



**REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC VITALITY
COMMITTEE**

For City Council – December 13, 2021

From: The Office of the City Clerk
Date: Thursday, November 25, 2021
Title: A New Southcore Secondary Municipal Plan

Description:

The Economic Vitality Committee, at its meeting held on November 25, 2021 considered an administrative report from the Manager of Heritage & Urban Design seeking Council’s approval to initiate the process for the preparation of a new South Core Secondary Municipal Plan by-law.

The Municipal Plan directs that a new secondary municipal plan be prepared for the South Core. The existing secondary municipal plan for this general area was adopted over twenty years ago and no longer provides appropriate land use guidance. Imagine Fredericton envisions a more urban, compact and sustainable Fredericton; a vision in which the South Core plays a key role in achieving the community goals outlined in both the Growth Strategy and the Municipal Plan.

A new South Core Secondary Municipal Plan will provide a detailed framework for new development, including public realm and built form design guidelines, access and circulation, land use distribution, heights and densities, and servicing requirements, that support positive urban development that achieves the goals of the Growth Strategy and the Municipal Plan.

Staff are recommending that authority be given to the Planning and Development Department to prepare a scoping document for a new South Core Secondary Municipal Plan. The scoping document would be accompanied with a request for proposals to secure a professional planning consultant to undertake some of the work that will be required to prepare the plan.

Staff see the process as similar to recently completed plans, as a collaborative effort involving City staff and hired consultants. It is anticipated that City planning staff will take the lead on the technical background work as well as the development of planning policy and regulation. The consultants would take the lead on public engagement and analysis

Accordingly, it was recommended that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby directs that the Director of Planning and Development proceed in the preparation of a scoping document and request for proposals seeking professional planning services to assist with the preparation of a new South Core Secondary Municipal Plan.