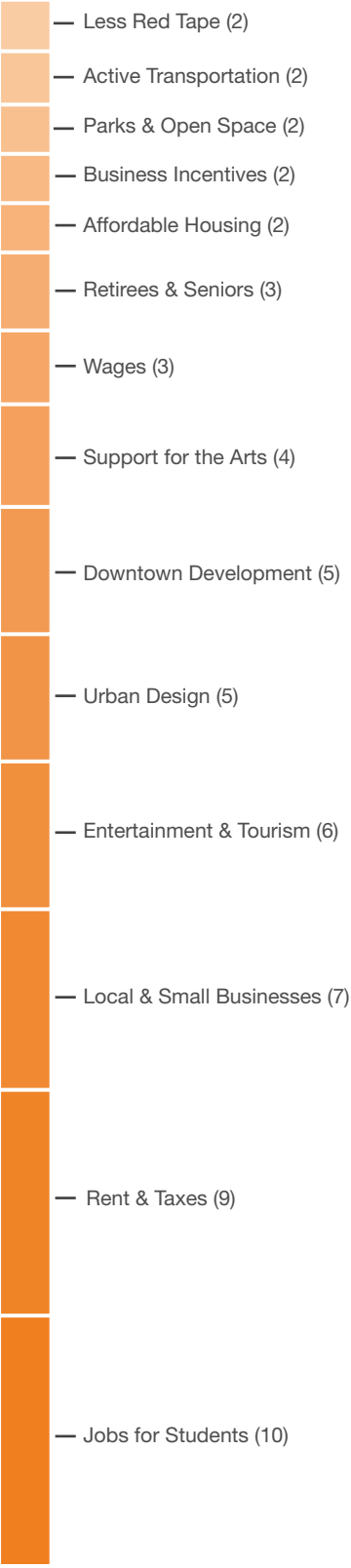
Housing



Sustainability



Jobs & Economic Development



Note: Only topics with two or more comments were included in this graphic.

## Community Mapping Comments

### Number Of Themes Stamped On Comments

Land Use & Design: 34

Mobility: 41

Public Spaces & Places: 39

Culture & Heritage: 11

Housing: 14

Sustainability: 11

Jobs & Economic Development: 7

At the Kick-Off Event, the public was asked to identify strengths and opportunities of the Regional Centre by placing post-it note comments on two large wall maps. Participants were able to categorize their comments by stamping one or more of the plan theme icons onto their post-it notes. In total, there were a 129 notes placed on the maps. Of these, 31 were “I love this because...” comments or Regional Centre strengths, and 98 were “I wish this could be...” comments or Regional Centre opportunities.

Prominent themes that emerged for “I love this because” comments included: [views from the Central Library](#), [commercial areas](#), [community gardens](#), [the waterfront](#), [greenspaces](#), [parks](#), and [trails](#).

Prominent themes that emerged for “I wish this could be” comments included: [the need for affordable housing](#), [increased ferry service](#), [improvements to waterfront trails](#), [more paths and bike lanes](#), [access to food](#), [improved transit](#), and [more parks and open spaces](#).

Please see Appendix A for the full list of comments.

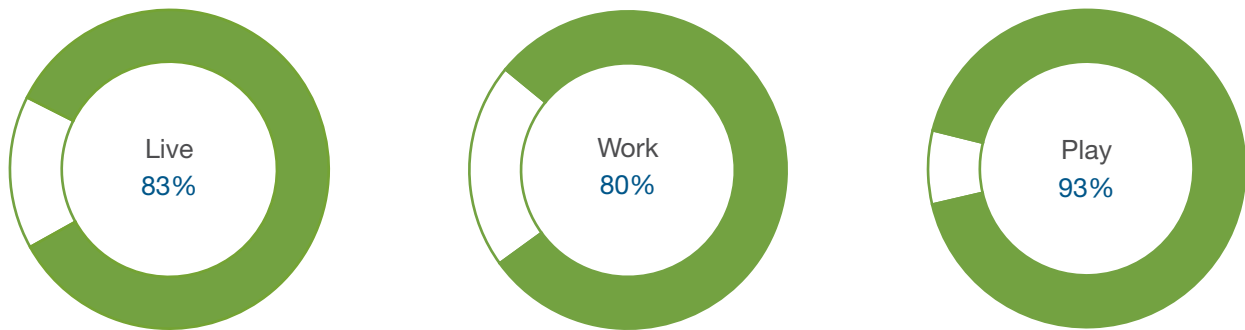


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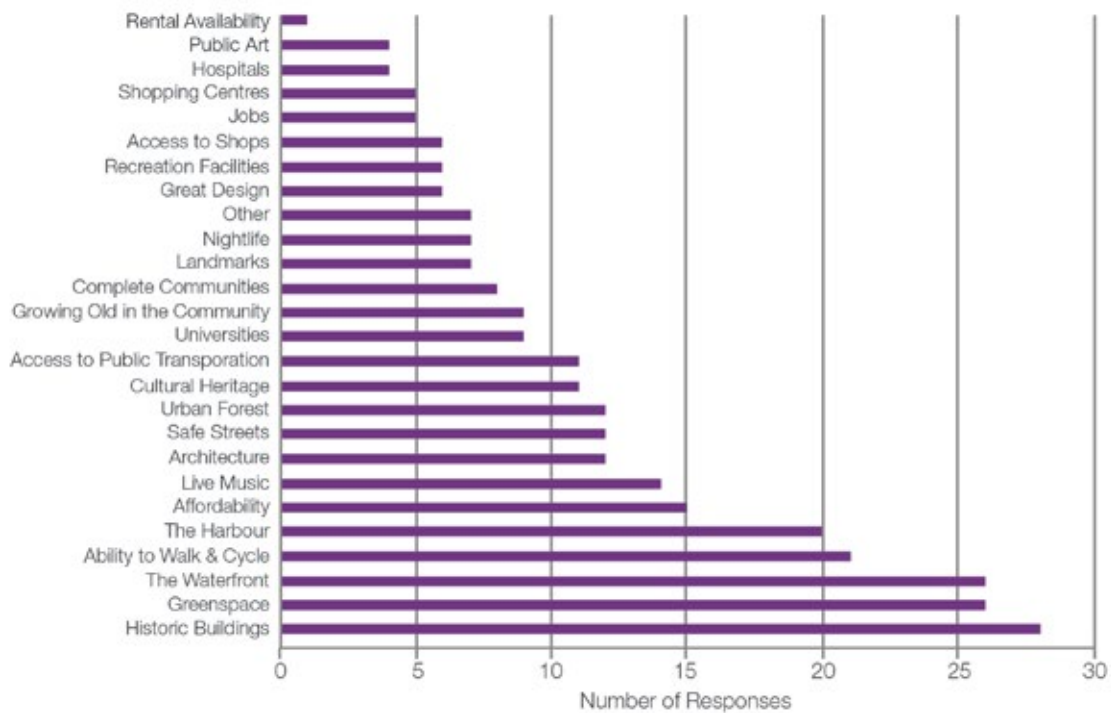
## Survey

Additionally, members of the public were encouraged to complete a survey at the Kick-Off Event, which was similar to an online survey on the [centreplan.ca](http://centreplan.ca) website. This two-page survey asked the public to give their feedback on the event, as well as to assess how the municipality is doing in areas related to the Regional Centre, as well as to list their favorite aspects of the city. What follows is an analysis of the 25 surveys that were returned to the Project Team.

What do you do in the Regional Centre?



There's lots to love about the heart of our city. From the list below which do you most love most? (select your top 5)

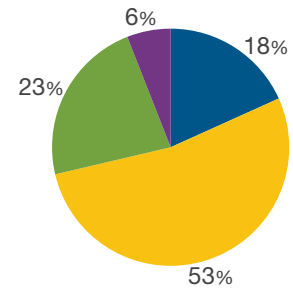




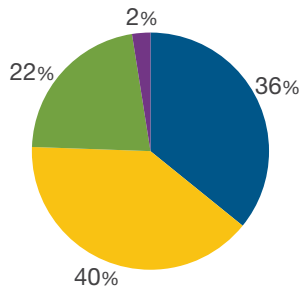
How well would you say the municipality is doing in the following areas as they relate to the Regional Centre?



