

Area Rate for Sidewalks and Multi- Use Pathways in Rural Community Centres

Lucasville and Area Survey

This survey is open until May 9, 2024. It can be mailed back to Halifax Regional Municipality- Public Works, Active Transportation, POBox 1749, Halifax, NS B3J 3A5.

Please fill out this survey if you own/ rent or lease property in one of these communities included in the Lucasville preliminary area rate boundary for this project's public engagement: Lucasville, a section of Hammonds Plains, and a small number of properties south of Highway 101 in Middle Sackville, and Lower Sackville, as outlined in the Preliminary Community Area Rate Boundary included with this survey.

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Lucasville and Area Survey Questions

Question 1:

Halifax Regional Municipality is conducting community engagement on the implementation of sidewalks and/or multi-use pathways in Lucasville. The facility which has been prioritized by the community is a multi-use pathway on Lucasville Road, known as the Lucasville Greenway.



*Example: Multi-use pathways and sidewalks in a rural community centre.
(Hubbards Community Plan, p. 115)*

What is your opinion overall of sidewalks or multi-use pathways being added in Lucasville?

Choose only one option (Required)

- I support it
- I mostly support it, but I have concerns
- I do not support it
- I am not sure

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Question 2:

Please read below the options for question 2 and **only** respond to the one applicable to you.

2. If you have chosen the answer "**I support it**" for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you are supportive of new sidewalks or multi-use pathways in this community. **(Required)**

2. If you have chosen the answer "**I mostly support it, but I have concerns**" for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you have concerns related to new sidewalks or multi-use pathways in this community. **(Required)**

2. If you have chosen "**I do not support it**" for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you are not supportive of new sidewalks or multi-use pathways in this community. **(Required)**

2. If you have chosen **I am not sure** for Question 1: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of new sidewalks or multi-use pathways in this community. **(Required)**

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Area Rate for Sidewalks and Multi-Use Pathways (MUPs) in Rural Community Centres

Under the current Halifax Municipal Tax Program, rural and suburban general tax rates do not include eligibility for sidewalks/ MUPs (alongside the public roads).

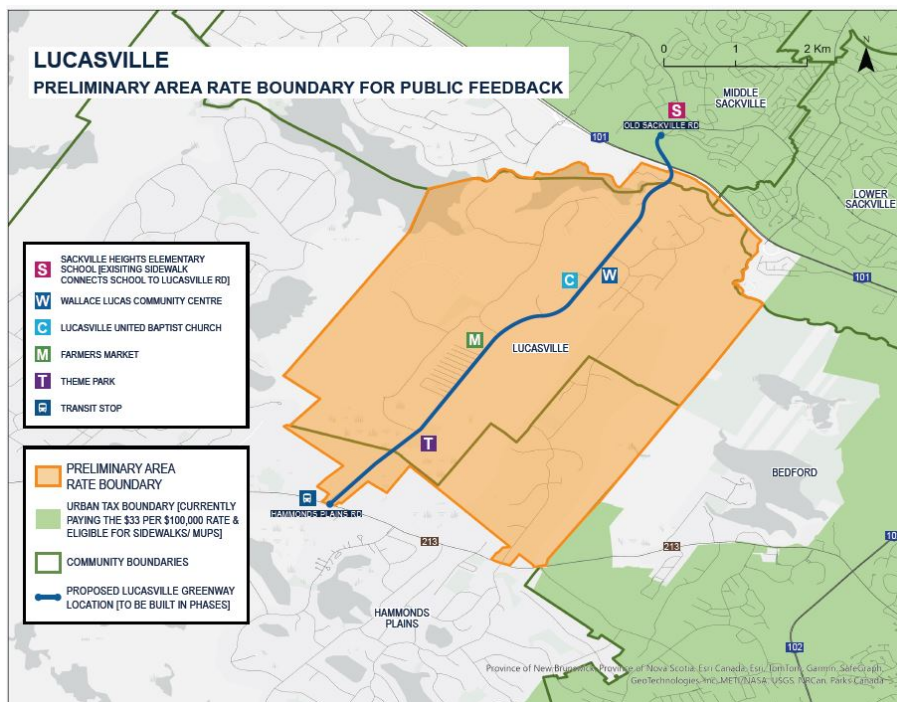
If support is received for this project and the Regional Council approves implementation in Lucasville, properties within the final area rate boundary would have an area tax rate equal to the difference between the urban and rural/ suburban general rate. This area tax rate is currently \$0.033 per \$100 (for example \$33/ \$100,000) of taxable (capped) assessed property value.

