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NOTICE OF CONSULTATIONS RE: MINIMUM PLANNING STANDARDS

The Department of Municipal Affairs would like to invite you to consultation sessions relating to minimum planning standards to be held across the Province during the week of January 21st, 2019. Municipal Affairs is engaging with municipal partners on the development of planning regulations stemming from changes to the *Municipal Government Act* as enabled through Bill 58, passed in the Fall of 2018.

Changes to the planning framework in the Province will affect all municipalities to varying degrees, and we are eager to receive input from you. The Department is consulting on regulations that will outline requirements for:

1. how the Statements of Provincial Interest are addressed;
2. how municipalities engage with their neighbouring municipalities about planning issues;
3. minimum content requirements for planning documents; and
4. having municipalities provide a description of any changes they have made to the Provincial Subdivision Regulations through the enactment of their own subdivision by-law.

These sessions will be held as follows:

- Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury: Monday, January 21st
- Holiday Inn, Truro: Tuesday, January 22nd
- Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville: Wednesday, January 23rd
- The Best Western, Liverpool: Thursday, January 24th
- The Rodd, Yarmouth: Friday, January 25th

All sessions will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and light refreshments will be provided.

Information received at these sessions will be used to shape the regulatory framework for municipal planning in Nova Scotia. Please consider attending a session with any relevant staff, including municipal councillors, planners, public works directors, development officers, etc.

To register for a session, please **RSVP by Friday, January 11th to Kathy.Zanth@novascotia.ca**, being sure to indicate the regional session you plan to attend, along with any special requirements. An agenda will be sent out prior to the date.

Should you have any questions related to planning, please feel free to contact me.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these sessions.

Yours truly,

Gordon Smith
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