



**TITLE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM -
ENGAGEMENT WITH ABUTTING MUNICIPALITIES**

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I certify this to be a true copy of the Public Participation Program - Engagement with Abutting Municipalities Policy as adopted by the Municipal Council of Richmond County at a Public Meeting held February 27, 2023.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose is to establish a policy to provide opportunity for engagement with abutting municipalities to learn more about an issue and the potential impact a change in planning policy may have. The Municipality of the County of Richmond's neighbours are the Town of Port Hawkesbury, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Municipality of the County of Inverness. The aim of early engagement is to reduce land-use conflict and increase cooperative opportunities. Council supports municipal engagement when adopting and amending municipal planning strategies. Although the Potlotek First Nation is not a municipality, the Municipality of the County of Richmond wishes to notify and encourage discussion when planning decisions that may impact this community.

2. PRINCIPLES OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 As required by section 204A of the MGA, in the case where the adoption or amendment of a Municipal Planning Strategy is proposed, Council shall seek input from the following abutting municipalities:
- a) Town of Port Hawkesbury
 - b) Cape Breton Regional Municipality
 - c) Municipality of the County of Inverness
- 2.2 Although the Potlotek First Nation is not a municipality, the Municipality of the County of Richmond wishes to notify and encourage discussion when planning decisions that may impact this community as outlined in section 3.2.



3. POLICY

- 3.1** Council shall consult and engage with the Town of Port Hawkesbury, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Municipality of the County of Inverness when:
- a) Adopting or replacing a Municipal Planning Strategy; and
 - b) Considering amendments to a Municipal Planning Strategy, which would affect lands that share a common boundary with the Town of Port Hawkesbury, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, and the Municipality of the County of Inverness.
- 3.2** Council shall formally notify the Potlotek First Nation within 14 days of initiation of any non-housekeeping amendment to a Municipal Planning Strategy and the initiation of any process to adopt a new municipal planning strategy.

This policy was last reviewed:

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