



# **COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Recommendation to Council**

### **Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment**

At the September 11, 2023 meeting of Council Advisory Committee, staff working with the planning department presented some minor amendment suggestions for the MPS regarding engagement with adjacent municipalities, and wording in the MPS and the Public Participation Policy.

#### **Council Advisory Committee recommends**

**That Council give First Reading to the amendments of the Municipal Planning Strategy**

**And further schedule a public hearing prior to second reading on February 26, 2024.**

January 29, 2024

This recommendation is based on discussion and or reports which are attached.



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**TO:** Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Planning Department

**DATE:** January 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** MPS Amendment Report Update

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**ORIGIN**

The Municipal Government Act sets out minimum planning standards that the Town’s planning documents need to acknowledge. There are two areas within our current Municipal Planning Strategy that need to be amended: Engaging with abutting municipalities, and language to connect the MPS to the public participation policy.

At the September 11, 2023 meeting of the Council Advisory Committee, planner Caroline Robertson from C + D Community Design, presented the first draft of proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy. An updated report was brought forward to the October 10, 2023 CAC meeting with some minor changes.

After consultation with the Senior Planner from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure our amendments were sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the MGA, junior planner Raleigh King from C + D Community Design and Kentville Planning Department staff held a Public Participation Meeting as required by G62 Public Participation Policy for the MPS Amendment process prior to the meeting of Council Advisory Committee on November 14, 2023.

**DISCUSSION**

The attached report is the most recent report from November that outlines the recommended amendments, as presented at the November 14, 2023 Public Participation Meeting.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

None.

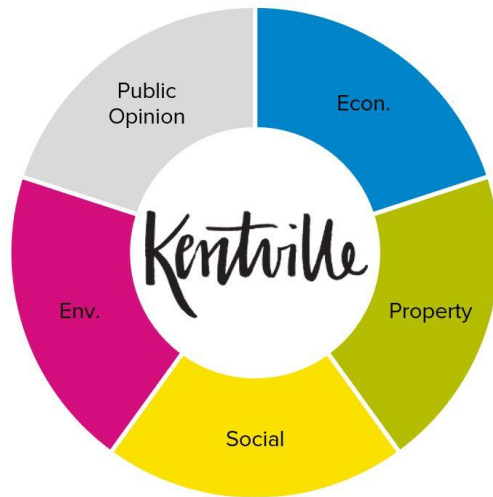
**ATTACHMENTS**

Revised MPS Amendment Report

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That Council receive the attached MPS amendment report and proceed with first reading of the amendment at the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting of Council.**

Town of Kentville Decision Wheel:





# Municipal Planning Strategy Amendment Application

Consultation of neighbouring governing bodies

Applicant: Town of Kentville, as required by Department of Municipal Affairs

Presented to: Town of Kentville, Council

Date: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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**REPORT OVERVIEW**

<p><b>Request</b></p>	<p>The existing Municipal Planning Strategy of the Town of Kentville does not comply with the Municipal Government Act. The province has made an amendment to the Municipal Government Act requiring that all Municipalities adopt planning documents and that the documents include policies on how they will engage with abutting municipalities when considering planning amendments.</p> <p>The Town of Kentville missed the deadline to meet this requirement and has been provided with an extension till fall 2023 to complete it.</p>
<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p><b>Engagement with Abutting Municipalities</b>  Municipal Government Act (MGA) Section 204A (1) requires engagement with abutting municipalities.</p> <p>To include this policy within the Town’s Planning Documents, an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is required.,</p> <p><a href="#">To determine the best recommendation for the Town of Kentville, our team compiled a document that reviewed other Nova Scotia Municipalities planning documents and compared the policies they adopted to meet the provincial requirements.</a></p> <p>In addition, our team worked with the Town of Kentville staff to identify abutting governing bodies as well as any shared resources or buildings,</p> <p>Council must now consider what policy would be the most suitable for the Town of Kentville to adopt.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Who are the governing bodies surrounding the Town of Kentville that it would be essential to communicate planning matters with?</li> <li>2. Are there municipalities that border Kentville or that your government frequently collaborates with?</li> <li>3. Do you have any shared buildings, services, or resources? Is there a nearby reserve that should be included in planning matters?</li> <li>4. How much would you like to engage the other municipalities in planning matters?</li> <li>5. Would you want to notify them whenever a development agreement or planning amendment is considered within a certain distance of the municipal boundary or a shared asset? Or would you prefer only to engage them during Municipal Planning Strategy reviews and amendments?</li> </ol>
<p><b>Recommendation</b></p>	<p>Our team has developed several policy recommendations for Council to consider adopting into their Municipal Planning Strategy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It is recommended that Council consider adopting a policy that will support planning cooperation between the Town and the Municipality of Kings County.</li> <li>2. The province offers a list of Statements of Interest to which Municipalities are expected to incorporate into their Planning Documents. One of these statements is to protect the quality of drinking water within municipal water supply watersheds. Working with the Municipality of Kings County</li> </ol>

