

**Humber Valley Regional Planning  
Advisory Authority Leadership  
Committee**

Activity Plan  
2017-20

## Message from the Chair

I am pleased to submit the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee Activity Plan for the period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020. This plan was prepared in accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act* requirements for category 3 entities.

In preparing this activity plan, consideration was given to the strategic directions of Government, as communicated by the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment. In particular, the committee supports efforts toward creating sustainable communities.

My signature below acknowledges that the committee is accountable for the preparation of this plan and the achievement of its objective.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donovan F. Downer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

**Donovan F. Downer, PhD**

Chairperson

Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee

## Overview

The principal function of the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee (the “committee”) is to facilitate the development of a regional plan for the Humber Valley Regional area for recommendation to Government. As such, the committee oversees the work and preparation associated with developing a Regional Land Use Plan which will help lead future growth and development in the region.

The committee was established pursuant to section 9 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*. In particular, the role of the committee is to:

- Identify the goals and objectives of the regional plan;
- Report back to each municipality;
- Approve and oversee the public consultation process;
- Provide municipal feedback; and,
- Recommend approval of the completed regional plan to the Minister.

The committee comprises an independent chairperson and seven mayors or designates.

The current chairperson and members of the committee are:

Dr. Don Downer, Chairperson  
Mayor Peter Rowsell, Steady Brook  
Mayor Otto Goulding, Pasadena  
Councillor Elmo Bingle, Deer Lake  
Mayor Melvin Rideout, Cormack  
Mayor Roger Barrett, Reidville  
Councillor Mary Ann Murphy, Corner Brook  
Mayor Gordon Davis, Massey Drive

## Budget and Expenditures

The committee does not have any dedicated staff, nor does it manage any funds or financial statements. Further, members of the committee do not receive remuneration.

The Province and municipalities share the cost of developing the regional plan. The Province contributed 80% of the funding and the municipalities shared the remaining 20% of the costs on a per capita basis.

## Issue

### Regional Land Use Plan

The Humber Valley region experienced significant growth and development in recent years. In 2009, in order to foster a more equitable system of development control in the region, the department recommended that a regional plan be developed for the area. The Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee was established to facilitate the development of the plan.

In developing the land use plan, the committee consulted with participating municipalities, as well as government representatives and other individuals and organizations with an interest in land use in the region. The committee engaged a consultant to undertake various components of the development of the land use plan. A draft plan was submitted for Government's consideration in winter 2011. In 2014, after a comprehensive review of the draft plan, Government responded to the committee requesting additional work be carried out. A revised plan was submitted to Government in 2015 and is under review.

The committee has met its mandate to develop and submit a regional land use plan for consideration by the minister and is waiting for the results of the review and public hearings. As such, the committee has determined that a three-year goal is not applicable. Instead, the committee will report on the same annual objective in each applicable year of the plan, or until such a time as a regional land use plan is adopted and the committee is disbanded.

**Objective:** By March 31, 2018, 2019, and 2020, the committee will have engaged appropriately to facilitate completion of a regional land use plan for the Humber Valley region.

**Indicators:**

- Responded in a timely fashion to requests from the Minister.
- Provided appropriate assistance in revising the draft plan if needed.