



# Municipal Plan Update

The Municipality of Hampton is proud to share the progress made in implementing our Municipal Plan, which serves as a blueprint for sustainable growth, economic development, and enhanced quality of life for our residents. Since its adoption, significant strides have been made in key areas, including land use planning, infrastructure improvements, environmental sustainability, and community services.

To ensure the Municipal Plan is fully integrated into Hampton's long-term vision, Council has developed a Strategic Plan that aligns municipal priorities with the objectives set out in the plan. This strategic approach ensures coordinated decision-making, efficient resource allocation, and a clear path forward for the continued development of our community.

Through thoughtful planning and collaboration with residents, regional partners, and stakeholders, we have achieved meaningful progress in shaping a vibrant, resilient, and thriving Hampton. The following highlights key accomplishments to date.



## Hampton Municipal Plan

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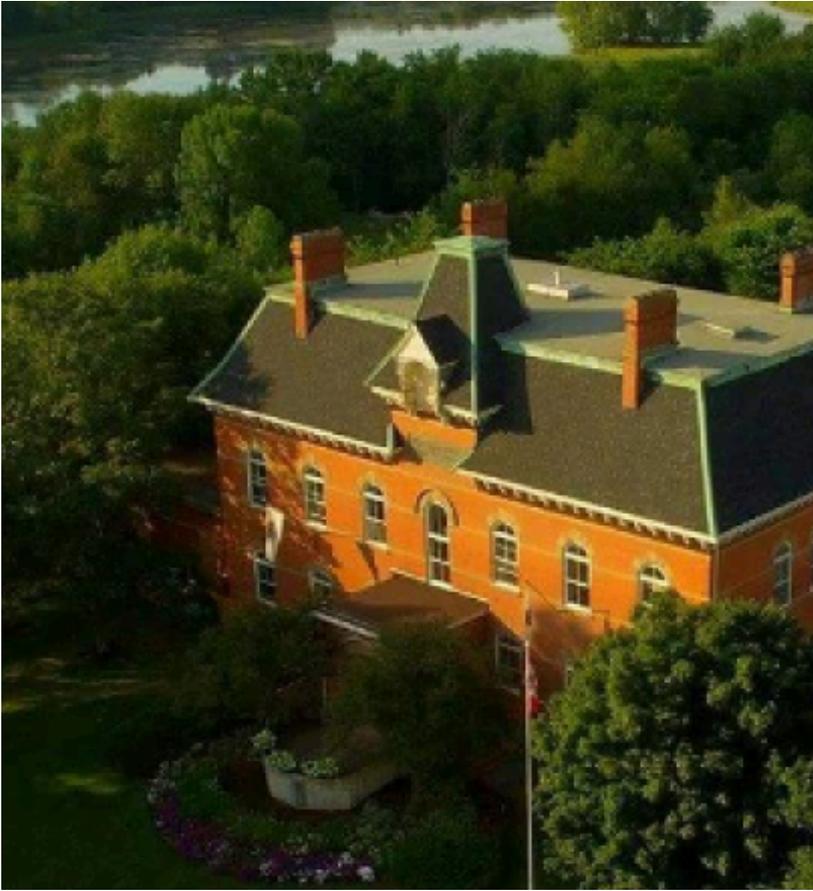
## Balanced Growth

The municipal plan has successfully established a Town Centre zone, creating a cultural and entrepreneurial hub in Hampton with a broad range of permitted uses. Provisions have been implemented to allow hobby farming throughout the town, while updated zoning regulations support the local agricultural industry by accommodating larger accessory buildings and various secondary uses. Adaptive reuse of old churches, schools, and former government buildings has been facilitated, enabling their conversion into residential housing or community spaces without requiring a plan amendment, in compliance with the Building Code Administration Act. Additionally, zoning for churches, schools, and government buildings has been aligned with surrounding land use patterns to reduce barriers to conversion.



## Natural Environment and Climate Change

The municipal plan has successfully implemented key environmental initiatives to enhance sustainability and resilience in Hampton. Responsible development standards have been established to protect environmental resources, while zoning provisions now regulate extraction activities. Climate impact mitigation efforts include managing the impacts of developments in flood-prone areas, preserving natural buffers, and promoting compact development to reduce energy consumption and emissions. Sustainable land management practices, such as green infrastructure solutions, have been encouraged to support climate adaptation. A Flood Risk Overlay has been introduced using provincial flood mapping and climate adaptation data to safeguard property, public health, and safety. The Hampton Stormwater Management Program continues to evolve, incorporating green infrastructure techniques like bioswales, rain gardens, and permeable pavements to improve stormwater management and reduce pressure on existing infrastructure.



## Municipal Services

Municipal services have been strengthened, ensuring wastewater treatment meets provincial standards and integrating storm sewer impact assessments into development reviews. New residential developments proceed based on infrastructure capacity, with services extended where municipal systems exist and costs primarily covered by developers.

Solid waste management has improved through collaboration with the Fundy Regional Service Commission, promoting landfill diversion and exploring better waste management in municipal facilities. Fire and police services remain a priority, with annual fire equipment reviews and efforts to build capacity for controlled burn permitting. Additionally, zoning now accommodates communications and utility infrastructure to support Hampton's growth.

## Housing

The municipal plan has made significant progress in addressing housing needs in Hampton. A Housing Needs Assessment was completed in collaboration with local and regional partners to better understand community requirements. Zoning By-law amendments now permit garden and secondary suites in all residential zones, including provisions for these suites in accessory buildings, in compliance with the Building Code Administration Act. Flexible development standards have been introduced to support a diverse range of housing types and encourage innovative approaches to housing. Additionally, residential density has been strategically planned, with higher-density housing concentrated near arterial streets and existing municipal infrastructure to optimize accessibility and services.



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## Integrated Mobility

The municipal plan has prioritized integrated mobility by investigating and exploring opportunities to enhance road safety. Measures such as traffic calming techniques in high-traffic areas, improved signage, and enhanced crosswalks have been implemented to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. These efforts contribute to a more accessible and secure transportation network for all residents.



## Recreation, Parks, Culture and Tourism

The municipal plan has advanced parks, recreation, arts, culture, and tourism with significant achievements, including the upcoming opening of a multi-purpose recreation facility this fall. The recently updated Subdivision Bylaw (HAM-2024-17) prioritizes Land for Public Purpose and includes acquiring land to expand and connect active transportation networks while maintaining cash-in-lieu options to support existing recreation amenities. Additionally, festival and event space has been designated in the Town Centre, reinforcing its role as the entertainment hub of the community.