	<p>to ensure that all watersheds are adequately protected would be an excellent use of this policy.</p> <p>3. We have prepared draft policy amendment outlining how abutting municipalities will be notified in the future.</p>
<p><b>Relevant Policies and Legislation</b></p>	<p>Municipal Government Act 214(1)(d) &amp; 204A (1)(2)(3)  Municipal Planning Strategy Chapters 11 &amp; 15  G62 Public Participation Policy (<a href="#">Policy will require revisions</a>)  G64 Public Engagement and Participation at Council Meetings</p>
<p><b>Follow Up Action</b></p>	<p>The Municipal Government Act requires that Municipalities adopt a Public Participation Program Policy that outlines their public engagement process at the Planning Advisory Committee level when considering an amendment to their planning document. Section 214 (4) of MGA, Section 4 (d) of the Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations, “a statement of policy describing the procedures to be followed when reviewing a municipal planning strategy that must provide for public consultation and notice” s required.</p> <p>The Town of Kentville has policy G62 Public Participation Policy. As the Town does not have a Planning Advisory Committee, the requirements of this policy are completed at Council’s committee meetings.</p> <p>This application will require the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Public Participation Program to consider the proposed amendments.</a></li> <li>2. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Council)</li> <li>3. Public Hearing (Council)</li> <li>4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Council)</li> </ol>

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## Policy Regarding Municipal Cooperation

### The Proposal

Add new policies guiding cooperation with the abutting municipalities in part for Municipal Service (Chapter 11 in the MPS 2019) and Implementation (Chapter 15). The Town of Kentville MPS will comply with Section 204A (1) from MGA by adding the proposed new policies.

### Proposed Policies:

#### **A) New Policy MS-2 (Chapter 11 –11.2.1)**

Council shall inform the Municipality of the County of Kings when improvements and/or major maintenance are planned for the shared water utility owned by the Town that extends into the County of Kings.

#### **B) Amend Existing Policy MS-5 (Chapter 11 –11.2.1)**

It shall be the intention of Council to work cooperatively with municipalities and other levels of government to promote the conservation, protection and management of groundwater resources through committees and authorities such as Kentville Water Commission, Kings Regional Sewer Committee, and Valley Regional Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority (Inter-Municipal Service Agreement).

#### **C) Amend Existing Policy MS-15 (Chapter 11 -11.2.1.6)**

***It shall be the intention of Council*** to ~~request support and encourage that~~ the Municipality of the County of Kings to implement planning and land use control provisions that protect the quality of water supply from the Wellfield area and Lake McGee, consistent with the recommendations of the Kentville Water Commission Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) and the Source Water Protection Advisory Group Standing Committee of Council, which includes Staff from the Municipality of Kings County. for those lands in the County which are located within the Wellfield area.

#### **D) Proposal Statement (added Nov 7, 2023)**

Add to existing statement 15.1 (Chapter 15, 15.1, page 69)

#### 15.1 The Role of the Municipal Government Act

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) is the provincial legislation that governs planning and development in Nova Scotia. It outlines the various methods of development control available to municipalities in Nova Scotia for regulating land use decisions and development within their jurisdiction. The MGA also sets out the process for adopting Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws, and the different types of development control, such as development agreements, variances or site plan approval. ~~The MGA describes the various methods of development control available to Nova Scotian municipalities for regulating development and land use decisions within their jurisdiction, sets out the process for adopting Municipal Planning Strategies and Land Use By-laws, and the process for amending these documents or for the different types of~~



~~development control such as development agreements, variances or site plan approval. The process requirements include minimum public participation and advertising requirements.~~

The Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations under the MGA requires a statement of policy describing the procedures to be followed when reviewing a municipal planning strategy that must provide for public consultation and notice.

The Planning Requirements Regulations, which are outlined in the MGA under Mandatory Content, Section 4d, describe the procedures to be followed when reviewing the Municipal Planning Strategy. It also includes the process requirements for minimum public participation and advertising, which are outlined in the Council's G62 Public Participation Policy (Planning).

### **New Policy IM-1a**

Council shall follow the public participation and advertising requirements outlined in the Council's G62 Public Participation Policy (Planning).