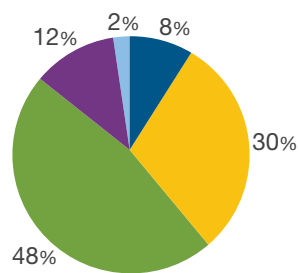
Land Use & Design



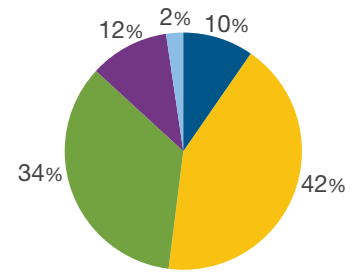
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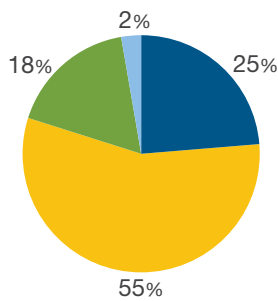
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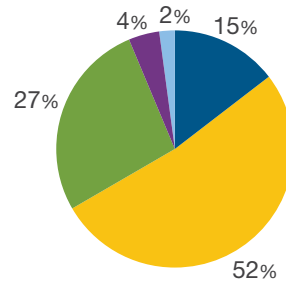
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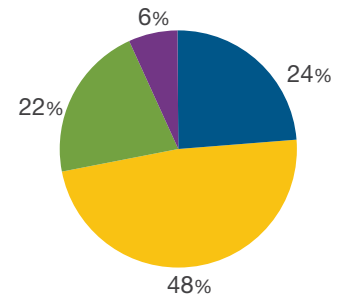
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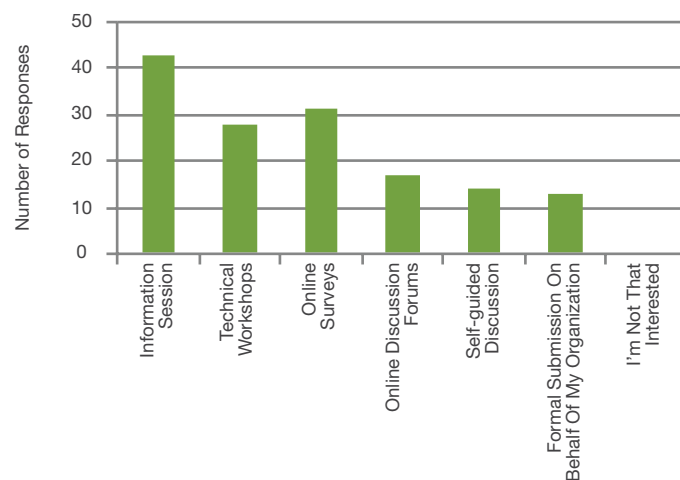
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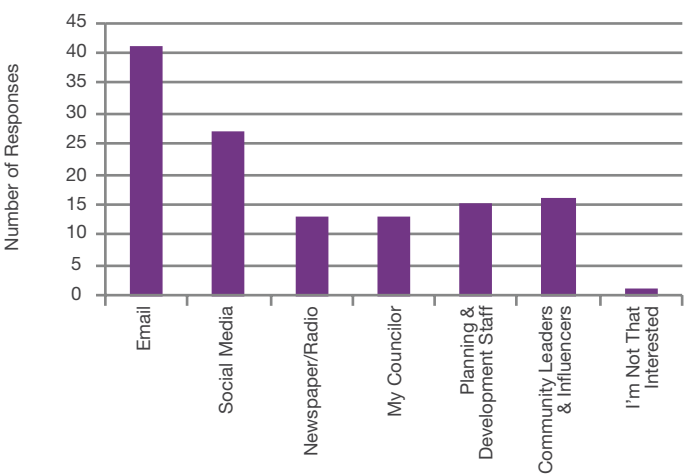
Jobs & Economic Development



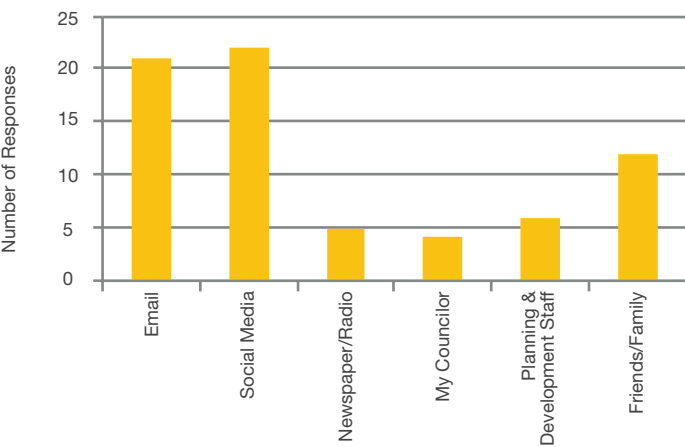
How would you like to take part in the Centre Plan Development Process?



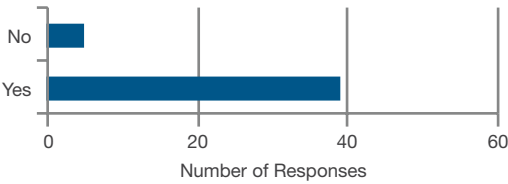
How would you like to get updates on the Centre Plan?



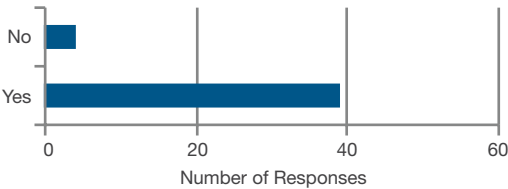
How did you hear about this Open House?



Was the information presented useful?



Did the format of this event work well for you?



## 'What's Your Question?' Cards

25 cards were filled out by participants in which they wrote specific questions they had regarding the Regional Centre and the Centre Plan Project. These questions will be posted and answered by HRM staff on the project website. Please see Appendix A for a complete list of these questions.



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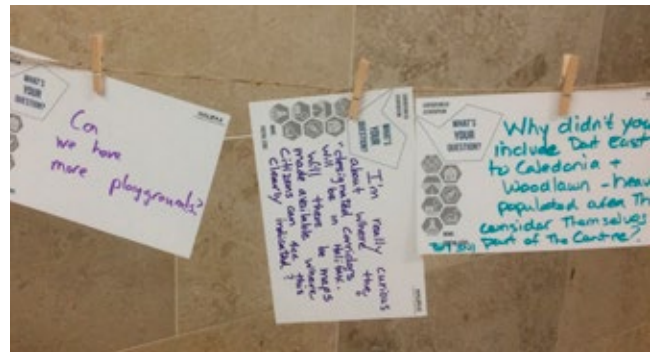


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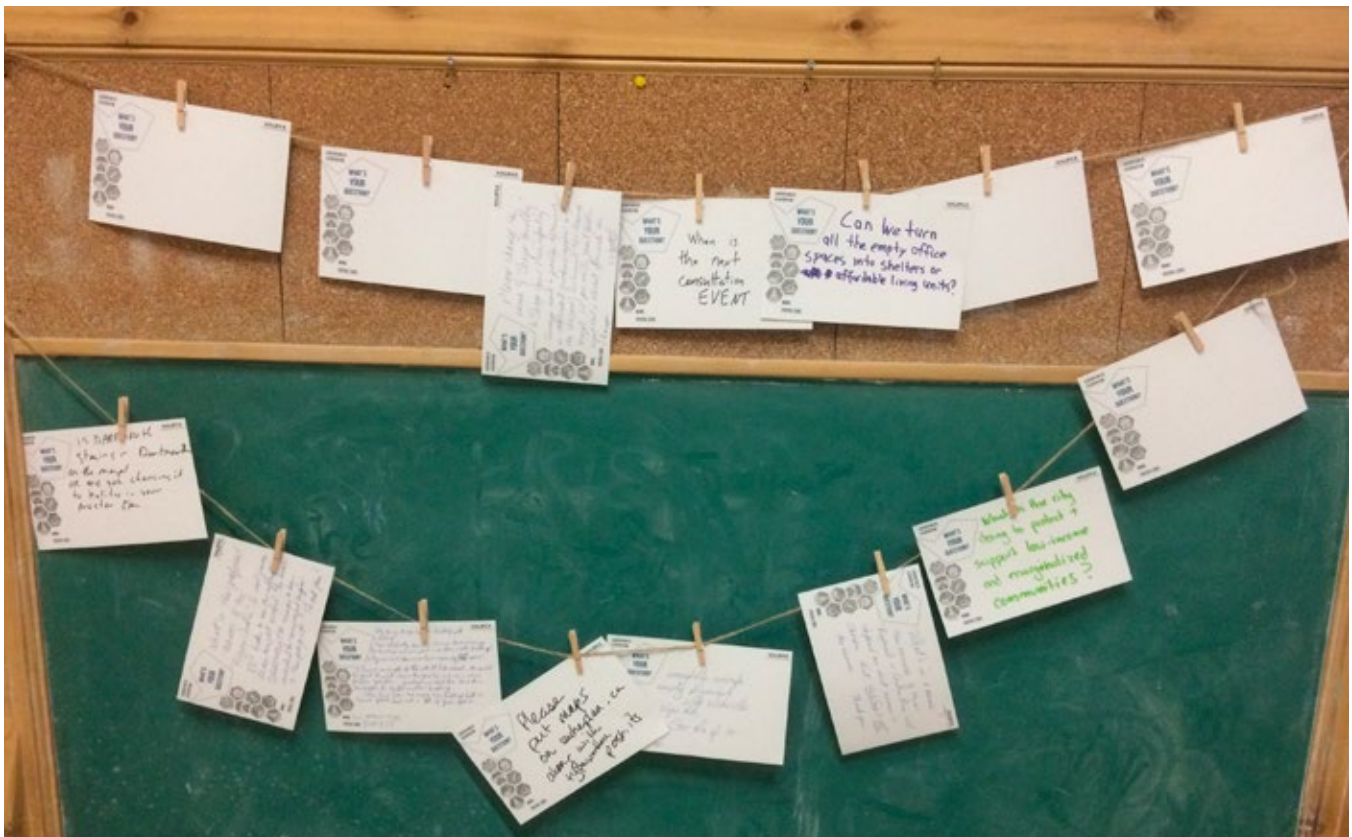


