



New Minas Housing Survey

Welcome to the New Minas Housing Survey

Vision New Minas is a project to develop a Secondary Plan for the Growth Centre of New Minas that will guide how the community evolves over the coming decades.

Vision New Minas will ensure that future expansion and development in the Valley's service centre supports the goals of the community and contributes to the overall sustainability of the region. As someone who lives in, works in, or visits New Minas, your input and experiences are vital to the success of this project! Please take ten minutes to fill out this short survey on housing and contribute to the development of this Secondary Plan.

To learn more, visit www.VisionNewMinas.ca and if you have any questions or concerns please contact the project team at Hello@VisionNewMinas.ca

Thank you!

Please return completed surveys to one of these three locations:

- 1. Drop off at Village of New Minas office, 9489 Commercial Street, New Minas, attn: Ian Morrison**
- 2. Drop off at Municipality of Kings office, 181 Coldbrook Village Park Drive, Coldbrook, attn: Laura Mosher**
- 3. Mail to:**
UPLAND Planning + Design
63 King Street
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 2R7



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About You

1. Where do you currently live?

- Within New Minas
- Within the area nearby New Minas (approx. 10 minute drive)
- I do not live in the New Minas area

2. How long have you lived in the New Minas area?

- 2 years or less
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-19 years
- 20 years or more
- I do not live in the New Minas area

3. What type of resident are you?

- Full-time homeowner (living in New Minas area more than 6 months per year)
- Part-time homeowner (living in New Minas area less than 6 months per year)
- Full-time renter (living in New Minas area more than 6 months per year)
- Part-time renter (living in New Minas area less than 6 months per year)
- I am not a local resident

4. How many people live in your household? Please enter numeric digits.



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Current Housing Experience

5. Which of the following housing issues are relevant to **your rental experience** in New Minas? Please check all that apply.

- I have no rental experience in New Minas
- Unaffordable rent (rent is more than 30% of household income)
- Lack of rental options
- Difficulty making payments for services or utilities
- Need for smaller housing option
- Need for larger housing option
- Need for physically accessible housing option
- Difficulty accessing amenities without a vehicle
- Need for supportive housing
- Property in need of major maintenance or repair
- Limited lease periods (seasonal, short-term or no option to renew)
- Unsuitable living situation (couch surfing, sharing a bedroom, etc.)
- Feeling isolated from neighbours
- Difficulty doing routine up-keep (snow removal, taking out trash, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

6. Which of the following housing issues are relevant to **your home ownership experience** in New Minas?

Please check all that apply.

- I do not have home ownership experience in New Minas
- Unaffordable monthly mortgage payment (payment is more than 30% of household income)
- Difficulty making payments for services or utilities
- Need for smaller housing option
- Need for larger housing option
- Need for physically accessible housing option
- Difficulty accessing amenities without a vehicle
- Property in need of major maintenance or repair
- Difficulty paying property taxes
- Unsuitable living situation (couch surfing, sharing a bedroom, etc.)
- Feeling isolated from neighbours
- Difficulty doing routine upkeep (snow removal, taking out trash, etc.)
- Other (please specify)

7. In the coming 5 years, which of the following **changes** do you anticipate for your household? Please check all that apply.

- No changes
- Moving away from New Minas
- Buying a seasonal or secondary property in New Minas
- Buying a primary residence in New Minas
- Moving to New Minas and living in a rental unit
- Constructing an addition
- Accommodating an older family member
- Accommodating a home business
- Accommodating adult children
- Renting out a space within the property for long-term tenancy
- Renting out a space within the property for short-term guests
- Other renovations/upgrades
- Downsizing within New Minas
- Moving into a larger space in New Minas
- Other (please specify)



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Housing Issues

8. It is useful to understand how a community perceives its housing trends.

Based on your observations, how easy or difficult is it to find housing in New Minas?

- Very easy; there are lots of housing options.
- Somewhat easy; with effort, most people can find the housing they need.
- Neutral
- Somewhat difficult; despite effort, many people cannot find the housing they need.
- Very difficult, there is a shortage of housing options.

9. With "1" being most preferable, and "8" being least preferable, please rank your preferred approaches to increase housing availability or affordability over the next 20 years.

_____ Physically accessible homes

_____ Increased density in some existing neighbourhoods

_____ Energy efficiency upgrades

_____ Housing for 1-person households

_____ Alternative housing forms (co-housing clusters, multi-unit, lot infill, tiny homes)

_____ Alternative ownership and/or tenure models (co-operative, community land trust, rent-to-own)

_____ Adaptive reuse or conversions of large homes, churches and halls

_____ Dormitory housing for seasonal employees



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Demographic Information

The following information will help us to better understand the housing situation in New Minas. Your answers will remain anonymous.

10. What is your before-tax household income?

- Under \$19,999
- \$20,000-\$29,999
- \$30,000-\$39,999
- \$40,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$59,999
- \$60,000-\$69,999
- \$70,000-\$79,999
- \$80,000-\$89,999
- \$90,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000 or more

11. With which gender do you identify?

12. How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+



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Final Thoughts

13. Do you have any other comments or concerns about housing that you would like to share?