### **E) New Policy IM-17 (Chapter 15 –15.11)**

Council shall notify the Municipality of the County of Kings when considering amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy. This will include sending a copy of the Planner's report to their Council. If an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy, with a site-specific focus, is within 150 m from a shared boundary. In that case, Council shall include a letter requesting feedback to the County of Kings Council and a copy of the Planner's report. [The engagement with the County of Kings shall be done before the first notice for a public hearing.](#) (Added Nov 7)

## Policy Analysis

A review of Municipal Planning Strategies from towns throughout Nova Scotia showed that most towns are cooperating with the abutting municipalities for shared municipal services (e.g., drinking water, sewage, etc.), protection of the quality of drinking water, and implementation of significant changes that may impact the abutting municipalities. From these examples, we have proposed four policies: A and B are for cooperation of municipal services, C is for protecting the water quality, and D is a statement to cooperate when significant changes to planning are being considered within the Town.

### **Proposal Policy A)**

Add as new Policy MS-2 (Chapter 11, 11.2.1 -after current MS-1 in page 54)

Council shall inform the Municipality of the County of Kings when improvements and/or major maintenance are planned for the shared water utility owned by the Town that extends into the County of Kings.

Currently, the Town's Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) lacks a statement on the cooperation with the Municipality of the County of Kings on the water service. The water service owned by the Town of Kentville extends into the County of Kings to the north and south. However, the policies in the MPS do not cover communication with the County; when improvements or maintenance are planned for the service, the residents of the County of Kings may be affected. To prevent conflicts between two municipalities, the Town shall be transparent about the plans for the water service.

This proposed policy will cover the cooperation and communication between the Town and the County. By being more transparent on the plans for the water services, the Councils and residents of the County will be updated on the condition of the infrastructure and any improvements as necessary.

Based on this proposed policy, the Town shall communicate with the County and refer to the County's opinion through letters and meetings through Kentville Water Commission. To incorporate the opinions from the County, this communication shall be done in the early stages of the planning process.

Once the draft plans on the maintenance or future water service plans are made, it shall be sent to the County for their review which can be done through the Kentville Water Commission. Comments from the Town will be considered on any relevant plans.

### **Proposal Policy B)**

Amend Existing Policy MS-5 (Chapter 11, 11.2.1 in page 57)

It shall be the intention of Council to work cooperatively with municipalities and other levels of government to promote the conservation, protection, and management of groundwater resources through resources through committees and authorities such as Kentville Water Commission, Kings Regional Sewer Committee, and Valley Regional Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority (Inter-Municipal Service Agreement).

In the current Municipal Planning Strategy, there is the policy MS-5 stating: “It shall be the intention of Council to work cooperatively with municipalities and other levels of government to promote conservation, protection and management of groundwater resources.”

However, this policy does not explain how the Town will work cooperatively with the municipalities. The Town has functioned in collaboration with the Kentville Water Commission, Kings Regional Sewer Committee, and Valley Regional Solid Waste-Resource Management Authority in the past. By adding the specific names of committees and authorities, the policy will become clearer on the positioning of the Town and the ways that the Town is operating the municipal services.

### **Proposal Policy C)**

C) Amend Existing Policy MS-15 (Chapter 11-11.2.1.6)  
***It shall be the intention of Council*** to ~~request support and encourage that~~ the Municipality of the County of Kings to implement planning and land use control provisions that protect the quality of water supply from the Wellfield area and Lake McGee, consistent with the recommendations of the Kentville Water Commission Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) and the Source Water Protection Advisory Group Standing Committee of Council, which includes Staff from the Municipality of Kings County. for those lands in the County which are located within the Wellfield area.

The proposed amendment policy C protects the water supply under 11.2.1.1 (page 54) of the Municipal Planning Strategy.

The backup water supply for the Town of Kentville comes from McGee Lake, located outside the town’s boundary. The primary water source is the collection of wells on the west side of Town. The Source Water Protection Plan states the groundwater protection on the town's western side, the Wellfield area adjacent to the Town’s boundary.

While these water sources are either in the County or overlapping the Town and the County’s boundaries, there are no adopted policies in the Municipal Planning Strategy that states cooperation between the Town and the County to protect the water quality. Without cooperation, the water quality standards, and the level of water protection between the Town and the County may differ. When one has lower standards, the water quality will not be protected and is hard to maintain since the water pollution can flow through the ground into another. Additionally, by working together, the water quality will be protected more efficiently.

Based on this policy, the Town will support and encourage the County to protect the quality of their water supply. As the lake within the County’s boundary is a potential

water source, the Town cannot directly impact development around the lake. However, the surrounding environment may impact the water quality, such as forests and land uses; the Town shall support by monitoring developments and environmental changes that may impact the water quality. Because of this, by adding this policy to cooperate with the County, the water source will be adequately protected more efficiently.

### **Proposal Statement D) (added Nov 7, 2023)**

Add to existing statement 15.1 (Chapter 15, 15.1, page 69)

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The Planning Requirements Regulations, which are outlined in the MGA under Mandatory Content, Section 4d, describe the procedures to be followed when reviewing the Municipal Planning Strategy. It also includes the process requirements for minimum public participation and advertising, which are outlined in the Council's G62 Public Participation Policy (Planning).