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# APPENDIX A

## POSTED COMMENTS

# Theme Board Comments

Comments are typed as written

## Land Use & Design

- 1 More community kitchens!
- 2 This is 2016! Dream big!
- 3 Allow better commercial servicing “back of street”
- 4 Urban gardens everywhere!
- 5 You can’t eat concrete, grow food!
- 6 Centre Plan must encourage low to mid-rise mid-to-high density city with excellent public transit
- 7 Save streetscapes
- 8 Daylight the Saw Mill River
- 9 Wyse Rd. Needs help! Anything to improve!
- 10 Protect neighbourhoods like Schmittville + Young Ave
- 11 New library protect the view!
- 12 Urban gardens (N.S. Only produces 10% of the food we eat!!)
- 13 Tall buildings come with responsibility to neighbourhoods
- 14 Walkable communities benefit everyone!
- 15 Cycle culture benefits EVERYONE
- 16 Create opportunities for comprehensive design and development along commercial corridors
- 17 Street signs + better street signs (too many non-existent!)
- 18 Consolidated by-laws & plans
- 19 Allow secondary suites in R1 and multiple (2?) houses per lots in R2... Gentle density
- 20 Allow secondary suites in R1 zones
- 21 Embrace change
- 22 Trees, cheap & wonderful!
- 23 Make sure residential neighbourhoods have access to groceries independent of cars.
- 24 Consolidate waterfront parking
- 25 Multiuse zones
- 26 Infill
- 27 Dawson & Wyse, What’s the plan
- 28 Enforce existing occupancy by-laws svp
- 29 Micro parks! Pocket parks!
- 30 Improved transit between centre + suburbs
- 31 Stop letting developers destroy our heritage buildings. They can afford to work around them, as Europeans do
- 32 Actually protect existing neighbourhoods (not just lip service)
- 33 Make Spring Garden a priority
- 34 Promote mid-rise development. 3 or 4 or 5 floors high is plenty of density, and still pleasant scale
- 35 Dartmouth Commons + Lions Beach, Lake Banook
- 36 Prioritize filling in empty lots before
- 37 No conversion of public housing to private housing
- 38 Protect Gottingen St as cultural heritage zone
- 39 Linked green spaces & corridors
- 40 Don’t let the new residential building on Robie @ Young set the precedent for height on Robie. It’s too height for the context with no transition to the surrounding neighbourhood. Robie could be a great mid-rise corridor with high frequency transit + great public spaces. NOT car-oriented.
- 41 Forecast potential areas, ask for what you want



42 Provide density bonusing  
 43 Tiny homes permitted on larger single lots with existing homes  
 44 Development + developers are not “dirty words”  
 45 LED streetlights @3400 Kelvin  
 46 Keep our waterfront accessible!  
 47 More developer collaboration will build a more cohesive city  
 48 Inclusionary zoning  
 49 Stop spot rezoning now  
 50 Halifax as mid-rise city  
 51 South Park St. - dense, green, shared, active  
 52 Encourage: higher density. Discourage: lot consolidation  
 53 A city with character  
 54 Solar lighting in Dillman Park  
 55 Improved higher quality sidewalk paving  
 56 Design streets for 30 km/hr  
 57 Space for community food hub  
 58 Laneway housing for gentle density  
 59 Stop restrictive zoning. Allow business in the community.  
 60 Home for Prescott Group!  
 61 Schools and teachers for new development  
 62 Laneway housing  
 63 More “high street” style small commercial areas. Duffus + Novelea needs this  
 64 More mixed use!  
 65 Halifax west end... Good streets, houses, commercial spaces, parks  
 66 Protect established low-rise residential neighbourhood  
 67 Design controls for new bldgs. Density by careful infilling respectful of existing neighbourhood.  
 68 Falkland Street  
 69 Allow shipping containers as permanent structures!  
 70 More round-about  
 71 Less round abouts  
 72 Commercial/retail development on Gottingen + Agricola  
 73 More small parks! Like at Fuller st/Ontario/Bel-Aire  
 74 Our seniors need a safe environment/buildings to live in  
 75 Consider “air rights” over buildings with density capacity  
 76 Lake Banook Trails, birch cove, graham’s corner, lions, YM-YWCA community beach  
 77 Traffic calming design for residential neighbourhoods  
 78 Don’t use “mistakes as precedents  
 79 More street vendors and pedestrian streets  
 80 Provide routes for safe walking and biking. Better transit. Fewer high-rise more midrise. Preserve ‘hoods:  
 not lot consolidation  
 81 Put a vacancy tax on empty street level commercial property  
 82 Density Bonusing  
 83 Pedestrian priority street design ALWAYS  
 84 Zoning that applies to ALL (no exception for the Giants)  
 85 Ensure some uniformity in design for existing neighbourhoods  
 86 Update rules to allow non-attached laneway housing  
 87 Transparent street walls for interesting pedestrian experiences  
 88 Encourage infill over height  
 89 Abandon R-1

- 90 Encourage more development of family sized units
- 91 Encourage neighbourhoods eg. Tulip St to beautify their street. Lovely in spring!
- 92 Protectionism is regressive
- 93 Trees, mixed building structures, accessible sidewalks, bike lanes the go somewhere
- 94 Transit-oriented development
- 95 Mid-rise rather than high-rise
- 96 Density bonusing
- 97 Remove restrictive by-laws for small scale homes for people with disabilities
- 98 Where high-rises are permitted, encourage slimmer towers rather than slabs
- 99 More smaller economical housing options within the city core
- 100 Mixed uses with tenant priorities in place ie. Affordable housing with groceries, child care, arts & recreation opportunities
- 101 No condo conversions in central Gottingen
- 102 Create new ways to increase density through zoning
- 103 More community kitchens!
- 104 Affordable housing
- 105 Are we a city of care dealerships? Or a city of cyclists?
- 106 Would like to see tax break to help redevelop heritage buildings
- 107 Dartmouth to receive some care + attention as Downtown Halifax
- 108 The commercial uses on Oxford st in the west end is great. Help this area thrive as a neighbourhood main street.
- 109 Save the views from Hfx Library!
- 110 Modern Schools Facilities
- 111 Contiguous mixed use trail around Lake Banook, into Shubie Park, up to Shearwater Flyers Trail, AND from Alderney Ferry - maybe up Prince Albert Rd.
- 112 The placement of schools has to be integrated existing neighbourhoods often have developed around schools
- 113 Public housing such as Mulgrave Park has to be preserved For better or worse it is the framework existing community
- 114 The black community has to be given special consideration
- 115 Any change has to ensure continuity of the existing community
- 116 Inform neighbours of any development

## Mobility

- 1 Lights through Dillman Park!
- 2 I think it's easy to move around the city in a car
- 3 Construction process should NEVER take away a sidewalk!
- 4 Stop charging so much 4 the bus! Or make it free.
- 5 Give bus passes instead of parking passes to employees.
- 6 No free (= subsidized) parking
- 7 I want a subway in my house so I could take to school (I'm 10)
- 8 Subway!
- 9 Help traffic flow, more services in Dartmouth Hospital expansion newer V.G. On Dartmouth side
- 10 Coordinate parking signage to help find a parking space
- 11 Marked crosswalks
- 12 More ferries to more places
- 13 Infrastructure to make cycling a more viable form of transportation
- 14 Centre Plan must be coordinated with improvements in public transit

