



Notice of Public Meeting

Town of Port au Port East Municipal Plan Review

When and Where?

- 7:30-8:30pm, Thursday, November 12, 2020
- **UPDATED – Town Office, Port au Port East**

Why Attend?

The Town of Port au Port East is currently developing a new Municipal Plan to guide the future direction of the Town for the next ten years. A Municipal Plan is a road map for how residents, Mayor and Council wish to see the community move forward in areas such as economic development, housing, parks and recreation, heritage and archaeological conservation, and environmental protection.

Public participation is a key part of a gaining feedback from residents prior to developing the Plan. It is important that community members provide input so that the registered documents are relevant and effective.

Public Participation & Timeframe

SCP is currently conducting a community-wide survey to garner feedback on the development of the new Municipal Plan ('Envision Port au Port East 2031: Municipal Plan Survey' found on SCP's website here: <https://smithcommunityplan.wixsite.com/home>). Interviews with community stakeholder groups are ongoing. This is the first of two public meetings. The second will tentatively be held in the winter, 2021 to review drafts of the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.

Please check the Town's Facebook page, or call the Town Office on November 10, 2020, for confirmation that the public meeting will proceed as it may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Council wishes to have the Municipal Plan completed and registered by winter, 2022.

How to Stay Informed

SCP consulting group has been retained to develop the Municipal Plan on behalf of the Town. Updates regarding the project will be made on the Town's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/townpaper/>). Andrew Smith, MCIP is project lead and can be contacted (preferably by email) at smithcommunityplanning@gmail.com or (709) 740-3262. Please contact him if you have questions or would like to provide input.

UPDATE – October 23, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to manage numbers at the public meeting, the Port au Port East Town Council is asking that everyone pre-register by Friday, November 6, 2020 by contacting the Town Office at 648-2731. The meeting will no longer be located at the Maria Regina Parish Hall and will now be held at the Town Office (same date and time as above). If numbers do not allow for social distancing, an additional meeting will be arranged.

As per provincial COVID-19 requirements, please wear a mask to the meeting. Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entering the Town Office. Attendees will be required to practice social distancing during the meeting, and asked to remain seated throughout the presentation and discussion.

If residents are uncomfortable attending the session due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but still wish to provide comments, please contact Andrew Smith, MCIP directly at smithcommunityplanning@gmail.com or (709) 740-3262.

The Town of Port au Port East is currently in the process of developing a new Municipal Plan and Development Regulations. The new Plan will be the roadmap for the community over the next 10 years. The Plan will contain policy and proposal statements regarding economic development, protection of the environment, and the future form and development of land uses. The Regulations will contain the detailed provisions to give effect to the Plan (e.g. zoning). The current Municipal Plan and Development Regulations can be viewed here: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/registry/community/port-au-port-east/>.

The Town has retained SCP consultants (<https://smithcommunityplan.wixsite.com/home>) to develop the new Plan. Public participation is a central part of this process as the document must reflect the priorities and values of the community as a whole. Town Council would greatly appreciate if you took the time to complete the brief (10-minute) "Envision Port au Port East 2031: Municipal Plan Survey" found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLPxjGSdz2YBdFXZLmVxjHOQyXpeCRCsyIx56LDbGH7bhj2A/viewform?usp=sf_link.

There will be a survey draw on November 20, 2020 for a \$100 gift certificate for participants who have completed the survey and provided contact info. It is preferred that you complete the survey on-line, but you can pick up a hard copy at the Town Office and return to same.

SCP consultants will also be holding a public meeting, tentatively set for 7:30-8:30pm, Thursday, November 12, 2020 at the Town Office to give an overview of the Plan development process and how to stay engaged and informed throughout. There will be a brief presentation at this session with a follow-up informal discussion.

Please stay up-to-date on this process by checking the Town's Facebook page regularly. Further, please check the Town's Facebook page or call the Town Office (709-648-2731) on November 10, 2020, for confirmation that the public meeting will proceed as it may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Andrew Smith, MCIP directly at smithcommunityplanning@gmail.com or (709) 740-3262.

UPDATE – October 23, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to manage numbers at the public meeting, the Port au Port East Town Council is asking that everyone pre-register by Friday, November 6, 2020 by contacting the Town Office at 648-2731. The meeting will no longer be located at the Maria Regina Parish Hall and will now be held at the Town Office (same date and time as above). If numbers do not allow for social distancing, an additional meeting will be arranged.

As per provincial COVID-19 requirements, please wear a mask to the meeting. Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entrance to the Town Office. Attendees will be required to practice social distancing during the meeting, and asked to remain seated throughout the presentation and discussion.

If residents are uncomfortable attending the session due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but still wish to provide comments, please contact Andrew Smith, MCIP directly at smithcommunityplanning@gmail.com or (709) 740-3262.