The Minimum Planning Requirements Regulations under section 4d require a statement of policy describing the procedures to be followed when reviewing a municipal planning strategy that must provide for public consultation and notice. The interpretation of this regulation by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is that the policy used to meet this requirement must be linked to the MPS directly through language within the planning document. Although most municipalities, including the Town of Kentville, use a separate policy to meet this requirement, recent feedback from the Province indicates a need to revise the policy to ensure compliance with their interpretation.

## **Proposal Policy E)**

Add as new Policy IM-17 (Chapter 15, 15.11 -after current IM-16 in page 78)

### **D) New Policy IM-17 (Chapter 15 –15.11)**

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The engagement with the County of Kings shall be done before the first notice for a public hearing. (Added Nov 7)

The Municipality of County of Kings surrounds the Town; significant developments within the Town boundary may impact the County of Kings. To prevent potential conflicts between the Town and the County, it is essential to provide notification of Municipal Planning Strategy amendments and provide the opportunity to incorporate the opinions of the Municipality of County of Kings' Councils and residents for Development Agreements or Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments within 150m of a shared boundary.

Examples of planning subjects that may impact the County are industrial and recreational developments. There is an opportunity to collaborate and connect recreational infrastructure between the two municipalities. Industrial uses may impact air and water quality within the County.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that Council adopt the proposed policy additions to adhere to the Municipal Government Act Requirements for engaging abutting Municipalities as we move through the amendment process. A policy amendment is required.

## Public Participation Process Requirements

G62 Public Participation Policy (Planning) states below:

1. One Public Participation Meeting shall be held before placing the first notice for a public hearing for amendment of Planning documents, including Municipal Planning Strategy Amendments, concurrent Land Use By-Law amendments, and changes to the Subdivision By-law.
2. Advertise the date and time for the meeting and a description of the proposed amendment in the local newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks—the first ad to appear at least fourteen clear days before the meeting.
3. A notice of the meeting will be posted at the Town Hall on or before the date of the first newspaper advertisement.
4. The meeting will be open to all members of the public and will allow the public to ask staff or Councillors questions and make a presentation to staff of no more than 10 minutes.
5. Information regarding the proposed amendments will be made available to the public at the Town Hall, which will include such things as staff reports, drafts of the proposed amendment and the submissions made by the applicant.

## **Policy Regarding Public Consultation in the Review Process of MPS**

### The Proposal

The Municipal Government Act requires that a Municipality adopt a policy to provide public consultation when reviewing their planning documents. This process is called the Public Participation Program.

The Current policy “Town of Kentville Policy Statement G62 Public Participation Policy (Planning) require that for any new Municipal Planning Strategy and concurrent Land Use by-Law approvals, or amendments thereto; or any new Subdivision By-Law, or amendment thereto, on Public Participation Meeting shall be held (before placing the first notice for a public hearing). The date and time for the meeting and a description of the proposed planning document shall be advertised in the local newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks.

It is recommended that Council add to section 4.0 Procedures of the policy if the above changes be adopted into the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Recommended statement addition:

When a Public Participation Program is required, Council shall notify the Municipality of the County of Kings of the public meeting and send a copy of the Planner’s report to their Council. If a Public Participation Program has a site-specific focus and is within 150 m of a shared boundary, then Council shall request feedback from the County of Kings Council.

Timeline:

A policy amendment requires a motion at Council, the CAO will review and approve any necessary policy changes.

## Policy Examples

	Amherst	Annapolis Royal	Antigonish	Bridgewater	Digby	Lunenburg	Mahone Bay	New Glasgow
<b>Municipalities Cooperation</b>			X	X	X	X		
<b>Municipal Infrastructure</b>	X	X			X	X	X	X
<b>Environment Climate Change</b>		X			X			
<b>Residential</b>								
<b>Economic/Industrial</b>					X		X	
<b>Transportation</b>			X	X				
<b>Implementation</b>								

	Oxford	Port Hawkesbury	Stewiacke	Trenton	Truro	Wolfville	Yarmouth	Inter-Munic*
<b>Municipalities Cooperation</b>					X	X		
<b>Municipal Infrastructure</b>		X	X	X	X		X	X
<b>Environment Climate Change</b>		X			X	X	X	
<b>Residential</b>		X		X				
<b>Economic/Industrial</b>		X		X		X		
<b>Transportation</b>					X			
<b>Implementation</b>				X				
<b>Others</b>	X	X		X	X			X

\*Town of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton, and Westville have Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy.

\*MPS was not found for Town of Clark's Harbour, Mulgrave, and Shelburne.

