

# Meeting Notes

New Minas Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS)  
Working Group - Scenarios Workshop  
2021.05.17, 6:00pm to 9:00pm  
Online (Zoom)

## 1. Opening

## 2. Project Update

- » UDAT study is complete; just waiting for final file to release to public
- » Phase 1 of Transportation study is complete and report is public. Phase 2 will occur as we work through the development scenarios.

## 3. Review of Foundations

## 4. Guiding Principles

- » Have fewer overarching principles, more points per principle
- » Look at Wolfville MPS for how they do it
- » Regional + commercial destination
  - These are the principles that are most unique to New Minas
- » “A place for people”
- » List has a lot of repetition, hits everything
- » Possibility for a destination at top of Granite Drive
- » Don't want Plan to have too many constraints or impediments
- » Principles should have more specificity
- » Say it directly
- » Need to address economic development + business
- » Need to address connection between old and new, across Highway 101
- » Use of skills versus abilities when it comes to active transportation
- » Need to be aware of conflict between trees + solar potential
- » Use the word “environmental”
- » These two should be prioritized:
  - 1. Accessibility
  - 2. Sustainability
- » Recreation centre as a destination
- » Need clarity around infrastructure funding
- » Need flexibility in the Plan to consider opportunities as they arise
- » “Attractive” -> take a look at what we require for parking lots

## 5. Development Scenarios

- » Parks
  - Maybe don't have two parks right next to each other
  - Park near top of Granite Drive to capture views?
  - Need for nature close to where people live
- » Commercial street
  - Should generally take approach of enabling things to happen rather than forcing things to happen
  - Comfortable with having aesthetic requirements
  - Need a focus on walkability, parks, benches
  - There is a comfort with implementing minimums, guidelines
- » Commercial
  - Aesthetics
  - Need neighbourhood access to commercial
  - Should make more opportunity for commercial south of 101
  - Businesses need flexibility
  - Sports + rec opportunities
  - Business visibility
- » Residential
  - Make sure there's lots of opportunity for mixed use

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## 6. Public Workshop Plan

- » Deferred

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## 7. Closing

- » **Action:** UPLAND to update Guiding Principles and circulate to the Working Group