An aerial photograph showing a wide river on the left, a dense forest in the middle, and a residential area with houses and streets on the right. A semi-transparent white box with a dark border is centered over the image, containing text and a logo.

Riverview Municipal Plan & Zoning By-law: Status Update on Plan Review Process

Council Presentation

October 28, 2024



Presentation Overview

- Introductions
- MP & ZBL Project Transition
- Public Engagement – What We Heard
- Next Steps

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions

- Who am I?
 - Jennifer Brown, MCIP, RPP
 - 10+ years of planning experience
 - 5 years with Dillon Consulting
 - Based in Saint John
 - Team of 7 Planners that work throughout Atlantic Canada (including 1 in our Moncton office!)
 - Supported by a team of Planners, Engineers, GIS Analysts, and Scientists across Canada

Introductions

- My Goal:
 - Facilitate a seamless (as possible!) transition from Kirk Brewer
 - Foster a collaborative approach to the project that continues to build long-term stewardship of the Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law
 - Draft an updated Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law that is reflective of the community's wants and needs
 - Draft an updated Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law that is endorsed by the Plan Review Committee and Council and in line with the Community's expectations

MP & ZBL TRANSITION

MP & ZBL Project Transition

- Plan 360 support
- Continued Staff support
- Plan Review Committee as a continued resource
- Expecting to adhere to established timelines



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:
WHAT WE HEARD

Opportunities to Engage



Online

May 27th to June 6th ,
2024

Project Website
Interactive Map
Survey



Public
Open
Houses

June 12th and 13th,
2024

Two evening sessions
Two afternoon
sessions



Developer
Focus
Group

June 25th, 2024

One focus group
Supplemental
interviews



Plan
Review
Committee

September 11th &
October 8th, 2024

Ongoing Monthly
Meetings

What We Heard: Online

Survey

- **676** contributions
- Majority of contributors aged **26-64**
- Most contributors have lived in Riverview for **20 years** or more

Interactive Map

- **319** contributions
- Majority of contributions were **areas that need improvement**
- Comments covered pedestrian **safety**, public and active **transportation**, **traffic** management, recreational facilities and **parks**, and environmental **conservation**.

