



POLICY NO. 68

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF BARRINGTON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

1. This policy is made pursuant to Part VIII of the **Municipal Government Act**, Chapter 18 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia 1998, which requires a Council to adopt a public participation program concerning the preparation, review and amendments of planning documents.
2. The Council, **through their Planning Advisory Committee**, shall provide for public input by holding one or more public participation meetings and the meetings shall be held prior to **the Committee's recommendation to Council and** Council giving notice of intention to adopt planning documents.
3. Notice of any public participation meeting shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the Municipality of the District of Barrington, by posting a notice in the Municipal Office and on the municipal website and social media. This notice shall state the time, date and place of meeting and the hours during which planning documents may be inspected by the public. In the event of a public participation meeting taking place due to a request made by an applicant, a notice stating the time, date and place of meetings concerning their request shall be sent directly to the applicant by mail or email.
4. The purpose of the public participation meeting shall be to provide an opportunity for the public to comment, make suggestions, discuss and receive information with respect to the planning documents.
5. Members of the public may express their views, comments and suggestions verbally, or in writing, and all interested persons will be given the opportunity to have their views and comments and suggestions heard.
6. ~~The meeting shall be conducted by the Planning Advisory Committee, and~~ **T**he Committee Chair shall provide a written report to the Council at the next Regular Council Meeting noting the views of the public as expressed at the public participation meeting.

