

## Urban Design & Active Transportation Community Survey

Welcome to the Online Survey! This survey will help to inform the consultant team about community preferences for the New Minas Secondary Planning Strategy development. The purpose of this survey is to understand how New Minas residents would like to see urban design (buildings, landscaping, etc.) and active transportation opportunities (walking, biking, rolling, etc.) evolve in the coming years.

The survey has been organized into five (5) question categories: Introductory, Residential Neighbourhood Design, Street Design, Active Transportation, and Commercial Street Design.

This survey will take you approximately 7 minutes.

**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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### Introductory Questions

\* 1. First, please tell us a little bit about yourself. Are you a:

- Resident of New Minas
- Resident of Kings County (but outside of New Minas)
- Resident of Nova Scotia, outside of Kings County
- Other (please specify)

\* 2. What age category are you?

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

\* 3. What are your **top three** priorities for improvement to New Minas?

- Improving the design of buildings
- Creating a mix of housing types
- Making Commercial Street a destination
- Increasing number/quality of parks and recreation facilities
- Installing more sidewalks or multi-use pathways
- Introducing new bike lanes or bike parking
- Improving traffic flow
- Better access to shops and services
- Increasing environmental protections
- Making future development predictable
- Ongoing citizen engagement in community development

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### Questions about Residential Neighbourhood Design

The following questions ask you to select the building style you prefer for different levels of residential development.

4. What building style do you **prefer** for low-density single-unit homes?



Bungalow - classic suburban



Two-Storey - classic suburban



Two-Storey - Victorian Style



Two-Storey - modern style

5. What building style do you **prefer** for medium-density townhouse/attached residential homes?



Modern townhomes



Classic townhomes

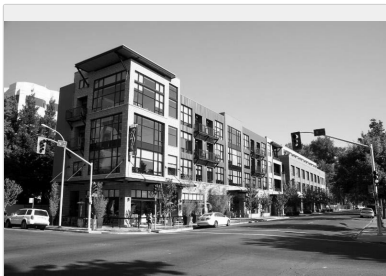


Classic semi-detached



Modern semi-detached

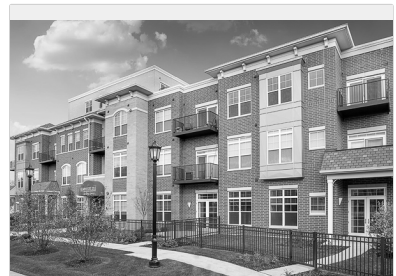
6. What building style do you **prefer** for medium-density apartment-style homes?



Contemporary urban



Classic suburban



Contemporary suburban



Classic urban



7. What type of building do you feel is needed most in New Minas?

- Single-unit homes
- Multi-unit homes (apartment buildings)
- Townhouse homes
- Mini homes (mobile homes)
- Duplex homes
- Other (please specify)

8. Is there a recent residential development in New Minas that you particularly like or dislike? Why?

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### Questions about Street Design

9. Which street design do you **prefer** for residential streets?



Suburban style, no sidewalks



Rural style, no sidewalks

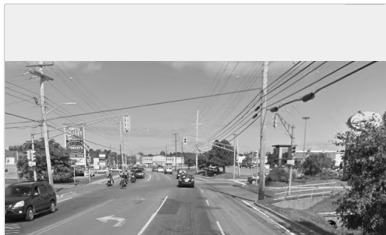


Suburban style, sidewalks

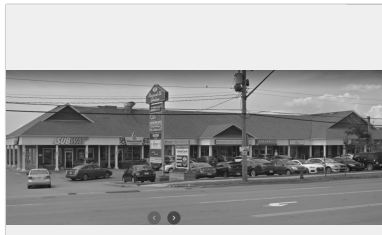


Urban style, sidewalks

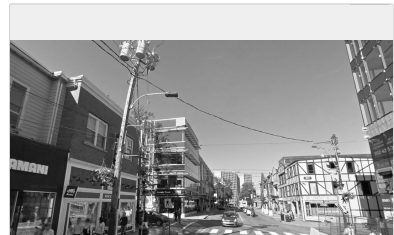
10. Which street design do you **prefer** for commercial streets?



