

Municipal Units Join to Support Kings 2050 Goals

KENTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA – Municipal units within Kings County have come together to support the four Statements of Interest in the Kings 2050 Report.

The following four Statements of Interest were developed to guide the region’s vision for growth and sustainable development, and to help municipal governments make land use decisions that support the principles of sustainable development.

1. **Settlement.** To ensure an effective, efficient, equitable and focused pattern of development that will support planned residential growth in response to the needs of the public.
2. **Economic Development.** To encourage the development of the Kings regional economy for the benefit of all communities and residents.
3. **Municipal Facilities.** To ensure the efficient provision of culture, recreation and other facilities required to serve and enhance the lives of all residents in the Kings region.
4. **Environmental Protection.** To ensure the protection and enhancement of valued features of the natural environment in the Kings region.

The Kings 2050 process was aimed at answering the question “What will your Kings region look like in 2050?” The process and final report explored several principles including settlement, agriculture, rural and natural areas, transportation, economic development, energy, healthy communities, and arts and culture. In addition to citizens, staff and elected officials from the Towns of Wolfville, Kentville and Berwick were actively engaged in the process. At a recent joint council meeting, it was decided that councils from these communities would be asked to support the regional Kings 2050 Statements of Interest. Municipal units would be expected to take these statements into consideration when creating or revising municipal policies, projects and operations, and when council is making decisions in chambers.

“We are encouraged by current levels of cooperation and the stated willingness to engage in cooperation and collaboration going forward,” stated Kings County Mayor Peter Muttart. “We invite participation from and engagement with our municipal partners in the hope that decisions taken by each of us delivers benefits to all of us.” The Kings County Municipal Council passed a motion to “endorse the four Statements of Regional Interest proposed in the Kings 2050 Report” on September 5.

“Wolfville is very proud to align our work with these statements,” stated Mayor Jeff Cantwell. “Our council and community are committed to the vision that these statements offer to our town and the region.” The Wolfville Council passed a motion to adopt these statements on July 18.

“The Town of Kentville truly believes in supporting these pillars and in the vision of our region from the Kings 2050 report,” stated Sandra Snow, Mayor of Kentville. Kentville Town Council passed a motion to adopt these statements on July 24.

“The Town of Berwick supports these statements and is looking forward to working closely with the County and Towns toward a more prosperous region,” stated Mayor Don Clarke. Berwick Town Council passed a motion to adopt these statements on August 1.

“The SRI's represent the reality of current living,” stated Mayor Muttart. “We do not live in isolation. We must (and should) cooperate to the greatest degree possible. Every action taken by one of us should be

taken in the context of having considered what impact it has on our neighbours. If an action being considered by one will enhance the other, wonderful; if it will be detrimental to the other, re-think it. I have great hopes and plans for us all going forward.”

To learn more about the Kings2050 process and report, please visit their website, <https://www.kings2050.ca/>.

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