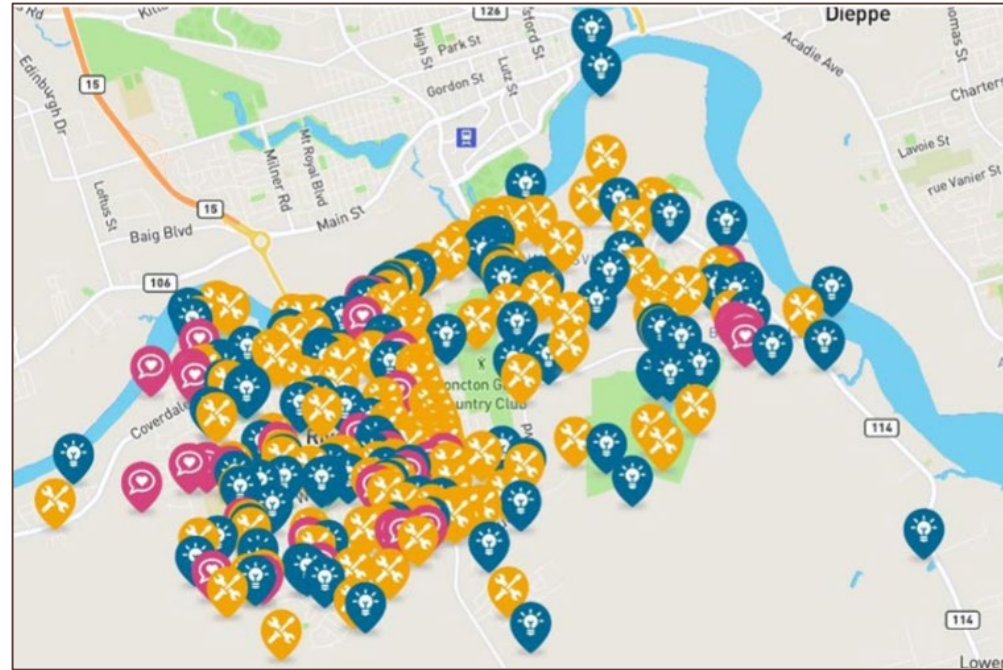
What We Heard: Online

Priorities

1. Improve Development Approval Process
2. Enhance Flood Resiliency
3. Increase Housing Variety

Themes

1. Housing Affordability & Availability
2. Municipal Services & Infrastructure
3. Town Character & Community Identity

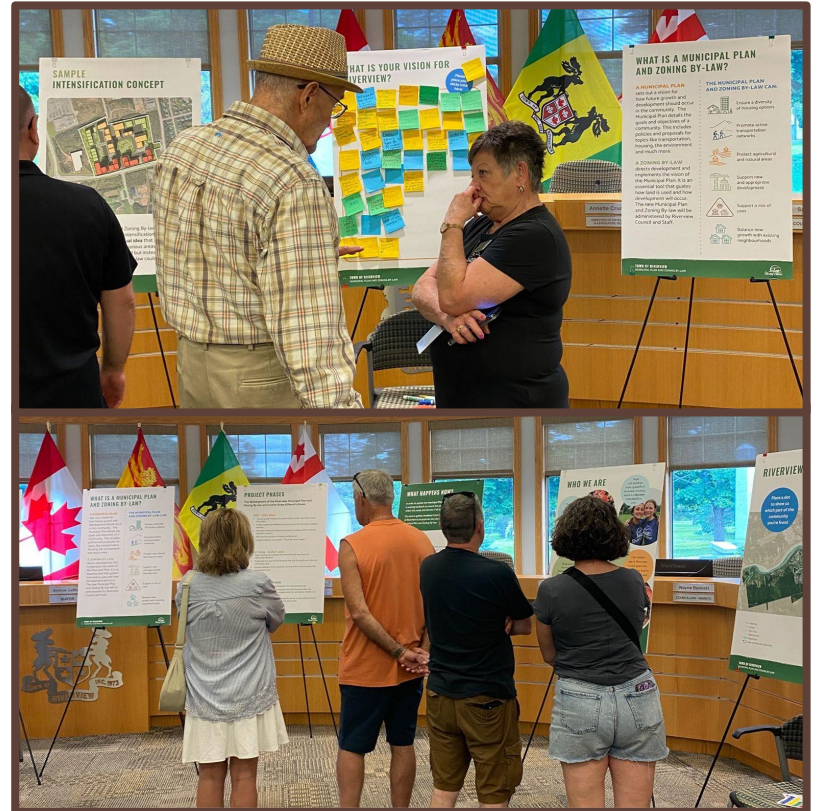


What We Heard: Public Open Houses

- Over **200** comments from **~300** attendees

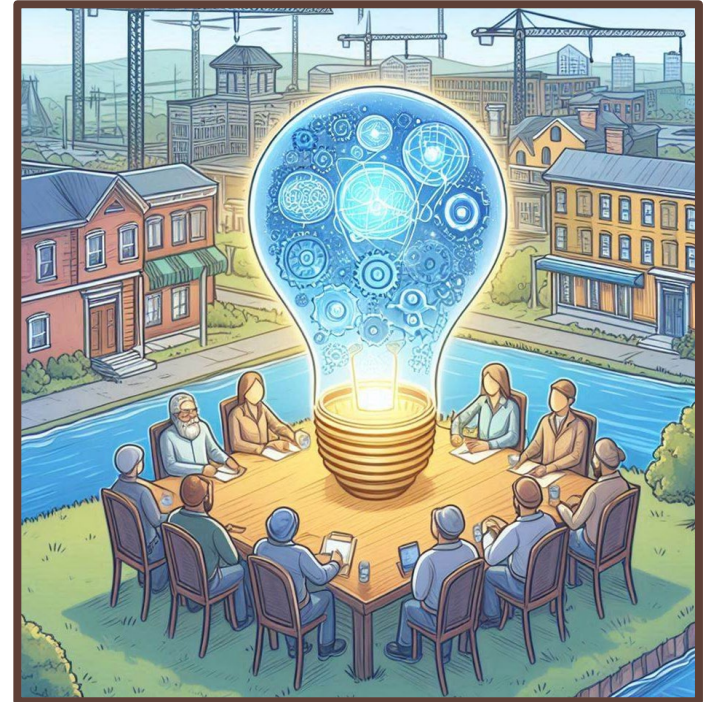
Key Priorities

1. **Sustainable Growth & Development**
2. **Housing Diversity & Affordability**
3. **Transportation & Active Lifestyles**
4. **Climate Resilience & Environmental Preservation**
5. **Community Identity & Inclusivity**



What We Heard: Developer Focus Group

- 13 development professionals invited with 4 attendees
- 5 interviews undertaken to supplement
- 4 main themes were discussed:
 - Regulatory Flexibility
 - Housing Trends
 - Recognizing the value of development
 - Improving Development Processes



What We Heard: What it Might Mean

- Improved policy and regulation to permit **Diverse Housing Options**
- Targeting key corridors for **Higher Density**
- Prioritizing **Public Infrastructure Improvements** in areas targeted for growth
- Locating density to create a stronger cases for **Transit** and **Active Transportation** connections

What We Heard: What it Might Mean

- Introducing policy and regulation that create a framework for a **Downtown**
- Creating more **As-of-Right** development options
- Sustained and consistent **Community Communications** to keep community engaged in project and overall processes

Next Steps

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- Monthly Plan Review Committee Meetings
- First Draft Municipal Plan reviewed by Committee and Staff by end of 2024
- Policy Approaches presented to Council early 2025, Municipal Plan ready for public review by Spring 2025
- Zoning By-law work begins early 2025



Thank You

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