



April 04, 2024

Dear property owner(s),

Halifax Regional Municipality is conducting community engagement on the implementation of sidewalks and/or multi-use pathways in Lucasville. In your community the facility which has been prioritized is a multi-use pathway on Lucasville Road, known as the Lucasville Greenway (as shown on attached map). The purpose of this public engagement is for staff to:

- Determine support for sidewalks and/or multi-use pathways in suburban and rural community centres.
- Determine community perspectives on the potential addition of an area tax rate for suburban and rural communities to become eligible for sidewalks or multi-use pathways.
- Learn how communities identified in the preliminary area rate boundary (as shown in the attached map) use Lucasville Road.

You are invited to participate because property(s) you own is/are located within a preliminary area rate boundary identified for community feedback. The preliminary boundary includes all of Lucasville, a section of Hammonds Plains, and a small number of properties south of Highway 101 in Middle Sackville, and Lower Sackville. These are the ways you can participate between **April 11 and May 9, 2024:**

- 1) Learn more at **www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation**.
- 2) Attend one of the **in-person public engagement sessions** noted in this letter.
- 3) Fill out the online survey: **www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation**;
- 4) Pick-up a printed paper survey at the in-person engagement sessions or contact the Project Manager to request a paper copy of the survey by mail.

Feedback received from public engagement will be included in a final report for Regional Council to decide on the implementation of sidewalks and/or multi-use pathways in your community.

Sincerely, *Emma Martin*

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**Lucasville In-Person Public Engagement
(including presentation, Q&A, and open house)**

Thursday, April 25, 2024
Session 1: 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Session 2: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
The Wallace Lucas Community Centre (596 Lucasville Rd, Lucasville)

Project Overview

Sidewalks/ multi-use pathways (MUPs) provide users a safe place to walk, cycle, roll (e.g., use a mobility device) and access amenities the community has to offer. They contribute to the community’s growth and its residents’ wellbeing.

The Municipality’s new Rural AT Program was approved by Regional Council on February 8, 2022, to enable construction of new sidewalks or MUPs (wider paved pathway for both walking and rolling/cycling). On February 7, 2023, Council adopted the Administrative Order 2022-008-ADM Respecting the Implementation of Area Rates to Fund Sidewalks Outside of the Urban Tax Area in the Halifax Regional Municipality (2022-008-ADM) to guide consideration and implementation of the Rural Active Transportation Program.

Under the current tax program, suburban and rural general tax rates do not include eligibility for sidewalks/ MUPs. To be eligible for sidewalks/ MUPs, rural and suburban tax areas would pay an area tax rate that is equal to \$33 per \$100,000 of taxable (capped) assessed property value. This rate would be applied in annually and in perpetuity after substantial completion of the initial phase of sidewalk/ MUP and would enable the community to receive additional sidewalks/ MUPs as the community grows.

If public support is received for the proposed area rate and sidewalks and/or multi-use pathways in Lucasville, the proposed area rate boundary to Regional Council would be determined using:

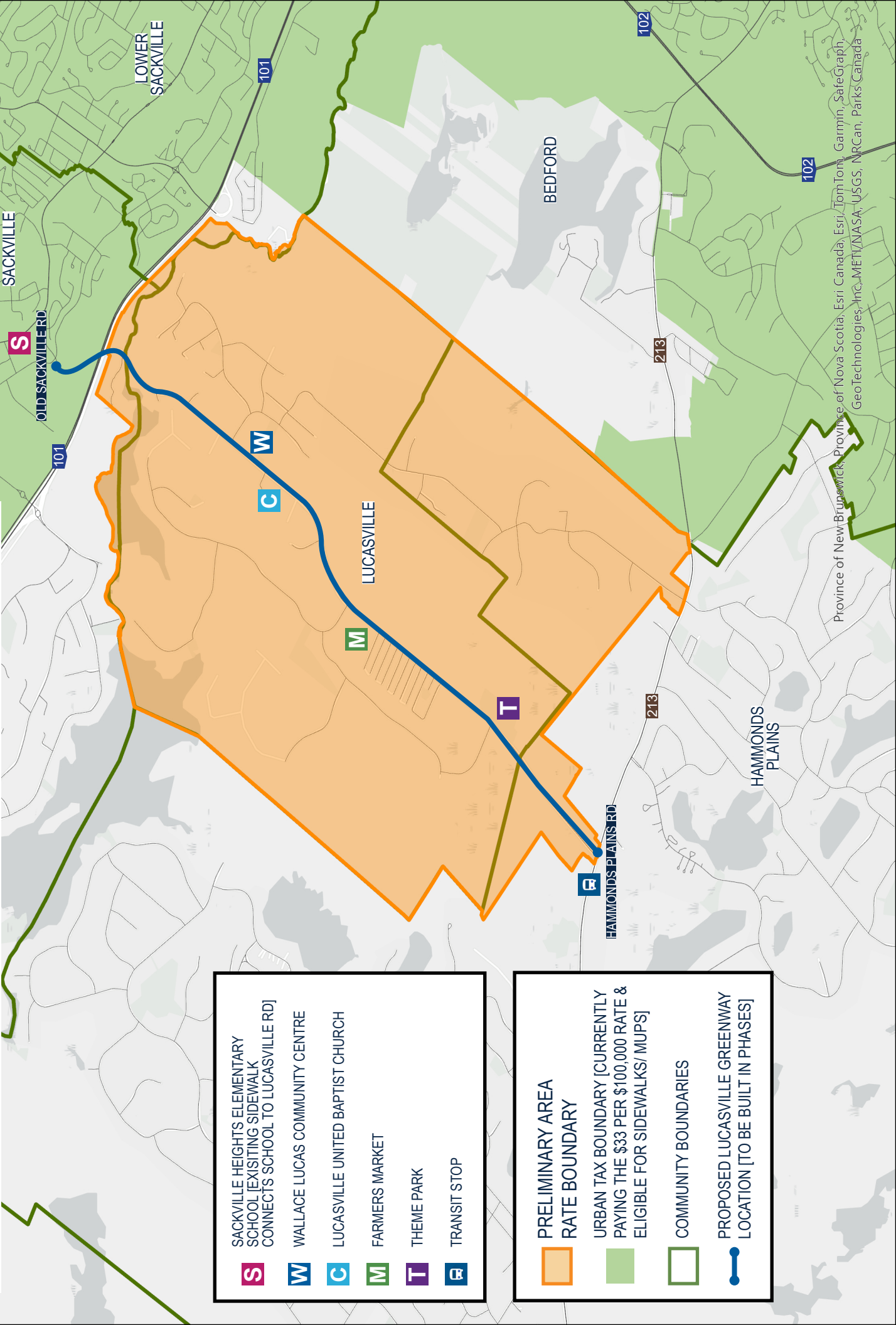
- Public feedback received during engagement.
- School catchment boundaries and travel pattern data.
- Types of destinations and amenities in Lucasville (e.g., community centre, local market)

If supported by the community and approved by Regional Council, the next step would be detailed design and construction of the first phase of the multi-use pathway on Lucasville Road.



The public engagement site www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation includes more information about the program and links to documents mentioned in this letter.

LUCASVILLE

PRELIMINARY AREA RATE BOUNDARY FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK



S	SACKVILLE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL [EXISTING SIDEWALK CONNECTS SCHOOL TO LUCASVILLE RD]
W	WALLACE LUCAS COMMUNITY CENTRE
C	LUCASVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH
M	FARMERS MARKET
T	THEME PARK
B	TRANSIT STOP

	PRELIMINARY AREA RATE BOUNDARY
	URBAN TAX BOUNDARY [CURRENTLY PAYING THE \$33 PER \$100,000 RATE & ELIGIBLE FOR SIDEWALKS/MUPS]
	COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES
	PROPOSED LUCASVILLE GREENWAY LOCATION [TO BE BUILT IN PHASES]