This rate would be applied annually and in perpetuity after substantial completion of the initial sidewalk/ MUPs and would enable the community to receive additional sidewalks/ MUPs as the community grows.

The following questions are providing details on the process and are asking for your feedback on the area tax rate, and preliminary area rate boundary for public feedback.

Question 3:

The following communities are included in the preliminary area rate boundary for public feedback: Lucasville, a section of Hammonds Plains, and a small number of properties south of Highway 101 in Middle Sackville, and Lower Sackville.



What is your connection to the preliminary area boundary developed for public feedback?
[Please select all that apply \(Required\)](#)

- I own (or co-own) a primary home within this area rate boundary
- I own (co-own) a secondary home or undeveloped land within this area rate boundary
- I run a business in a property I own (or co-own) within this area rate boundary
- I run a business in a property I rent, or lease within this area rate boundary
- I live in a property I rent, or lease within the area rate boundary
- I do not own, or rent, or lease a property within this area rate boundary
- Other:

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Question 4:

Please provide the community for the primary property you own within this area rate boundary. Options: Lucasville, Hammonds Plains, Middle Sackville, Lower Sackville ([Required](#))

Question 5:

Please provide the community for the primary property you rent/lease within this area rate boundary. Options: Lucasville, Hammonds Plains, Middle Sackville, Lower Sackville. ([Only if applicable](#))

Question 6:

Please provide the community for the secondary property you own within this area rate boundary. Options: Lucasville, Hammonds Plains, Middle Sackville, Lower Sackville . ([Only if applicable](#)).

Question 7:

If support is received for this project and the Regional Council approves implementation in Lucasville, properties within the final area rate boundary would have an area tax rate equal to the difference between the urban and rural/ suburban general rate.

This rate would be added annually and in perpetuity to their property tax bill in the fiscal year following the substantial completion of the initial sidewalk or multi-use pathway in Lucasville.

This difference is currently \$0.033 per \$100 (e.g., \$33 per \$100,000) of taxable (capped) assessed property value.

Do you support the addition of this area tax rate to make Lucasville eligible for the construction and maintenance of Lucasville Greenway and other sidewalks or multi-use pathways?

[Choose only one option](#) ([Required](#))

- I support it
- I support it, but I have concerns
- I do not support it
- I am not sure
- Other (please specify)

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Question 8:

Please read below the options for question 8 and **only** respond to the one applicable to you.

8. If you have chosen the answer "**I support it**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are supportive of the area tax rate. **(Required)**

8. If you have chosen the answer "**I mostly support it, but I have concerns**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you have concerns related to the area tax rate? Please provide an approach that you could support. **(Required)**

8. If you have chosen "**I do not support it**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are not supportive of the area tax rate? Please provide an approach that you could support. **(Required)**