15 Anything to minimize car traffic  
 16 Design roads for safety instead of vehicle through-put  
 17 Fast ferry for Bedford to Downtown Hfx + Dartmouth  
 18 More police walking patrols, I want to feel safe walking at night.  
 19 Should pedestrians take driving course to learn road rules?  
 20 Partnerships, community orgs & business  
 21 Think about the need for TPMs or safe cycling facilities before building more roundabouts  
 22 Longer ferry hours all year round. More ferries on busy Hfx days.  
 23 Commuter Rail!  
 24 Plan for BRT + light rail.  
 25 Smaller buses for low ridership routes  
 26 Pedestrian/cyclists between major destinations  
 27 Improve pedestrians / bike use for bridges  
 28 Protected bike lanes linking COLTA + rail into city  
 29 Bicycle lanes throughout!  
 30 Free public transit routes  
 31 Car-pool incentives  
 32 Shorter Blocks! Jane Jacobs know what's up  
 33 Later bus + ferry times. Hfx + Dart+ Eastern Passage + Airport  
 34 Better street access and maintenance for wheelchair access  
 35 Use the train tracks for commutes  
 36 Public transit that is timely + shows up on schedule  
 37 Create "separated" bike lanes where feasible  
 38 Integrate transit terminals into existing fabric. They don't have to be large off road facilities. Clayton  
 Park terminal was a huge mistake.  
 39 Look for opportunities to create urban active transportation trails and routes  
 40 Access to schools  
 41 More bike lanes (Bayers Rd)  
 42 Integration of modes, ferry, bus, LRT  
 43 Better co-ordination of timing! WS Perry leaves just #57 arrives!  
 44 Day-lighting urban streams for urban canoeing  
 45 Keep the few bike lanes we have cleared of leaves, snow + debris so our investment isn't wasted  
 46 Reliable public transit on all days to enable people to be car free  
 47 Minimum grid of protected bicycle lanes within 5 years  
 48 Feeling safe  
 49 Buses should show up when they say they will  
 50 Beautiful bike lanes  
 51 All day reliable metro transit accessible to all areas of HRM  
 52 Design streets for 35 km/h  
 53 Consider free public transit for children under 12 to support affordable city living for families  
 54 Get rid of motorcycles, etc, in Downtown Dartmouth  
 55 Protected bike lanes  
 56 Complete streets  
 57 Eliminate fully activated pedestrian signals.  
 58 Or at least make them care about pedestrians! [In response to comment "Eliminate fully activated  
 pedestrian signals"]  
 59 Rail transit!  
 60 Halifax transit is slow and not user friendly.  
 61 Too much car use. Please improve transit and AT options.

62 Dedicated bike lanes.  
 63 Light rail with growth centres around rail stations - HFX shopping centres especially  
 64 Better lighting on trails  
 65 More transit through Woodside + Burnside  
 66 Any city built on the water is going to have steep hills - they make biking + walking harder. But that's  
 our landscape!  
 67 Drinks allowed on bus  
 68 Create a serious, funded active transportation network (biking, walking, etc)  
 69 Protected bike lanes  
 70 Designated bus lanes, less car lanes  
 71 Light Rail!!  
 72 Look for opportunities for Light Rail!  
 73 Fewer transit stops downtown - makes routes faster!  
 74 Fewer transit stops downtown to make it more reliable.  
 75 Free/reduced transit passes for lower income, so they will be able to get to work  
 76 Re-purpose existing infrastructure to benefit the area (removal of an street parking, designated bus/  
 bike lanes, etc)  
 77 Be pro-active + aggressive with traffic calming!  
 78 More pedestrian "malls" increase artists' visibility  
 79 24 hr public transit  
 80 Better coordinated snow clearance at sidewalk intersections  
 81 Weekly/daily bus/ferry pass  
 82 Yearly bus/ferry pass  
 83 24 hr service on key transit routes  
 84 New development has to be fully accessible!  
 85 Keep the 15 min. Ferry service.  
 86 Protected bike lanes w/ raised barriers on busy route  
 87 Let's build our protected intersection for cycling!  
 88 Slow down cars on side-streets. (speed them up on arterials if needed)  
 89 Walkable neighbourhoods, local business through gov't support for commercial local business.  
 90 Everyone should feel safe!  
 91 More walking trails and bike lanes, active transportation  
 92 Reduce parking requirements in the land use by-law  
 93 Every neighbourhood req's commute to work, shopping, entertainment  
 94 5 min neighbourhoods  
 95 More frequent ferries on weekend, bike lanes that connect to each other, bike lane on other side of  
 bridge  
 96 More emphasis on accessibility as part of mobility  
 97 Parking behind buildings  
 98 Ground floor commercial (walkable streets)  
 99 Design/implement a transit system that council / Halifax Transit mgmt would use themselves!  
 100 Better + more affordable transit prioritize low-income + elderly ppl in snow removal  
 101 Transit centered development  
 102 Light rail transit  
 103 No more "push-to-cross" traffic signals  
 104 No more pedestrian buttons. The worst and unsafe because cars don't always check cause they think  
 they know timing of lights changing.  
 105 For cars to no longer be a priority!  
 106 Parks: outdoor lighting, snow clearing

- 107 Integrate traffic design with planning traffic flow is insane
- 108 More downtown parking - or shuttle service on busy days (Natal Day, July 1st, etc)
- 109 Would like to see more infrastructure to support safe active transportation
- 110 Hide parking lots. They are killing our urban landscape
- 111 At a minimum, establish CSA/CNIB mobility access standard
- 112 Spend money on streetscapes. Make pedestrians feel welcome.
- 113 Transit needs to be reliable.
- 114 Align parking requirement for buildings with promotion of a bike/walk policy
- 115 Less parking downtown (all kinds)
- 116 Sidewalks and bike lanes
- 117 No more road widening in urban core
- 118 A few pedestrian only streets in downtown Dartmouth
- 119 Increased transit service with safety (lighting + location of stops) kept in mind.
- 120 Develop comprehensive policy to implement transit supportive communities. Look at Vancouver example.
- 121 24 hour bus/ferry
- 122 Airport link bus needs to co-ordinate with flights, stops too early. Leaves too late.
- 123 No parking lots, only park & rides
- 124 Monorail system
- 125 More cross-walks and sidewalks in residential areas
- 126 Add more bike lanes & connectivity
- 127 Connections to our harbour
- 128 It's only safe and convenient to get around if you drive. That's not fair or right.

## Public Spaces & Places

- 1 More naturalized designs
- 2 Developments should never impede pedestrians
- 3 Parks!
- 4 Trees!
- 5 Daylight the Sawmill River
- 6 Connectivity + multi-use facilities
- 7 Daylighting the canal on Dartmouth side. Maximize the greenspace.
- 8 Urban Plazas! (Halifax Library, Grand Parade, Waterfront)
- 9 Love the library + would like to have it considered when new bldg are built nearby
- 10 Protect common from wind + shadows made by surrounding buildings
- 11 More beer gardens -> builds pride & community
- 12 Open the locks make them workable again
- 13 Setbacks!
- 14 Benches on citadel hill.
- 15 Outdoor community pizza oven in Halifax
- 16 More garden plots mixed in w/ residential blocks
- 17 More bike paths.
- 18 Urban Agriculture!
- 19 Support the Greenbelt
- 20 Closed room pianos for booking
- 21 Protect public spaces from shadows + wind
- 22 Plant food in public spaces!



