

By-law No. 121: Municipal Plan By-law Amendments

The Council of the Municipality of Grand Bay-Westfield under authority vested in it by Section 24 of the *Community Planning Act*, 2017 C.19 enacts as follows:

- 1. Schedule A, the Generalized Future Land Use Map of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield, is repealed and replaced with the attached Schedule A, Generalized Future Land Use Map of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield 2023.
- 2. An amendment to Section 1, Administration to add the following:
 - 1.1 Municipal Boundary Change
 The Municipal Boundary of the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield was expanded on January 1, 2023 as a result of the Province of New Brunswick's Local Governance Reform initiative. The Town's Municipal Plan was amended to provide for the updated Municipal Boundary and to ensure appropriate consideration of the new extents of the Town. Text amendments are noted throughout this document by a subscript.
- 3. An amendment to Section 2.3 Engagement Results to add the following:
 - 2.3.1 Engagement Results: Municipal Boundary Change
 The Town undertook community engagement as part of the Municipal Plan
 amendment that was initiated as part of the Municipal Boundary change
 resulting from the Province's Local Governance Reform initiative. This round
 of community engagement took place between February 3 and March 6,
 2023 and included an online survey and public open house. The community
 engagement activities sought to understand and quantify any changes in the
 community's values or priorities. Key interest points raised from this round
 of engagement included:
 - 1. Housing affordability and accessibility;
 - 2. Access to employment opportunities; and
 - 3. Maintaining rural character.



4. An amendment to section 4. Housing to add the following:

4.2 Housing Affordability

Accessing affordable housing is a critical concern of the community. Affordable housing, for the purposes of this policy section, is defined in keeping with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's definition which considers housing affordable when a household spends less than 30 percent of its pre-tax income on adequate shelter. Affordable housing encompasses both government subsidized and non-subsidized housing. Although there are limited tools available at the municipal level to incentivize the development of affordable housing, the Town will continue facilitate a clear development process to ensure it continues to build its reputation as a welcoming place to develop.

H-7 Council shall advocate for increased funding opportunities to incentivize housing.

H-8 Council shall continue to explore building relationships with non-profit housing entities within the region.

H-9 Council shall advocate for additional tools to incentivize the development of a variety of housing types.

H-10 Council shall explore the development of an affordable housing strategy or action plan.

H-11 Council shall regularly evaluate and explore opportunities to update its development process.



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APPROVAL OF COUNCIL

By-law No. X entitled, Town of Grand Bay-Westfield Municipal Plan By-law, enacted the _day of, 2020 is hereby amended.	
READ A FIRST TIME in its entirety th	is <u>th</u> day of, 2023.
READ A SECOND TIME by title this _	<u>th</u> day of, 2023.
READ A THIRD TIME in its entirety a	nd ENACTED on this <u>th</u> day of <u></u> , 2023.
SIGNED AND APPROVED this ####	day of June, 2023.
John Enns-Wind	Brittany Merrifield
CAO	Mayor

