

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

## Upper Tantallon and Area Survey

This survey is open until April 21, 2024 and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Please fill out this survey if you own/ rent or lease property in one of these communities included in the Upper Tantallon preliminary area rate boundary for this project's public engagement: Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Upper Tantallon, Tantallon, Stillwater Lake and Lewis Lake.

*In accordance with Section 485 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), any personal information collected on this survey form will only be used by municipal staff and, if necessary, individuals and/or organizations under service contract with the Halifax Regional Municipality for purposes relating to processing the Rural AT Facility and Tax Rate Survey results.*

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### Upper Tantallon and Area Survey Questions

#### Question 1:

Sidewalks and/or multi-use pathways in Upper Tantallon are being considered in response to community requests and the implementation of the new HRM's Rural Active Transportation Program.



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

**What is your opinion of a sidewalk or multi-use pathway being added in Upper Tantallon?**

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

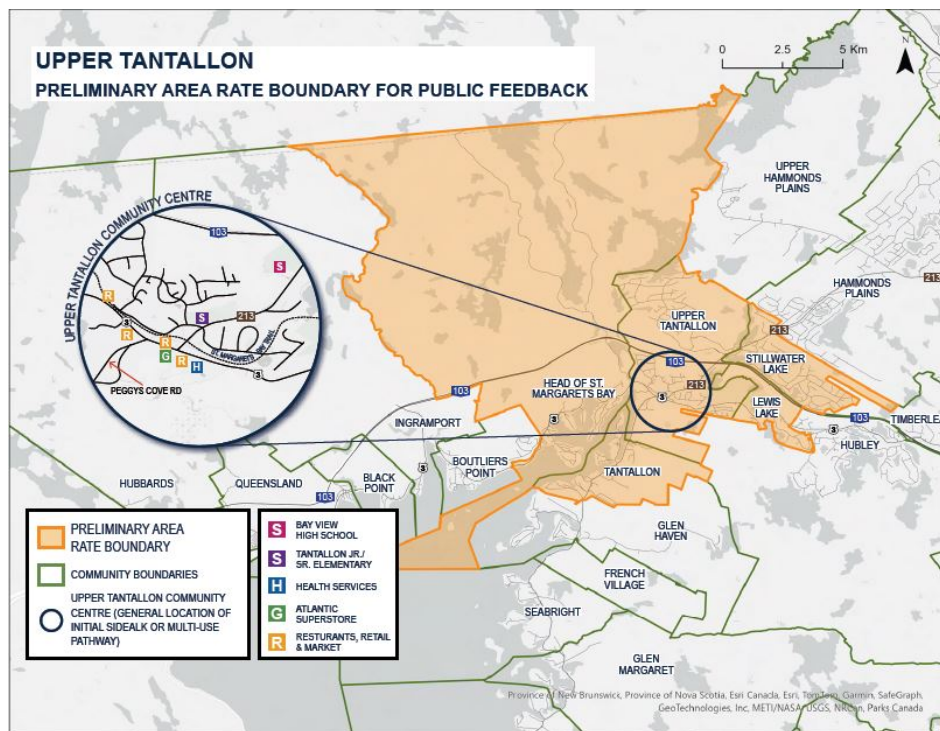
Under the current Halifax Municipal Tax Program, rural and suburban general tax rates do not include eligibility for sidewalks/ MUPs.

If support is received from residents for this project and the Regional Council approves implementation in Upper Tantallon, 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 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.

### Question 3:

The following communities are included in the preliminary area rate boundary for public feedback: Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Upper Tantallon, Tantallon, Stillwater Lake and Lewis Lake.



**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 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. [\(Required\)](#)

**Question 5:**

Please provide the community for the primary property you rent/lease within this area rate boundary. [\(Only if applicable\)](#)

**Question 6:**

Please provide the community for the secondary property you own within this area rate boundary. [\(Only if applicable\)](#)

**Question 7:**

If support is received for this project and the Regional Council approves implementation in Upper Tantallon, 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 Upper Tantallon.