23 Greenways, walking paths, pedestrian only areas.  
 24 More community parks  
 25 More bike racks  
 26 Chickens and beehives are ok  
 27 Everyone in HRM, whether in Dartmouth or Halifax should be able to access and view the harbour  
 - not just those who can afford water frontage condos.  
 28 More pop-up cafes and beer gardens like Europe  
 29 By-laws (enforced) re construction of bldgs that block views from Hfx Library - a world famous bldg  
 with soon to be views only of high-rises!  
 30 Dear HRM, pls buy Brightwood for a new central park  
 31 Have community spaces open longer!  
 32 Urban gardens!  
 33 More free spaces!  
 34 Free places for the youth!  
 35 Playground & parks in every community  
 36 More active (workout) spaces, rock climbing, adult playgrounds, etc.  
 37 Community spaces  
 38 Encourage music/art in public spaces  
 39 Public must pay for public benefit  
 40 Neighbourhood fenced dog parks  
 41 Protect all parks  
 42 Protect the commons  
 43 Food streets! Plant useful plants to enrich public spaces  
 44 Daylight some urban streams  
 45 Light up Dillman Park, make it safer  
 46 Allow evening music + wine cafe in Dartmouth Commons during summer  
 47 Keep Dartmouth names on all current and new parks. Keep the Dartmouth green space we have now.  
 Lights in parks.  
 48 Accessibility to waterfront has been lost in Dartmouth - concern re decreased access, i.e. King's  
 Wharf Development  
 49 Access to nature  
 50 Parks, fields, trails, lakes, greenways  
 51 Allow public consumption of alcohol (i.e. Quebec picnic law)  
 52 Protect view of most popular public space in HRM; the Library  
 53 In Birch Cove Park Lake Banook - please cut back the blackberry brambles to keep the toboggan run  
 open. Many kids use to use it in the past but soon the blackberry bushes will stop that.  
 54 Make buildings walking distance from housing  
 55 Consult the "Take Action" Society team in Dartmouth  
 56 We need more places like the discovery center around Portland hills so people who live there don't  
 have to drive to Halifax.  
 57 More green space around developments  
 58 Drop recreation program fees  
 59 Shubie + the canal  
 60 Protect Commons from encroachment of tall buildings  
 61 More green space everywhere, including roof tops  
 62 More public art & programmed public art competitions  
 63 Pocket parks everywhere!  
 64 Streets closed off to cars, making safe - walkable areas lined w/ greenery  
 65 Saw Mill River

66 Allow urban agriculture (i.e. Chickens!)  
 67 Fruit trees everywhere!  
 68 Better cycling + more infrastructure on public streets  
 69 Bike share program  
 70 Encourage birds and bees!  
 71 People!  
 72 Chickens!  
 73 Daylight the Sawmill River - create a signature park for Dartmouth  
 74 More park ovens  
 75 The library is a success because it is a public space! We need more!  
 76 Covered pedways + green space "low line"  
 77 Former QEH site. Please don't let that become a parking lot! (or anything else)  
 78 Greenways that are interconnected  
 79 Free wifi  
 80 Sacrifice some parking lots for use as public space (waterfront especially)  
 81 How about digital parks free wifi  
 82 The Shubie Canal Corridor  
 83 More community kitchens!  
 84 More things to do  
 85 Contiguous mixed use trail connecting Alderney to Banook (maybe up Prince Albert Rd) and  
 contiguous around Lake Banook and across the HWY to Shubie Park. Connect the harbour trail to the  
 Shearwater Flyers Trail. Delete the obstacles like NSLC parking at Alderney, sidewalk curbs at Kings  
 Wharf, etc.  
 86 Daylighting the Saw Mill River  
 87 Central Library!  
 88 On nice winter days open public gardens  
 89 Libraries, esp. Our new Hfx Central, are key to our culture.  
 90 Keep the spaces we have in the new developments  
 91 Keep the Commons (Dtmouth and Hfx) common land.  
 92 Use Citadel Hill, urban gardens, paths  
 93 Free Rec Programs  
 94 Outdoor pools and waterparks  
 95 Activities + training for young people scouting things  
 96 Gorsebrook Park is great!  
 97 Bus route to a beach.  
 98 Promote the creative public use of city property  
 99 More greenspace along city streets  
 100 Lake Banook - please keep development away from the lake. Thank you!  
 101 Play for all ages + abilities  
 102 Add pedestrian streets  
 103 Less above ground parking!  
 104 Connect the Angus McDonald bridge to trail along hbr to Woodside.  
 105 Create active transportation trails + routes in the Regional Centre  
 106 Streets are social spaces  
 107 Open streets to pedestrian  
 108 Connect Burnside Drive with Bedford & Sackville

## Culture & Heritage

- 1 Public art is mandatory for any development - inside + out!
- 2 A real cultural scene that doesn't die after 6 pm weekday or on Sundays. Wake up Hfx!
- 3 Keep history alive - honour our ancestors. Invite all representation.
- 4 Permit alcohol consumption outdoors (i.e. Quebec picnic law)
- 5 Continue to create Heritage Conservation Districts
- 6 More graffiti murals
- 7 Check out area by water between canal and Maitland St. In Dartmouth. May change your mind. [In response to comment "more graffiti murals"]
- 8 Actually its beautiful!! [In response to comment "Check out area by water between canal and Maitland St. In Dartmouth. May change your mind. [In response to comment "more graffiti murals"]]
- 9 Develop Dartmouth waterfront by Dominion Diving
- 10 Scottish/Irish are not the only cultures here! Cultures Present!
- 11 World class iconic performing arts venue
- 12 Maintain view at new library
- 13 Art work that celebrates African N.S. and Mi'kmaq culture
- 14 Our Harbour - concept. How is this defined by us?
- 15 Become pro-active in protecting heritage buildings, streetscapes
- 16 Encourage local street arts!
- 17 Inspire the youth!
- 18 Graffiti walls r beautiful!
- 19 Places for the youth to express themselves!
- 20 Quality of public art! (controls)
- 21 Peer (artists) reviewed public art
- 22 Proper Dart. Museum keep our history, keep our Dart. Natural days + events
- 23 Support racialized communities
- 24 Stop tearing down heritage buildings!
- 25 Preserve harbour views
- 26 Preserve views from other places too!
- 27 Tax status for art orgs = tax status for religious orgs
- 28 People Museum, Dartmouth - replaces Dartmouth Museum
- 29 Dartmouth Heritage Museum needs a home
- 30 More Nova Scotian Black Culture arts etc. ethnic music and heritage present
- 31 Encourage Hfx to be more flexible. Keep bldg vs. new construction. Old bldgs are so expensive to improve.
- 32 Make Young Ave a Heritage Conservation District
- 33 Funding the arts would help!
- 34 Buildings that are Art rather than art on buildings
- 35 1% public art for all MICI buildings
- 36 Lots more heritage districts
- 37 More historical monuments that tell the story of Halifax + Dartmouth
- 38 Have a proper museum for Dartmouth
- 39 Encourage local street art, maybe give tax incentives
- 40 Ban buildings with exposed concrete...
- 41 And put art/graffiti over ones already there [In response to comment "Ban buildings with exposed concrete..."]
- 42 Restore indigenous names to streets/streams/parks
- 43 By keeping the community culture and not taking away!

- 44 More women in public art; fewer old white military “heroes” please
- 45 Plan for pedestrian areas of the city
- 46 A performing arts centre on the Cogswell land
- 47 Remember that there is Black heritage and Black culture
- 48 Cultural venues that are inclusive/don’t require spending money
- 49 We need a signature waterfront performing arts centre
- 50 More public art incorporated in new bldgs
- 51 Urban cores that don’t die @ 6pm on weekdays
- 52 More funding for arts groups
- 53 Heritage signage to tell our story
- 54 Outdoor murals that tell story of the neighbourhood. History in Art.
- 55 Supporting long standing org and programs in the community
- 56 Be pro-active in protecting heritage resources while the HCD’s are being brought on-line.
- 57 A community bandshell in one of our parks to encourage outdoor music + theatre
- 58 Frameworks not rules (Land-use needs to be flexible)
- 59 More late night urban cafes/bars
- 60 More winter cultural events
- 61 Outdoor winter carnival
- 62 Identify existing areas of significance that may be under utilized and draw attention to them
- 63 Encourage building developers to incorporate ART (murals, sculpture) into new buildings
- 64 Provide more protection for heritage buildings and streetscapes
- 65 Bring back the Khyber!
- 66 Make sure heritage areas are accessible and kid friendly
- 67 Keep the Khyber
- 68 More public art
- 69 Support the neighbourhood placemaking program!
- 70 More street festivals + \$ for these
- 71 Encourage local street art to combat “blah”ness
- 72 Restoration of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum + keep the control in the hands of the curator and board  
- not HRM council.
- 73 Allow the Khyber bldg to be an arts hub that will re-invigorate downtown
- 74 Meaningfully preserve our built heritage + views to ocean and historic sites
- 75 Create and enforce legislation that will discourage destruction of heritage property (registered or not) - in  
fact- disallow it.
- 76 More conservation districts
- 77 To recognize that Black and Indigenous presence is recognizing our culture and heritage

## Housing

- 1 More affordable housing for seniors. Extremely important for seniors to grow ‘old’ in their familiar near  
family and friends. Essential!
- 2 More variety, fewer high-rise condos, more mid-rise townhouses.
- 3 It is important to oppose gentrification. Communities benefit from intensification of age, race, economic  
status.
- 4 Encourage family-sized units, 3 bedroom.
- 5 Family sized units needed, i.e. 3 bedrooms
- 6 Eliminate homelessness!
- 7 Low income or affordable housing REQUIRED of these developer conglomerates
- 8 No minimum parking requirement on housing, or make it bike parking requirement