\*There are no policy related to cooperation with abutting municipalities in the MPS for Town of Berwick, Lockeport, and Middleton



## Municipal Planning Strategies from Towns in NS

### *Policies related to cooperation with abutting municipalities.*

<a href="#">Town of Amherst</a>		Issued in 2005, amended in 2020
Municipal Service	Municipal Service Policy MSW Corporation (MS-8) (page 29) "It shall be the intention of Council to continue to cooperate with the Municipality of the County of Cumberland regarding the protection of the North Tyndal Wellfield where appropriate."	
<a href="#">Town of Annapolis Royal</a>		Issued in 2019
Provincial Interest	(page 6) "Policies relating to encouraging the protection of the Town's source water supply, which is located outside of the Town in the adjacent Municipality, through municipal cooperation"	
Part 7	7. Environment and Conservation Areas Development (page 30) "Continue to co-operate with the Municipality of the County of Annapolis where the water supply is located."  7.10 "Council shall encourage and support the Municipality to adopt source water protection plans and the adoption of land use regulations for the purposes of protecting the quality of water utilized for the Town's municipal water supply."	
Part 13	13. Town Infrastructure (page 41) Shared maintenance and operating cost responsibilities for town sewer system, which is the joint service agreements with the Municipality of the County of Annapolis.  13.1.8 "The Town will cooperate with the Municipality of the County of Annapolis to promote and ensure the protection of the Town's source water supply area."	
<a href="#">Town of Antigonish</a>		Issued in 2020
Section C C1-Shaping the Town	1.5 Engagement with Antigonish County (page C-8) Goal – Work together with Antigonish County to achieve mutual goals and remain the strong communication. Goal of Council to engage with and consider comments from Antigonish County in some decisions that will affect both, the Town and the County.  ST22 "Council shall complete required engagement with Antigonish County prior to the first notice for a public hearing being placed in any newspaper circulating in the Town." ST23 "Council shall engage with Antigonish County on matters concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Transportation Planning and construction projects</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development proposals in the Fringe area</li> <li>• Facility Development</li> <li>• Economic Development Planning</li> <li>• Flood Mitigation and Stormwater Management Planning</li> <li>• James River Watershed Protected Water Area</li> <li>• Infrastructure Planning</li> <li>• Youth Engagement in Decision-Making”</li> </ul>
Section C C8 - Transportation and Mobility	<p>8.1 Mobility and Connectivity (page C-41) TM3 “Council shall seek cooperation with Antigonish County to promote the requirement of transportation impact studies for all proposed suburban development applications in the Fringe Area to consider impacts within the Town as well as the County. Studies provided by the applicant shall prioritize connectivity with the Town’s active transportation network.”</p>
<p><a href="#">Town of Berwick</a>   Issued in 2012, amended in 2018</p>	
Part 2	<p>2.1 Community Context, Goals and Provincial Interests “The ability to solidify and enhance the role and position of the community of Berwick within the context of the ongoing growth within the Valley region represent a significant opportunity.”</p> <p>-&gt; No specific policy for cooperation with abutting municipalities.</p>
<p><a href="#">Town of Bridgewater</a>   Issued in 2014, amended in 2022</p>	
Section 14 Transportation	<p>14.4 Public Transportation Objectives (page 128) 14.4.1 Partnerships Explore the possibility initiating a regional public transportation system in the South Shore with the province, other municipal units and local groups and organizations. T-21 “It shall be a policy of Council to partner with different levels of government and stakeholders, where possible, to explore opportunities to help initiate a regional public transportation service in Lunenburg County.”</p>
Section 17 Implementation	<p>17.5 Public Participation Processes (page 139) IM-8 “It shall be the policy of Council to require the following notification standards when consulting with abutting municipalities as required by the Municipal Government Act: a) Notification shall occur under the following circumstances directed by Council: i. The creation or review of a Municipal Planning Strategy; or ii. The creation or review of a Land Use By-law; or iii. The creation or review of a Subdivision By-law; or</p>

