

Monthly Report

Planning and Strategic Initiatives

January 2019

Staff are working on refining the results of the December 4th Council 2019 Strategic Priority Planning Day. With general priority themes identified, staff are developing potential long-term outcomes that describe what success looks like in those areas, as well as identifying existing and potential initiatives that address them.

There are currently seven participants in the Commercial Assessment Phase-In Program. Five projects are in the planning stages or are under construction, and two projects are now complete. Once the post construction assessments are completed by PVSC the agreements can be executed.

With regard to the VIA Station transfer, negotiations continue to move forward. A more detailed memo is in Council's package.

Regarding planning matters, the PAC have made a recommendation to Council with respect to a development agreement at 150 East Victoria Street to allow the conversion of 5 motel units to dwelling units. Land Use Bylaw amendments will also be considered for second reading. Both of these matters will be on the Council's regular meeting agenda on January 28th.

Town staff are in discussions with the Cumberland Energy Authority and Efficiency Nova Scotia for administration of the PACE program that would apply to both municipalities. This would allow for easier marketing of the program, and allow residents from both areas to get information with minimal confusion.

Planning also continues to provide planning and development services for the Town of Oxford.