9 Remember the millennial reality of income  
 10 Affordability, re gentrification is a good thing but can also create “hardships” for many  
 11 Planning for seniors  
 12 Affordable housing is important in the centre  
 13 More 2+3 bedroom suites downtown  
 14 Secondary suites - not parking!  
 15 Laneway gentle + hidden density! Dartmouth  
 16 Allow/encourage mid-rise density! Like those 3 or 4 story buildings in Montreal  
 17 More incentives for affordable housing  
 18 Require small economical living space above business  
 19 Integrate affordable housing into ALL neighbourhoods  
 20 Town Houses!!!!  
 21 Infill Development  
 22 Small houses, less condos  
 23 Inclusionary zoning  
 24 Town house :)  
 25 Support housing first initiatives  
 26 Co-opt architecture students!  
 27 Urban housing for families & extended families  
 28 Make space for tiny home infill  
 29 People shouldn't be homeless in this city!  
 30 Mixed housing - get away from low income neighbourhoods  
 31 Encourage and support infill over destruction  
 32 Put lots of affordable housing in Shannon Park  
 33 Larger family housing 10 people +, newcomer families  
 34 More infill housing  
 35 “New (non-profit) agency to support low-income families and individuals with managing rents/housing with changes in family size or employment”  
 36 Small scale density bonusing  
 37 Keep community schools open or preserve the land for future schools. More people downtown means more kids!  
 38 Affordable housing support on peninsula  
 39 Affordable housing when VGH demolished  
 40 Plan for ageing in place -> in-law suites?  
 41 Can policy protect affordable housing from gentrification effects?  
 42 Mixed housing units  
 43 Housing that respects the make up and scale of existing neighbourhoods  
 44 Lane way housing, more living per lot!  
 45 To help affordable housing: -reduce parking - greenlight approval - waive bldg permit fees  
 46 An inclusive plan: affordable + subsidized + market value housing  
 47 Fonzie Flats! Garage Conversion  
 48 Ensure mix of household + tenure types in downtown Dartmouth  
 49 Multiple dwellings per lot if zoned R2 and higher and if above certain sq ft lot area... Laneway housing?  
 50 Support efficiency upgrades. Make new lots smaller. Reduce home size.  
 51 More social housing (please)!  
 52 Set a clear definition of “affordable”  
 53 Possibly force developers to have x # of affordable units  
 54 Use well-designed infill, backyard/laneway units to increase density without damaging neighbourhood  
 55 Fund to support non profits (financing projects)



56 Keep existing affordable housing  
 57 Most affordable housing is already standing!  
 58 What areas will connect future dev? Where are we going?  
 59 Architect designed upgrades from 2-3 family on existing stock  
 60 Laneway housing! Hidden Density!  
 61 More apartments, less sprawl  
 62 R2 zoning is development too  
 63 More incentives for private landlords to provide affordable units. Work with individual landlords to fill gap  
 for low family units NOT give all the subsidies and tax breaks to property management conglomerates.  
 Fix rooming house by-laws. They are important to the housing stock. Don't eliminate them. Make the  
 by-laws better.  
 64 Make zoning and by-laws (building) more flexible for those who wish to build sustainable off-grid  
 developments. Alternative building (i.e.. Straw bale, cob house, container houses) should be easier. Too  
 many prohibitive rules that inhibit experimentation with housing and low-cost building.  
 65 Can the city help us - non for profits who have storage issues. Maybe one location with space for all  
 - housing for items we need for clients  
 66 Regulate sound/noise/vibrations for residential area. Irving Shipbuilding is HUGE noise pollution!  
 67 Allow more opportunities for infill development in core  
 68 Support for other models - Community Land Trust  
 69 Keep residential streets QUIET!  
 70 Accessory buildings on residential property (in-law building studio etc)  
 71 This is a key issue, we need affordable housing  
 72 Seniors need proper housing and/or help to stay in their homes  
 73 Compulsory open spaces around high rises  
 74 Small mini- neighbourhood parks  
 75 Large balconies so children can play in higher buildings  
 76 Better regs for heritage properties  
 77 Green space around buildings so mothers can watch their children while they cook and children can play  
 78 Right to light for everyone no matter why bldg or where they live  
 79 More support for social housing  
 80 Investigate "Boarding Houses" Protect poor/low income people  
 81 Affordable lower rent apartments, we all can't afford \$1200 - \$1800 a month  
 82 We need more accessible housing for people with disabilities  
 83 Keep buildings in the Centre Plan area - high density, but low rise (5-6 storeys). Allow more flexibility in  
 building extra units in existing built-up areas. Secondary units, basement apartments etc.  
 84 Encourage dwelling innovation in the form of TINY houses. (not everyone wants a house with a yard)  
 85 Yes, increased demand + stable supply = price surge! Make growth easier  
 86 A clear definition off affordable housing  
 87 No # 1 Park Ave zoned 52 town house why is it not developed  
 88 More housing for families to fill schools!  
 89 We cannot eliminate poverty without implementing rent controls  
 90 Support & research for Community Land Trust Agreements (CLT's)  
 91 Housing First (see: MOSH team) for mental health/addictions + solution for homelessness  
 92 Prioritize Rental Units!  
 93 Affordable housing should be more than "government housing."  
 94 New condos need to be family appropriate (3 bdrm) close access to streets/yards - maybe more medium  
 density / not high density condos  
 95 Smart senior complexes, integrated all-ages resources  
 96 Affordability is a matter of policy

- 97 Tax breaks + incentives for business to swap land with city
- 98 More family friendly condos & apartments
- 99 Affordable 3-bedroom units
- 100 People shouldn't be houseless in this city!
- 101 Major needs for more Trustee's or different policy
- 102 Smaller unit sizes to keep rents affordable
- 103 Allow cargo containers as structures used for housing
- 104 More affordable housing
- 105 Don't' forget energy costs when designing affordable housing!
- 106 Keep seniors in homes
- 107 More seniors housing please - with balconies!
- 108 Somehow incentivize lower-income/affordable housing so not all new builds are condos only retirees/rich can afford
- 109 Housing First re: NS Housing & Homelessness Conference
- 110 Mixed-use affordable housing in the center
- 111 Enable "soft density" in R2 zones on the peninsula. E.g.. Garden suites, conversion to duplex or triplex.
- 112 Affordable housing + shelter for homeless and eliminate begging in the streets! (esp. Spg Garden Rd.)
- 113 Require 3 & 4 bedroom units
- 114 Allow "granny" flats
- 115 Protection for heritage housing stock - beyond registration
- 116 Inclusive zoning! Mandatory affordable units
- 117 Create opportunities for secondary suites in R1 zone.
- 118 Encourage home ownership!!
- 119 Tax breaks for homeowners who want to see to a land trust
- 120 Transitional housing
- 121 "Affordable" must meet, at minimum, housing allowance from Dept Community Services \$375/\$535/mo
- 122 Whatever happened to affordable housing?
- 123 Bonus Density
- 124 Density Bonusing! What give back to community?

## Sustainability

- 1 Daylight Sawmill River
- 2 Promote community gardens
- 3 Each roof on new buildings should have garden or solar panels
- 4 Reward (more) sustainable private development
- 5 Focus on more solar panels to lower power costs
- 6 Would love to see Dartmouth + Halifax healthy + thriving for future generations. We are all stewards of our environment!
- 7 Support community gardens. - great use of land - help feed our citizens in most need
- 8 Do we design to use the least amount of energy or what's traditional?
- 9 Protecting/remediating our harbour
- 10 Quit giving our best parks to loose dogs
- 11 Use the heat form grey water
- 12 Incentivize urban farms
- 13 Reduce the need for parking, increase transit options, increase density
- 14 Replace wide roads with planting strips to reduce runoff
- 15 Decorate with living walls :)
- 16 Get rid of train along Dartmouth waterfront