	<p>iv. The preparation of a draft Development Agreement, where the property is located within 500m of the Town Boundary; or  v. The preparation of amendments to a Municipal Planning Strategy or Land Use By-law, where the amendment is for a property located within 500m of the Town boundary, or where the amendment has potential to impact a property located within 500m of the Town boundary; or  vi. The preparation of amendments to a Municipal Planning Strategy or Land Use By-Law, where the amendment is associated with the Statements of Provincial interest.</p> <p>b) Notification shall be sent by regular mail or electronic mail to the Clerk to the adjacent municipality. The notice shall provide a general summary of the proposed work and provide an opportunity for the abutting municipality to submit comments on the proposal.</p> <p>c) Comments received from the abutting municipality shall be considered at a Council meeting prior to Council giving first reading.</p> <p>d) The notification and opportunity to submit comments prior to the date of the first reading shall be deemed as having solicited comments, regardless of whether a written response is received.</p>
Town of Clark's Harbour	
MPS not found.	
<a href="#">Town of Digby</a>	Issued in 2012
Part 2	<p>2.2.1 Key Environmental Sustainability Issues  Integration with the Municipality of the District of Digby's treatment system for sewage treatment plant. (page 10)</p> <p>2.3 ICSP (Integrated Community Sustainability Plan) projects (page 23-)  Upgrading of Wastewater Treatment Plant, Collection System, Industrial Drive including sewer, water and road Construction, Household Hazardous Waste Depot  -&gt; Cooperative undertaking with the Municipality of the District of Digby.</p>
Part 3 Objectives	Commercial and Industrial Objectives (page 29)

	Cooperate with the Municipality of District of Digby to promote new industrial activities.
Part 3 Policies	<p>Municipal Infrastructure and Environmental Protection Policies (page 43) MI 3</p> <p>“It shall be the intention of Council to work cooperatively with the Municipality of the District of Digby in relation to the extension, integration and future development of municipal infrastructure and services, and in particular with respect to the Digby Area Industrial Park and the upgrading of the Town’s wastewater management system, to ensure fiscally and environmentally responsible growth within and adjacent to the Town.”</p>
<a href="#">Town of Lockeport</a>	
	Issued in 1986 -only one available
No policies for cooperation with abutting municipalities.	
<a href="#">Town of Lunenburg</a>	
	Issued in 2021
Chapter 1	<p>Drinking Water (page 3)</p> <p>As the water supply comes from outside of the Town’s boundary, the town is partnering with the Municipality of District of Lunenburg to protect the water.</p>
Chapter 3	<p>3.3 Infrastructure 3.3.4 Service Extensions Outside of Town Policy 3-6</p> <p>Council shall, when considering a request for service extensions outside the Town boundary, have regard for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) cost recovery to the Town for both capital and operational costs;</li> <li>(b) the effects on servicing capacity and serviceability of lands within the Town boundary; and</li> <li>(c) input from the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.</li> </ul>
Chapter 6	<p>Implementation and Review</p> <p>6.1 Administration 6.1.5 Effective Date (page 37) Policy 6-3</p> <p>“This Municipal Planning Strategy and implementing Land Use By-law shall come into effect on the date that a notice is published in a newspaper, circulating in the Municipality, informing the public that the planning documents are in effect.”</p> <p>6.2 Regional Cooperation (page 37) 6.2.1 Consultation with Adjacent Municipality</p> <p>While the MPS applies only to the lands within the Town. However, the activities in the town have potential to affect lands within the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.</p> <p>Policy 6-4</p>

	<p>“Council shall consult with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg when:</p> <p>(a) adopting a new Municipal Planning Strategy to replace this one; and</p> <p>(b) when considering amendments to this Municipal Planning Strategy that would affect lands within 500 metres of the Town boundary”</p>
<a href="#">Town of Mahone Bay</a>	Issued in 2008, amended in 2016
Section 3	<p>3.2 Water Supply (page 4)</p> <p>3.2.5</p> <p>“To continue to improve the protection of the Oakland Lake water supply through an Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory Committee including representatives from the affected landowners and the Council of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg.”</p> <p>3.9 Economic and Physical Growth (page 9)</p> <p>3.10.4</p> <p>“To continue to work co-operatively within groups such as the Regional Development Authority to promote economic development in and near the Town.”</p>
<a href="#">Town of Middleton</a>	Issued in 2018
No policies for cooperation with abutting municipalities.	
Town of Mulgrave	Issued on
MPS not found.	
Town of New Glasgow - <a href="#">Secondary Planning Strategy</a> (Part of Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy)	Issued in 2015
Chapter 6	<p>Water and Wastewater Services (page 15)</p> <p>NG-S-10</p> <p>“Implementation of a regional Sewer Use By-law with other Towns that use the ERECC will be encouraged.”</p> <p>NG-S-13</p> <p>“The Town shall work in concert with the other Towns through the East River Environmental Control Centre (ERECC) to ensure an efficient sewage collection and treatment program.”</p>
<a href="#">Town of Oxford</a>	Issued in 2009 (plan for 2009-29)
Part 4	<p>Rural Development Objective (page 32)</p> <p>“To ensure that peripheral areas have a land use compatible with adjacent County lands.”</p>