Existing Commercial Street



Smaller buildings, closer to street



Walkable urban street

11. Which landscaping do you **prefer** for a commercial street?



Wider sidewalk with landscaped area



Sidewalk with grass landscaping

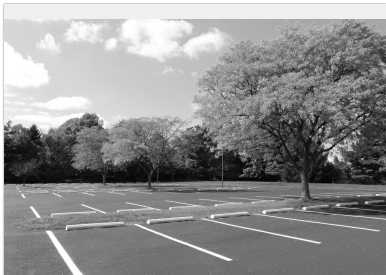


Sidewalk no landscaping



Wider sidewalk with trees

12. Which commercial parking lot design do you **prefer**?



Asphalt paving with landscaping



Asphalt paving with lighting



Paving stones with landscaping



Parking rear building, no landscape



Parking rear building, landscaping

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### Questions about Active Transportation

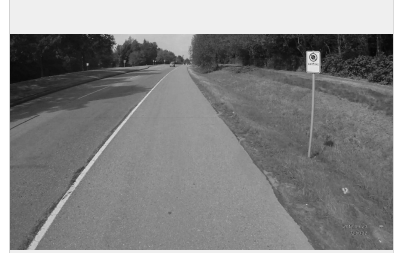
13. Which design do you **prefer** for a public sidewalk?



Wide pavement sidewalk



Paving stones/landscaped sidewalk



Paved road shoulder sidewalk



Asphalt sidewalk with grass

14. Which design would you most likely use for active transportation/bike lanes?



'Sharrow' or shared vehicle lanes



Separated bike lane (one-way)



Two-way separated bike lane



Shared multi-use pathway

15. What is your most frequently used mode of transportation?

On foot

By bus (Kings Transit)

By bike

By electric wheelchair or scooter

By car

Other (please specify)

16. How often do you **walk** from your home to a destination, such as work, school, a restaurant, a daycare, the bank, or a friend's house?

5+ times per week

1-3 times per month

2-4 times per week

Less than 1 time per month

About 1 time per week

Never

17. How often do you **ride a bike** from your home to a destination, such as work, school, a restaurant, a daycare, the bank, or a friend's house?

5+ times per week

1-3 times per month

2-4 times per week

Less than 1 time per month

About 1 time per week

Never

18. Which of the following would make it more likely that you would choose to **walk** to get around your community?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slower vehicle traffic   | <input type="checkbox"/> More destinations within walking distance  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More sidewalks on busy streets                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> More sidewalks on neighbourhood streets    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better lighting  | <input type="checkbox"/> More marked crosswalks across busy streets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More signage or directions around the community for people walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to the road surface           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)   |   |

19. Which of the following best describes how you feel about **riding a bike** on streets in New Minas?

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|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I am not interested in riding my bicycle on streets                                    | <input type="radio"/> I am strong and fearless when I ride my bike on streets |
| <input type="radio"/> I am interested in riding a bicycle, but I have concerns so I never ride it on streets | <input type="radio"/> I never ride a bike                                     |
| <input type="radio"/> I am enthusiastic and confident when I ride my bike on streets                         |   |

20. Which of the following would make it more likely that you would **ride a bike** to get around your community?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More destinations in my neighbourhood                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood streets with slowed and reduced traffic             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better lighting   | <input type="checkbox"/> On-street painted bike lanes                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classes where I can learn safe biking skills and bike maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> More signage or directions around the community for people biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-street paths  | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to the road surface                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-street bike lanes separated from car traffic                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |  |

\* 21. What are the **top three** active transportation improvements you would like to see in New Minas?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More sidewalks on Commercial Street                              | <input type="checkbox"/> More crosswalks on neighbourhood streets                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More sidewalks on neighbourhood streets                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Street surface quality improvements (i.e. pothole repairs, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More multi-use pathways for biking and walking                   | <input type="checkbox"/> More signage or mapping for people on foot or on bikes           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More on-street bike lanes  | <input type="checkbox"/> More walking connections across parking lots                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More off-street bike and walking paths or trails                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Closer Kings Transit bus stops                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More crosswalks on Commercial Street                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Better lighting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installing signals for pedestrian crossings on Commercial Street |   |

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### Commercial Street Design Questions

22. Which pathway would you **prefer to use** when walking to a store or walking from your car to a store?



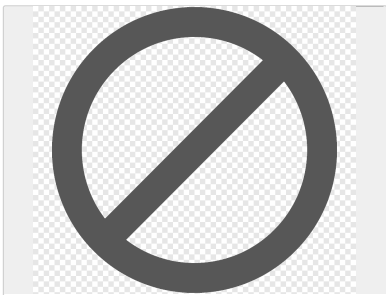
Crosswalk with coloured pavers



Pathway with grass connection



Pathway (no landscaping)



I wouldn't use any of these

23. Which building design would you **prefer** for new development on Commercial Street?



Large building close to street



Three-storey smaller buildings



Commercial base, residential above



1-2 storey pitched roof style



Existing building style/design



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### Conclusion

24. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about urban design and active transportation in New Minas?