

Assessing Actions and Projects through the *Sustainable Sackville* lens

Ultimately, the *Sustainable Sackville* framework is implemented through our daily decision-making. Below is a worksheet that outlines four strategic questions to help you assess any type of action, project, or initiative by using *Sustainable Sackville* to inform your decision-making.

1. DOES THE PROPOSAL MOVE SACKVILLE TOWARD OUR SHARED VISION OF SUCCESS?

Indicate the top two Priority Areas in the *Sustainable Sackville* that your proposal supports:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> Green and Efficient Municipal Operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Food System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinated Voluntary Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Local Capacity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Business Resiliency | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Our Built Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing Local Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Opportunities |

Which of the strategies does your proposal primarily move us **toward**?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

HOW could you **maximize** this positive impact?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Which of the strategies does your proposal primarily move us **away from**?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

HOW could you **minimize** this negative impact?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. DOES THE PROPOSAL MOVE SACKVILLE TOWARD OUR SHARED SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES?

Does it:	Toward Quickly	Toward Slowly	Neutral	Away	If "away" how could you minimize this negative impact?
1. Contribute to the balanced vision for Sackville - economic, social and environmental components - and their interrelationships?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Recognize and build on the distinctive characteristics of Sackville, including human and cultural values, history, and natural ecosystems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Focus on enhancing quality of life based on social, economic and environmental indicators?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Minimize the negative impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Engage community members in meeting collective needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Foster communication and build relationships among community groups, organizations, institutions and other municipalities to emphasize sustainability and resiliency as a common goal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

3. DOES THE ACTION PRESENT A FLEXIBLE PLATFORM FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE SACKVILLE?

In general, choosing actions that are as flexible as possible will help you avoid dead end situations. If technical or economic conditions change in the future, investments in flexible solutions will help ensure that these changes do not bring overly punitive costs, do not limit our ability to adapt and ensure that future steps further reduce our impacts on natural systems.

Use the space to the right to indicate how your action incorporates long-term flexibility.

The action incorporates long-term flexibility by:

4. DOES THE ACTION PRESENT A GOOD FINANCIAL INVESTMENT?

What is the approximate cost of the action?

Does this action reduce long term operating costs?

If so, what is the approximate associated pay-back period for the investment?

Have non-market costs* been considered in your decision making?

Capital: \$

Yes

Yes

Operating: \$/year

No

No

5. Given your assessment of the benefits, challenges and long-term costs associated with this action, what is your level of comfort with moving forward?

- Strongly support this action
- Support in principle, but depends on how it is executed
- Unsure, need more information
- On the right track, but substantial changes are required. Currently, not comfortable supporting this action

*non-market costs is the economic term for the costs of an activity that are not part of the product price, but instead borne by the community (e.g., impacts like air pollution, traffic congestion, public safety, when purchasing new vehicles)

This form has been adapted from the Williams Lake Assessing Actions and Projects Framework.