Town of Pictou	
MPS is under Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy – summary at the end of this doc	
<a href="#">Town of Port Hawkesbury</a>	Issued in 2010, amended in 2022
Part 3	<p>Cape Breton Regional Housing Authority (page 21) The Town is working with the Cape Breton Regional Housing Authority. L-1.16.0 “It shall be the intention of Council to work with the Cape Breton Regional Housing Authority as the appropriate means for direct involvement in the management of residential development projects.”</p> <p>Supporting Regional Industry (page 32) L-3.5.0 “It is the intention of Council to support the Strait of Canso Port Master Plan. Council will continue to work with other municipalities to guide the development of this project.”</p>
Part 4	<p>Drinking Water (page 38) CD-2.1 “It shall be the intention of Council to seek the assistance of the Councils of the Municipalities of Inverness and Richmond to restrict development in the Landrie Lake Watershed. Further, Council shall urge the Department of Environment to maintain the protection of the Landrie Lake Watershed Area by prohibiting all development not compatible with watershed protection regulations.”</p> <p>Wastewater Treatment (page 38) CD-2.3 It shall be the intention of Council to invest in a generator for the wastewater treatment plant to protect against untreated sewage dumps in the Strait in the event of a prolonged power outage. Solid waste disposal is currently handled on a cooperative arrangement with the other municipalities in the Canso Strait area by a single solid waste site located in Guysborough County.”</p> <p>Inter-municipal Interests (page 43) CD-4.16 “It shall be the intention of the Town to continue cooperating with the other municipal units to provide programs and services for the benefit of all residents within the Strait area.”</p> <p>Action on Climate Change (page 46) CD-5.2.6</p>

	<p>"It shall be the intention of Council to investigate the feasibility of hiring a regional sustainability coordinator, either alone or in cooperation with other Strait Area municipalities, to implement the numerous initiatives suggested in the Partners for Climate Protection Milestone 3 Report."</p>
Town of Shelburne	
MPS not found.	
<a href="#">Town of Stewiacke</a>	Issued date: NA
Part 8 (page 47)	<p>Water Supply Policies Policy WS-6 "With respect to the watershed area located outside of the Town, Council shall encourage the Municipality of the County of Colchester to again consider establishing planning controls to protect the water supply, consistent with the goals and objectives of the Provincial Water Strategy."</p>
<a href="#">Town of Trenton</a>	Issued in 2002
Municipal Infrastructure	<p>Water Supply Policy MI-11 Protection (page 15) "To ensure adequate measures are undertaken to provide for the long term viability and protection of the Town's water supply including:"     "2. the development of a inter-municipal strategy between the Town of Trenton, the County of Pictou and the Town of New Glasgow to ensure the long term protection of the groundwater recharge area for Trenton's well-field;"     "6. inter-municipal co-operation with other municipalities in Pictou County to develop a regional strategy for the supply of water services to Pictou County." Policy MI-16 East River Pollution Abatement System (page 16) "To continue to co-operate with other municipalities in Pictou County through the East River Pollution Abatement System to provide an efficient sewage collection and treatment program."  Policy MI-20 Solid Waste Disposal (page 16) "It shall be the intention of Council to continue to co-operate with the other municipalities in Pictou County through the Pictou County Solid Waste Management System to provide a regular and efficient waste management collection program which meets or exceeds provincial standards and to maintain a safe and efficient site for its disposal."  Policy MI-21 Recycling (page 17) "It shall be the intention of Council to continue to co-operate with the other municipalities in Pictou County through the Pictou</p>

	<p>County District Planning Commission to provide a regular and efficient recycling program”</p> <p>Policy MI-22 Composting (page 17)          “It shall be the intention of Council to continue to co-operate with the other municipalities in Pictou County through the Pictou County District Planning Commission System to provide a regular and efficient composting program.”</p>
Future Residential Development	<p>Policy R-22 Municipal Cooperative Planning (page 25)          “To undertake studies and engage in discussions with the Municipality of the County of Pictou and/or the Municipality of the Town of New Glasgow to evaluate the benefits of co-operative planning and annexations of lands for future residential development.”</p>
Airport Operation	<p>Policy AP-10 Inter-municipal Regulations on Height (page 37)          “Council shall cooperate with County of Pictou, the Town of New Glasgow and Transport Canada to ensure regulations to control the height of development are observed.”</p>
Industrial Development	<p>Policy M-1 Industrial Land Requirements (page 40)          “In co-operation with economic development agencies in Pictou County, to assess the volume and type of medium and long term industrial land requirements for Pictou County and examine the role of the Town in meeting these needs.”</p>
Implementation	<p>Land Use By-Law Administration          Policy IM-7          “It shall be the intention of Council that the Development Officer, employed by the Pictou County District Planning Commission or one appointed by Council to act as its Development Officer, shall administer the land use By-law and issue development permits.”</p>
<a href="#">Town of Truro</a>	<p>Issued in 2018, amended in 2018</p>
Part 5 Commercial	<p>5.6 Intermunicipal Planning Strategy (page 5-27)          Policy C-61          “It shall be a policy of Council to honour its obligations under the Truro-Colchester Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy on Interjurisdictional Properties and work with the County on applications requiring planning approvals within the Inter-Jurisdictional Boundary as shown on Figure 5.1.”</p>
Part 9 Environmental Management	<p>9.2.5 Ongoing Flood Monitoring (page 9-5)          Policy E-8          “It shall be a policy of Council to consider participating in any flood monitoring initiatives designed to record flood event characteristics and pursuing partnerships with the County of Colchester, the Province of Nova Scotia, Government of Canada and any other interest group that has a stake in flood related issues.”</p>



