

Agenda

New Minas Secondary Planning Strategy (SPS)
Working Group Meeting
2021.06.21, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Online (Zoom)

1. Opening

Chair Jim Winsor, 5 minutes

- » Review and additions to the Agenda
- » Review of Posted Meeting Notes
- » Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- » Check-in

2. Project Update

UPLAND, 5 minutes

- » Brief update of other aspects of the SPS project

3. Public Workshop Plan

UPLAND, 25 minutes

- » Target dates and location for public workshop
- » Impact of COVID-19
- » Role of Working Group in workshop
- » Key questions

4. Project Timeline and Milestones

UPLAND, 25 minutes

- » Review of project timeline from here to March, 2022
- » Key points of involvement for Working Group
- » Public engagement milestones

5. Development Techniques for Environmentally-sensitive Communities

Nick Hill, 25 minutes

6. Closing

Chair Jim Winsor, 5 minutes

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

6. Public Workshop Plan

- » Deferred

7. Closing

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

Related Topic List

Over the course of the Working Group meetings and discussions a number of topics related to development and community life in New Minas have arisen. Some of these topics will be addressed later in the secondary planning process as we get into finer details, while others are outside the scope of a secondary plan but are nonetheless important and may be suitable priorities for future work in New Minas. This list captures these items so that they are not forgotten at later stages of the project. It will be updated each meeting to add anything new that was discussed.

- Stormwater management
- Recreational facilities
- School facilities
- Vending
- Promoting New Minas