
Rural Planning and Zoning in the Hanwell Local Service District

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A Rural Plan is a Ministerial Regulation under the *Community Planning Act* that guides land use and development. The Rural Planning District Commission (RPDC) administers and enforces Rural Plans on behalf of the Minister. Rural Plans include policies and proposals regarding the use of land that direct development towards the goals the community wants to achieve. Policies and proposals are implemented through general provisions and zoning that set out standards for development and regulate how land in a particular zone may be used. Without a Rural Plan there is no official forum for interested persons to have a say in how their community develops. Rural Plans are not written in stone and can be amended through a public process, which encourages the public to comment on proposals before decisions are made.

Most of the unincorporated areas in the Greater Fredericton Area currently have a Rural Plan or are in the process of adopting one. Hanwell has been an area of significant growth, but does not have a Rural Plan. Since 2002, the former Department of the Environment and Local Government and the RPDC have received requests to create a Rural Plan from neighborhood groups in the Hanwell Area, such as the Yoho Lake Residents Association, and the Concerned Citizens of Brookdale Subdivision. In 2003

the Hanwell Local Service District Advisory Committee was formed and requested that the process be initiated and brought forward for community input. At that time the RPDC had already held information sessions within the Yoho Lake Area in regards to their previous requests for a Rural Plan.

So far, the RPDC has gathered physical and social data on the Hanwell LSD and have completed a Background Report. With the Background Report complete the RPDC is prepared to collaborate with the community to create a Rural Plan. The RPDC will be seeking volunteers to form a volunteer steering committee to represent the diverse interests in the Hanwell area and to work with the RDPC Planners in developing the Rural Plan. The RPDC and the Working Group will report back to the Community at Open Houses and through other methods such as the Hanwell LSD website and newsletters.



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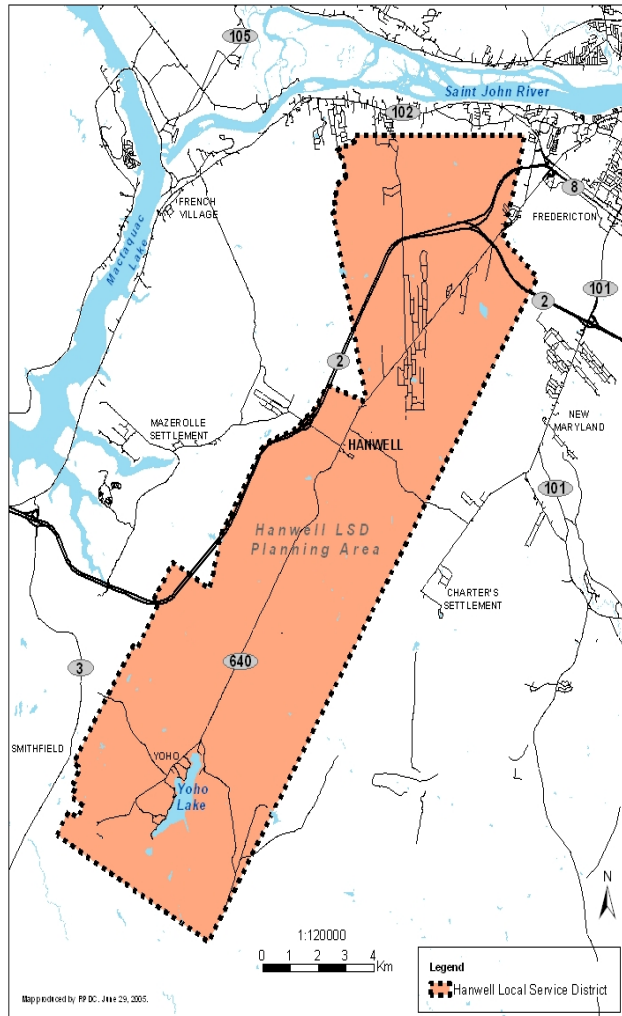
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Map of Hanwell LSD



OPEN HOUSE

**COME PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING
PROCESS!**

**The Rural Planning District Commission is
holding an Open House on:
Tuesday, August 29th from 3:00 - 9:00pm
at
Star-Lite Lodge, 108 Milky Way Dr.**

RPDC Staff will be on hand to present materials from the Background Report and to obtain feedback from residents. This Open House is being held during the summer to facilitate seasonal residents' participation in the planning process. More Open Houses will follow in various locations throughout the LSD, so no need to worry if the Open House conflicts with your summer fun agenda! All Hanwell LSD residents and land owners, and any other interested persons, are more than welcome to attend any and all Open Houses.

**If you have any questions please contact
Dallas Gillis at (506) 453-6099 or at
dallas.gillis@ruralplanning.ca**

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