

February 23, 2024

Dear property owner(s),

Halifax Regional Municipality is conducting community engagement on the implementation of sidewalks or multi-use pathways in Upper Tantallon.

The purpose of this public engagement is for staff to:

- Determine support for sidewalks or multi-use pathways in rural community centres
- Determine community perspectives on the potential addition of an area tax rate 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 services and amenities located in Upper Tantallon.

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 Upper Tantallon, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, Tantallon, Stillwater Lake and Lewis Lake.

These are the ways you can participate between **March 1 and April 15, 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; o
- 4) Pick-up a printed paper survey at one of 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 or multi-use pathways in Upper Tantallon.

Sincerely, 

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 (Snow date: March 26, 2024)
Session 1: 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Session 2: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
St. Luke’s United Church (lower hall) 5374 St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Upper Tantallon

Thursday, March 21, 2024 (Snow date: March 28, 2024)
Session time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
St. Margarets Rec Centre , Multi-Purpose Room 12 Westwood Boulevard, Upper Tantallon

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, rural and suburban 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 perpetuity after substantial completion of the initial sidewalk/ MUPs and would enable the community to receive additional sidewalks/ MUPs as the community grows.

If public support is received for the area rate and implementation of sidewalks/ MUPs in Upper Tantallon, the proposed area rate boundary to Regional Council would be determined using:

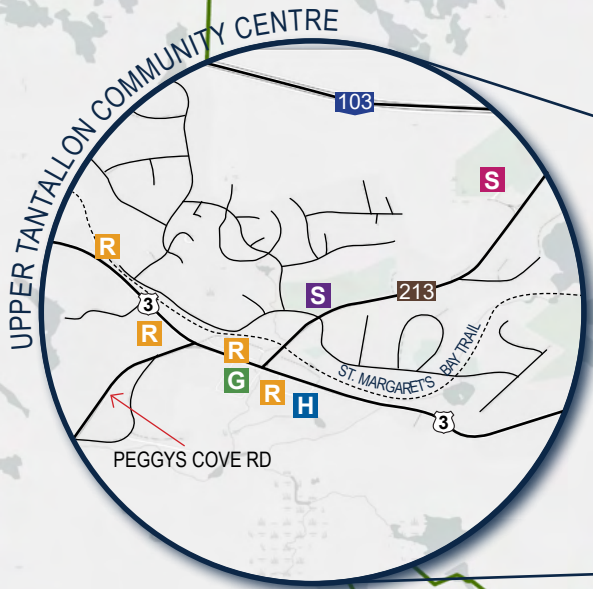
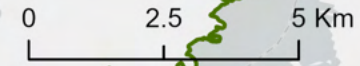
- Public feedback received during engagement.
- School catchment boundaries and travel pattern data.
- Types of destinations and amenities in Hubbard’s (e.g., grocery stores, regional services, recreation).

If supported by the community and approved by Regional Council, the next step would be to plan, design and build sidewalks/ MUPs by engaging with Upper Tantallon residents to determine priorities.

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

UPPER TANTALLON

PRELIMINARY AREA RATE BOUNDARY FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK



	PRELIMINARY AREA RATE BOUNDARY		BAY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
	COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES		TANTALLON JR./ SR. ELEMENTARY
	UPPER TANTALLON COMMUNITY CENTRE (GENERAL LOCATION OF INITIAL SIDEWALK OR MULTI-USE PATHWAY)		HEALTH SERVICES
			ATLANTIC SUPERSTORE
			RESTURANTS, RETAIL & MARKET