- 17 Active transport before cars
- 18 Treed streetscapes
- 19 Managing stormwater at site scale!
- 20 Concentrate development
- 21 Daylighting urban streams
- 22 Active transportation ahead of cars
- 23 The biggest challenges in sustainability are how to implement positive change
- 24 Allow urban scale wind turbines in appropriate places
- 25 Promote the use of grass parking + permeable parking + paths
- 26 Promote sustainable energy options in centre (wind, solar)
- 27 Community gardens, school gardens, food + flowers
- 28 More community gardens - public plots with food production
- 29 Require trees throughout parking lots
- 30 Require Halifax Water back to HRM the public!
- 31 Continue to promote renewable energy initiatives like solar city
- 32 Environmental sustainable energy
- 33 Prioritize cycling & transit in all transportation solutions
- 34 Cycle culture
- 35 Would like to see stronger by-laws more support chemical free spaces through by-laws + enforcement
- 36 Grow food!
- 37 Solar, solar, solar!
- 38 Free food gardens!
- 39 We can't eat concrete!
- 40 Use less street salt! (better plowing/brushing/sand)
- 41 More community gardens svp.
- 42 Stormwater "wetlands" on sides of streets (like Seattle)
- 43 Make solar accessible energy source
- 44 Protect access to sunlight for solar
- 45 Bring more services to Dartmouth side of harbour
- 46 More treed + flowered streets
- 47 Area of the city where solar + small scale wind are demoed + used as edu piece
- 48 Open food sources - Teach sustainable gardening
- 49 Solar power!
- 50 Solar city program - good start
- 51 Offer a transit pass instead of parking pass to employees
- 52 Better access to Dartmouth waterfront
- 53 More green infrastructure, such as trees, greenroofs + artificial wetlands!
- 54 Treat water as precious commodity, not waste! Need to shift our perspective.
- 55 Incentives for green building, superior insulation, solar...
- 56 Accessible and affordable transport
- 57 Better bike lane on the bridge
- 58 Old downtown + established residential communities they have paid for themselves
- 59 Community gardens + food for low-income communities
- 60 Promote green roofs + living walls
- 61 Better insulated houses, incentives to revive old homes
- 62 Neighbourhoods!
- 63 Protect right to sunlight for solar
- 64 Area around common, preserve sky + sun
- 65 Make climate change remediation a #1 priority or else build dikes

- 66 Add policy requiring land developers to build to a benchmark or request additional fee in planning application to support energy targets
- 67 Lakes Banook + Micmac, please no more development! (especially on Lake Banook)
- 68 Encourage rooftop gardens. Urban gardening (views from citadel)
- 69 Consider solar roadways - could be the answer to generating electricity providing for stormwater rub-off, reduced use of signage, providing protected passage of overhead
- 70 Stop permitting chemical lawn care companies to use pesticides in residential areas
- 71 Stop farmed fishing. Stop ALL residential + commercial pesticide use. No Fracking
- 72 Bicycles! 2 lane bike ways. Support, encourage, subsidize cyclists
- 73 Our water (+ stormwater management) could make better use of “natural” environments
- 74 Reward municipal employees for using active transportation
- 75 Developers to put green space @ street level, not just on podiums
- 76 Solar!
- 77 Rain water retention
- 78 Food streets! (grow useful plants in planters)
- 79 Support for solar PV for residence
- 80 Chickens are ok!
- 81 The new transit plan will not work. We need a total overhaul. Less routes running more often on main corridors.
- 82 The new transit plan is WEAK! Need ACTUAL revision of routes.

## Jobs & Economic Development

- 1 Dream BIG!
- 2 Money doesn't buy happiness, follow your passion! <3
- 3 Increase minimal wage to help boost jobs and money going back into our community. #NSneedsARaise
- 4 Would like to see tax policy to retain + redevelop heritage buildings. Would create buzz in neighbourhoods, create jobs for crafts people, keep people downtown.
- 5 Focus on passion, not money
- 6 Affordable housing is key to keeping jobs in urban centre.
- 7 Make it more financially easier for small business to rent space in Dartmouth
- 8 Enforce green belt around core. Reduce sprawl
- 9 Supporting small local businesses -> streetscaping
- 10 Creating places/main streets that attract people
- 11 Encourage entrepreneurs / local businesses
- 12 Pay competitive wages then people won't leave
- 13 Don't be afraid of profitable and successful businesses
- 14 Accommodate entertainment establishments
- 15 Protect Gottingen major commercial zone
- 16 New grad opp. + mid-career opportunities
- 17 Deal with older workers
- 18 Streamline red tape to help innovative ideas flow
- 19 Reduce limitation in residential zones for small home-based businesses to thrive in the early stages of start up + in expansion
- 20 Pop Up Shops
- 21 Help small independent local entrepreneurs
- 22 Support local too much emphasis on “Global”
- 23 Protect unionized jobs = stable, LT employment for many.
- 24 Hub Business Areas with not as much red tape to allow ideas to grow into business

25 Need more small storefronts at affordable rent  
 26 Commercial tax free zones for small businesses ground floor Downtown  
 27 Need more tourism destinations that are family friendly  
 28 They support local artists + musicians + attract ppl.  
 29 Pre-empt conflict b/w business + res.  
 30 Focus development in the core. Stop expanding business parks!  
 31 New businesses need to be part of community! Know the impacts they have on marginalized members of community (be more inclusive)  
 32 Keep businesses downtown! (less business park sprawl)  
 33 Provide commercial space @ affordable rates either by subsidy or by managing commercial units to allow for start ups  
 34 Employ more seniors  
 35 Retain students in the city. Invest in yourself  
 36 Prioritize working with local groups  
 37 Creating jobs for youth  
 38 HRM should budget for student interns  
 39 Lower commercial rent to encourage more/new businesses  
 40 Knowledge/research park???  
 41 Lower commercial property tax!!  
 42 \$15 minimum wage for municipal workers  
 43 Jobs for people 55+ (seniors)  
 44 What is our competitive advantage? Great lakes and parks. Let's build better trails from downtown to them.  
 45 Young ppl want to come to a city with bike lanes, good transit + a healthy downtown  
 46 Co-op programs  
 47 Design pleasant planted path from Citadel Hill straight to the waterfront. Linear Park?  
 48 Turn Halifax into a winter destination (more jobs, more tourism, etc)  
 49 Drop Halifax Partnership. They have too much say already  
 50 Look to refugee skills for help here  
 51 Promote NS as a year-round tourist destination  
 52 Support for entry level jobs to help recent grad to enter the job market  
 53 Need more work terms, apprenticeships, student jobs  
 54 Risk is part of entrepreneurship. Support risk-taking.  
 55 Arts incubators are viable + valuable for economic development. Support them!  
 56 Need dedicated transit lanes to get ppl downtown to fill our office space!  
 57 Jobs in retail will not be able to live near work  
 58 Who is going to fill all retail space in new developments!  
 59 Promote Halifax to the rest of the world \$\$\$  
 60 Tourism = jobs. Stop hurting tourist appeal by tearing down heritage buildings. PRESERVE  
 61 Stop closing/destroying affordable spaces for artists, etc. I.e. Khyber, Bloomfield, Roy Bldg, Green Lantern  
 62 Implement a vacancy tax for bldgs such as Green Lantern  
 63 Take leadership roles for student jobs  
 64 Small business grows community!  
 65 Adapt the Business Parks, plan to restrict office development there, encourage it downtown  
 66 Shopping/service districts for many types of businesses  
 67 Business & employment not B. Parks  
 68 Tax reform  
 69 Business incubators in low income + public housing communities (social enterprise)



- 70 Protect small, local businesses from effects of increased property values
- 71 More office uses in Downtown Dartmouth
- 72 More people living and working downtown means more customers for businesses
- 73 Incentivize business start-up programs for low income + unemployed people
- 74 More student internships
- 75 Provide incentives for regional centre tech incubators connected to universities
- 76 Universities improve co-op/career services
- 77 More paid student internships
- 78 Less 'red' tape more common sense
- 79 Different tax rates for commercial main streets
- 80 Completed whole walkable communities and neighbourhoods
- 81 Have "Main" streets throughout a neighbourhood
- 82 Taxes keep caps

# Community Mapping Comments

Comments are typed as written

## “I love this because...” Comments

- 1 Save beautiful Young Ave from rapacious developers
- 2 Protect the park its TREES
- 3 Both side of the Arm. It is one view plane.
- 4 Why will a new building block the Citadel view from the Central Library?
- 5 Protected view planes for our new library
- 6 Maintain view from library
- 7 Beautiful unifying harbour
- 8 No more road widening!!
- 9 Kyber Arts Centre
- 10 Maintain character of streetscape (no high-rise)
- 11 Robie = Transit spine for whole peninsula. Hospitals, universities, regional parks, etc.
- 12 I love my neighbourhood
- 13 Traditional major commercial area
- 14 Diversity of culture incomes - needs protecting.
- 15 Community Parks
- 16 Keep green spaces, flower garden, and more food based gardens
- 17 Marine/ Ocean centre of excellence
- 18 Historic marine railway / Shubenacadie Canal
- 19 Dartmouth North Heritage District
- 20 Keep small local neighbourhood schools
- 21 Keep the trees and plant more trees in Dart.
- 22 Urban trails - create more!
- 23 Sullivans Pond community garden
- 24 Please no further development other than trails on Lake Banook.
- 25 Playgrounds
- 26 Love the waterfront trail
- 27 This street (faulkland) is beautiful
- 28 These greenways and this neighbourhood RULES. Very walkable. Repeat elsewhere.
- 29 love the waterfront
- 30 Love the park
- 31 Love the park