<p>Part 10 Infrastructure</p>	<p>10.3 Transportation Projects Policy IN-12 (page 10-6) "It shall be a policy of Council to, in conjunction with Colchester County and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, to undertake a regional transportation plan to develop a list of priority infrastructure projects in the Truro Region."</p> <p>Policy IN-17 (page 10-9) "It shall be a policy of Council to encourage the Provincial Department of Transportation and Public Works and the County of Colchester to work toward securing rights-of-way for the future ring road."</p> <p>10.7 Solid Waste Management Policy IN-35 (page 10-17) "Therefore it shall be a policy of Council to continue to work with the Municipality of the County of Colchester with respect to the capital costs, operation and maintenance of the Colchester Balefill Facility."</p>
<p>Town of Westville</p>	
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<p><a href="#">Town of Wolfville</a></p>	<p>Issued in 2020</p>
<p>Part 1</p>	<p>1.4 Provincial and Regional Coordination (page 12) 1.4.2 Regional Coordination "1. To have regard for the Statements of Regional Interest as outlined in the Kings 2050 Regional Approach Report. 2. To be open to collaborating with the County of Kings and other regional partners on regional land use planning, climate change mitigation on and adaptation, environmental protection, recreation, transit, economic development and other matters. 3. To include in the Town’s Public Participation on Program Policy provisions to ensure engagement with abutting municipalities."</p>
<p>Part 2</p>	<p>2.3.2 Economic Prosperity "To encourage a range of local and regional partnerships that enhance economic development within the Town."</p>
<p>Part 4</p>	<p>4.3 Agriculture and Greenbelt (page 36) 4. "To encourage co-operation on with the Municipality of the County of Kings in the protect on and preservation on of agricultural land in the areas adjacent to the Town boundary."</p>
<p><a href="#">Town of Yarmouth</a></p>	
<p>Part 8</p>	<p>Open Space Zone (page 93) Policy 8.8 "(2) To encourage and support the efforts of the Municipality of Yarmouth to continue the linear park system along Yarmouth</p>

	Harbour to Bunker’s Island to the south as well as along Lake Milo to the north and the extension of the railway rights-of-way to create a regional park trail network.”
Part 9	<p>Water Treatment (page 105) Policy 9.11 “It shall be the intention of Council to cooperate with the Municipality of Yarmouth to preserve and enhance the watershed environment so as to maintain water quality and quantity for future generations.”</p> <p>Policy 9.13 “It shall be the intention of Council to cooperate with the Municipality of Yarmouth to promote efficiently planned extensions of the municipal water services into the municipality by mutual agreement where such extensions are deemed mutually appropriate, timely and financially beneficial.”</p> <p>Policy 9.14 “It shall be the intention of Council to service new areas in the Municipality of Yarmouth by requiring water distribution main extensions to be connected to the 60.9 mm (24 in.) water transmission main”</p> <p>Fire Protection (page 114) Policy 9.38 “To work with the Yarmouth Fire Department* to ensure that the Town continues to maintain adequate fire protection services.” *The Yarmouth Fire Department is part of the Municipality of Yarmouth and Acadia First Nation reserve.</p> <p>Emergency Readiness (page 115) Policy 9.40 “Update and implement the Town and Municipality of Yarmouth Joint Emergency Measures Organization Emergency Readiness Plan as and when necessary.”</p>

Town of New Glasgow, Pictou, Stellarton, Trenton, and Westville

<a href="#">Inter-Municipal Planning Strategy</a>		Effective from 2016
Chapter 5.1 Municipal Infrastructure	Policy SW-1 Solid Waste Disposal (page 17) “The Towns shall continue to co-operate and promote through public education a viable Pictou County solid waste management system, including refuse, recyclable and compostable materials, to provide a regular and efficient curb-side waste management collection program to provincial and municipal legislative standard.”	
Chapter 5.9	Policy P-3 Co-operation with School Board, NSCC, and Others	

Recreation	“Chignecto Central Regional School Board, Nova Scotia Community College and other organizations and the Towns shall cooperate to provide recreational opportunities and shared use of recreational facilities.”
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