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 Upper Tantallon eligible for the construction and maintenance of new 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)

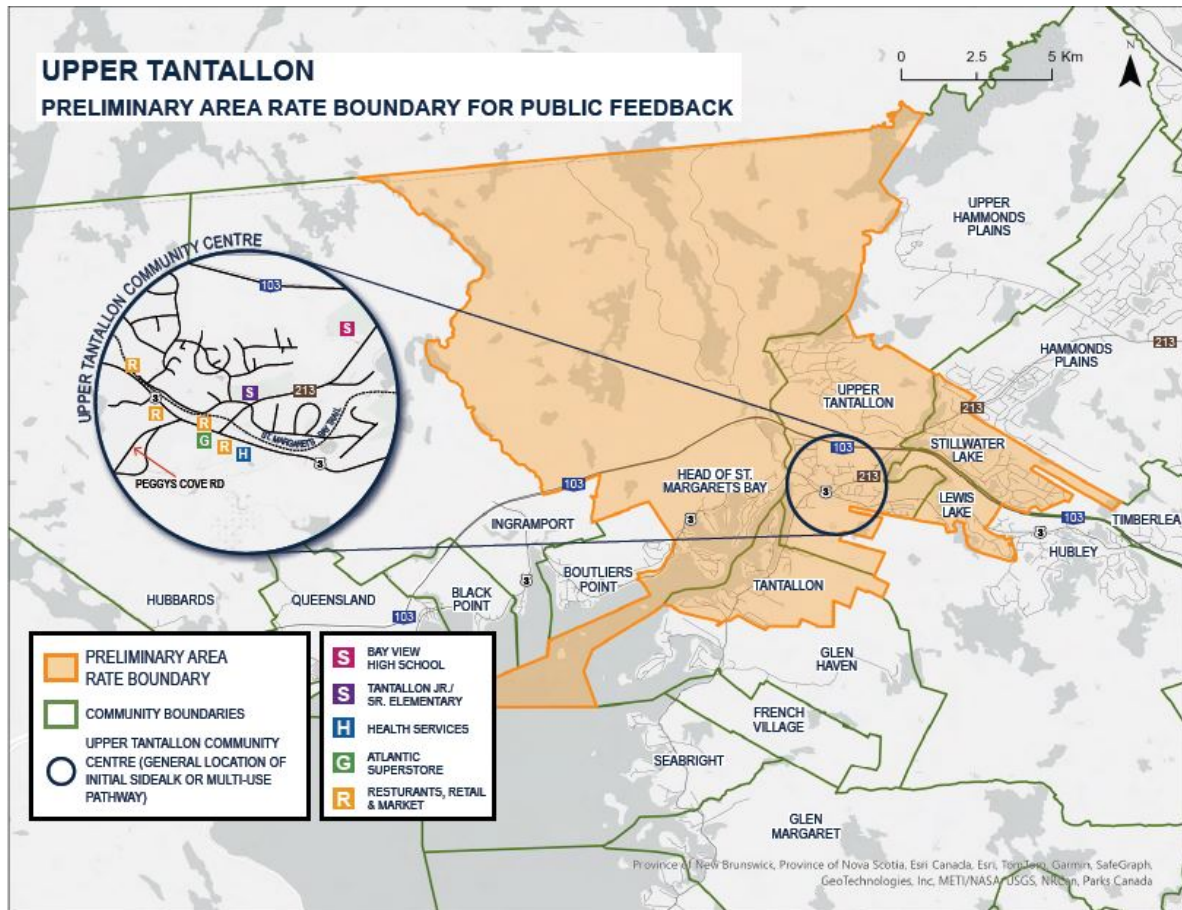
8. If you have chosen "**I am not sure**" for Question 7: Please provide more details as to why you are not sure of the area tax rate? Please provide an approach that you could support. (Required)

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## Question 9:

The preliminary area rate boundary for public feedback was determined by using the data below:

- Travel patterns as determined by travel monitoring data;
- English program schools catchment boundaries; 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 Upper Tantallon?

[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 adding sidewalks (or multi-use pathways) in Upper Tantallon, the tax area rate, and/or preliminary area rate boundary for public engagement?

[\(Required\)](#)

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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](mailto: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](http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/rural-active-transportation)