## “I wish this could be...” Comments

- 32 Protect and enhance access to the water!
- 33 City bus should stop at Farmers Market
- 34 Affordable housing here
- 35 Open up Georges Island
- 36 Small ferry across Arm for community.
- 37 Pedestrian/bike bridge
- 38 “The room” on the city from the library should see new buildings also!
- 39 Make Victoria Park a transit hub and get buses off Spring Garden Road

40 Multiple affordable studio spaces for visual art.  
 41 Green roofs open to public  
 42 More pedestrian friendly intersections  
 43 Waterfront design and build for locals and tourists will follow!  
 44 Bikeway!  
 45 Elevated bikeway to BLT [Bayers Lake Trail]  
 46 Major growth centre; transit oriented development; right next to light rail station  
 47 No new pavement except bike or transit  
 48 Make a safe protected and connecting BLT trail COLTA to city!!  
 49 Design standards that celebrate the best - no more fake stone glued onto wooden buildings.  
 50 Program this space: farm, naturalize, path  
 51 Open up this block to the public  
 52 Downtown Halifax: close to cars except Barrington/ SGR. Bring back electric street cars free.  
 53 Winter City (opportunity)  
 54 Close down Cogswell Street on weekends (or always?)  
 55 Increase density of main streets  
 56 Multiple affordable rehearsal spaces for performing arts  
 57 24 Hour ferry at least on weekends  
 58 Longer ferry runs  
 59 24 Hour Ferry  
 60 Longer ferry service  
 61 1-3 50-100 seat performance spaces for theatre and dance  
 62 waterfront trail :)  
 63 Completion of the waterfront trans Canada trail along the Dartmouth Waterfront  
 64 Commercial and retail here  
 65 Transitional and affordable units  
 66 Reducing parking requirements to make housing more affordable. Parking cost \$25,000 underground per stall.  
 67 Food desert #2  
 68 Stop gentrification. Build low-income housing inclusionary zoning.  
 69 More homes, less parking  
 70 Improve the bike lane on the bridge  
 71 Collaborate on school placement and renewal  
 72 Longer Ferry Service  
 73 Improve waterfront trail  
 74 Commuter rail line  
 75 No bank [need]  
 76 Affordable housing / refugee housing  
 77 Food Desert  
 78 Bayer road should be transit corridor for Clayton Park, Fairview, Timberlea onto Peninsula  
 79 Shipping container buildings  
 80 I wish there was more affordable commercial space for startups  
 81 To respect and preserve existing communities  
 82 Increase density on transit corridors  
 83 How to connect to BLT trail from North End  
 84 Pedestrian/ bicycle connections of green space  
 85 Integrate more mixed use in this area and create more connections  
 86 Increase the paths up and under the bridge with park space on the breakwater  
 87 Mixed-use trail over the bridge

88 Daylight the Saw Mill River  
 89 Protect affordable housing in Dartmouth...its gonna get expensive  
 90 Develop trail along the waterfront  
 91 Fewer bylaws and regulations for small business or home business - review and revise outdated commercial bylaws.  
 92 Re-connect street grid and improve walkability in this area  
 93 Safe and connected bike lane network  
 94 Improved storm water management  
 95 Infill Development  
 96 Do something with Little Nashville [property] on Wyse!  
 97 Give community garden back  
 98 Playground, community garden, green space  
 99 Get rid of waterfront train tracks  
 100 Improved stormwater management  
 101 Integrated network for active transportation  
 102 Buy Brightwood for a park  
 103 A trail all around Lake Banook: need path between Hillside Edenbank  
 104 Let Kiwanis animate the park with a canteen and community room.  
 105 Maintain the proper scale of development Grahams Grove area. Respect the community  
 106 Better transit here strengthens the centre  
 107 Build affordable housing in Shannon Park  
 108 Stop bussing kids out of neighbourhoods and encourage walking to local schools: decrease pollution increase fitness and community building  
 109 Establish boat service to Shannon Park  
 110 Right to light  
 111 New library branch around here?  
 112 More boats  
 113 Better lit bike/walk path (currently no lights)  
 114 Boats  
 115 Outdoor public pool  
 116 Establish bus service to Shannon Park  
 117 We need a grocery store in Highfield Park  
 118 Quit putting to poor in one area  
 119 Food access issues  
 120 Regulations do not encourage food plots  
 121 So loud. Ugh.  
 122 I hate that this [area] cuts off the whole upper peninsula  
 123 Wish it was better known  
 124 Make small walkable street grid.  
 125 Improve water park and pool  
 126 Please give us a marked cross walk  
 127 Capitalize on this SMBC land - boats boats boats  
 128 Dal provides 105 of housing for its students at \$850/month. Can the city do anything to get it to provide more or affordable rents?  
 129 Pedestrian/ bike access

## ‘What’s Your Question?’ Cards

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- 1 Why HALIFAX? Why would you choose such a logo? Darkside for life.
- 2 Can we turn all the empty office spaces into shelters or affordable living units?
- 3 When is the next consultation EVENT?
- 4 “Please change the name of “Shape Your City” to “Shape Your Municipality.” Survey needs to provide options, other than close ended questions appear to give the “designer” of instrument the answers sought. If you really want public input that is relevant, please make the changes.”
- 5 “What can be done in this plan to implement TRC Truth & Reconciliation Recommendations? Need to be implemented everywhere at all levels. Consult them.”
- 6 “Is Dartmouth staying in Dartmouth on the maps, or are you changing it to Halifax in your Master Plan?”
- 7 How can I find work closer to where I live so I can walk to work?
- 8 “What is the proposed name of the “Regional Centre”? - end game. I’d hate to see the efforts here tonight wasted. The name DARTMOUTH needs to be included for successful buy in to this project. Thank you!”
- 9 Why do we always replace a building with a building? More specifically, how come whenever land comes up for development we sell it and allow another building? Why can’t we/don’t we have more city park space? A recent example is the old St. Pats School. It would be great to walk down Quinpool Rd. and see a mini public garden. Instead we sold the land to a developer to build another building. There have been so many new buildings built in recent years but not a lot of green space.
- 10 Please put maps on centreplan.ca along with the typewritten post-its.
- 11 Unsightly, unsafe, empty premises. Little Nashville. Wyse Rd. Get Rid of It.
- 12 What’s in a name? The success of the “Regional or Centre Plan” will depend on what name is chosen. Hint, Halifax is not the answer. Thank you.
- 13 Why aren’t more empty office spaces offered as artist studios? It’s really expensive for artists to rent space.
- 14 “What is the city doing to protect and support low-income and marginalized communities?”
- 15 Is the expectation that Metro Turning Point will have to be relocated as the plan takes hold?
- 16 “All Together Dartmouth” Affordable Housing? Cost of Living Increase for People Living in Poverty on Pensions + Income Assist. Welfare. Our Housing Income is \$535 per month. Where Are We To Live + Be Well?
- 17 “Affordable housing units in downtown development needs to be addressed - continued boomerang between HRM and Province. Concern housing mix will change with (up arrow) density especially in Dartmouth. Planners please work the neighbourhood! Know your clientele. Access to waterfront has decreased downtown Dartmouth - need to maintain, good for tourism and neighbourhoods.”
- 18 Protect scale and character of existing neighbourhoods. Encourage active transportation. “Arts Development” - what does that mean to the city?
- 19 Why didn’t you include Dart East to Caledonia and Woodlawn - heavy populated area that consider themselves part of the Centre?
- 20 I’m really curious about where the “designated corridors” will be in Halifax. Will there be maps made available where citizens can see this clearly indicated?
- 21 Can we have more playgrounds?
- 22 Will you be going to folks not here tonight? (i.e.. Low income, Uniacke Square, etc)? Will you be speaking to non-profit/social welfare agencies???
- 23 Mike Savage

- 24 “Why doesn’t Halifax embrace the arts - as something to celebrate, as an attractor, as an economic engine?”
- 25 How too --- Establish a purchase of development rights policy when additional rights are presented that increase value of the land, they should be purchased for a % of the increase to go into a Development Trust this would replace, and goes beyond bonus zoning. Use it for greening city, public art, active transportation, purchasing back development rights to maintain view of new library. Purchase price a min. of 25% of value increase.