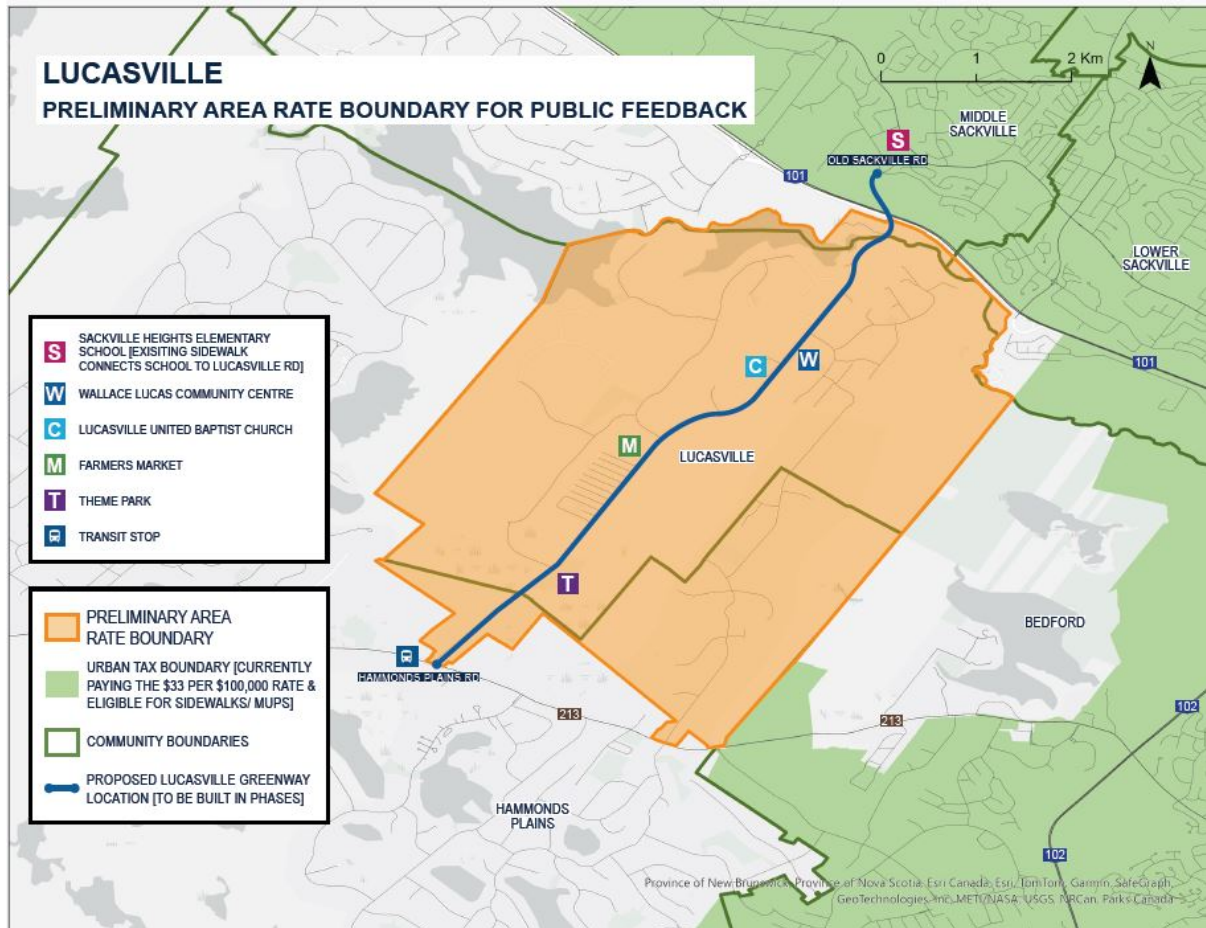
8. If you have chosen "**I am not sure**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of the area tax rate? Please provide an approach that you could support. **(Required)**

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Question 9:

The preliminary area rate boundary for public feedback includes Lucasville, a section of Hammonds Plains, and a small number of properties south of Highway 101 in Middle Sackville, and Lower Sackville, as shown in the map below, and it was determined by using the data below:

- Travel patterns as determined by travel monitoring data; and
- Concentration and use of community amenities.



Do you support this preliminary area rate boundary to become the final area rate boundary?

Choose only one option (Required)

- I support it
- I support it, but I have concerns
- I do not support it
- I am not sure
- Other (please specify)

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Question 10:

Please read below the options for question 10 and **only** respond to the one applicable to you

10. If you have chosen the answer "**I support it**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you are supportive of this area rate boundary. (Required)

10. If you have chosen the answer "**I mostly support it, but I have concerns**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you have concerns related to this area rate boundary. Do you have another suggestion? (Required)

10. If you have chosen "**I do not support it**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you are not supportive of this area rate boundary. Do you have another suggestion? (Required)

10. If you have chosen "**I am not sure**" for Question 9: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of this area rate boundary. Do you have another suggestion? (Required)

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Question 11:

What do you, or your household members, do in Lucasville?

[Please mark all that apply \(Required\)](#)

- I, or a household member, work and/ or go to daycare or school in this community
- I, or a household member, use commercial places in this community (e.g. pharmacy, groceries, post office, retail store, gas station)
- I, or a household member, visit family and/ or friends in this community
- I, or a household member, use services in this community (e.g. library, community centre, hospital, medical clinic, church)
- I, or a household member, recreate in this community (e.g. parks, trails, community events, cafes, restaurants, vacation in a secondary property)
- Other (please specify)

Question 12:

Do you have any other comments related to the Lucasville Greenway and adding sidewalks (or multi-use pathways) in Lucasville, the tax area rate, and/or preliminary area rate boundary for public engagement? [\(Required\)](#)

Thank you for completing the AT Rural Area Rate Survey.

If you have any questions or feedback about this survey, please contact **Emma Martin** at **902.490.4920** or martinem@halifax.ca.

Please consider participating in the upcoming in-person public engagement sessions listed on the project's public engagement page: www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation

