

Monthly Report

Planning and Strategic Initiatives

February 2019

Staff continue to refine the results of the Council's Strategic Priority Planning Day held in December. Priority themes, and Potential Outcomes have been through multiple reviews with management staff. A Vision, Mission, and Guiding Principles have also been developed, with the goal to provide a draft package for Council's consideration in late February – early March.

With regard to the Commercial Assessment Phase In program, two projects have been completed and the program agreement is being finalized. These agreements being the first under the program, careful review and a learning curve is required to ensure contractual certainty.

The VIA Station transfer agreements are now signed by all parties, and preparations are being made in anticipation for the deal closing on March 1st.

Town staff is 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.

With regards to 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. Council have given this first reading, and scheduled a public hearing on the matter for February 20th at 12:00 p.m.

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