



# Clam Harbour Provincial Park

Public Engagement Session

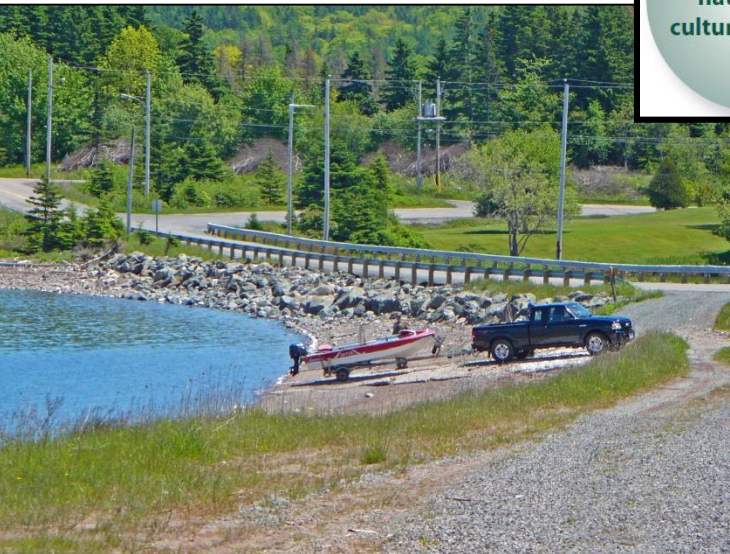
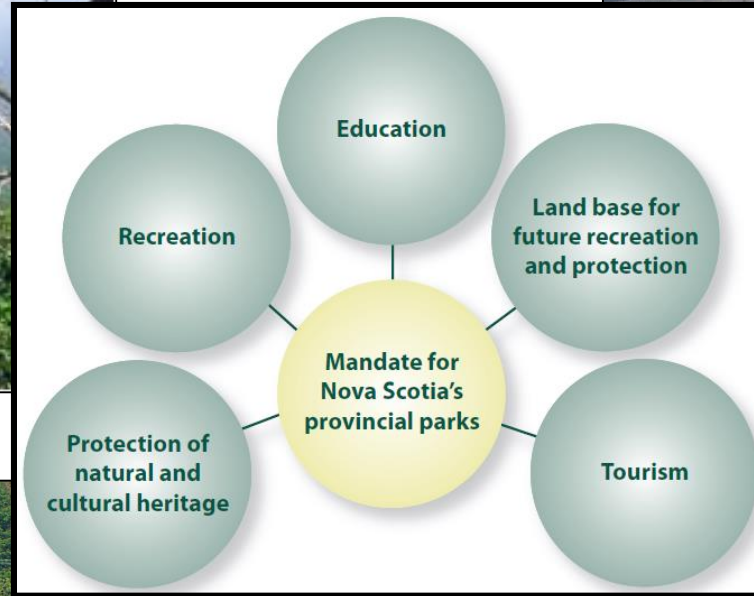
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
5:30pm – 7:30pm  
Webbers Store  
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# Agenda

- Overview of the Provincial Parks System
- Clam Harbour Beach Management Planning Process
- Background Information
  - Natural, Cultural, Educational and Recreational Values
- Breakout tabled discussions
  - Park values and ideas for improvement
- Next steps
- Q&A

# Nova Scotia Provincial Parks



206 Provincial  
Parks across  
Nova Scotia

# Why a Management Statement?

- Clam Harbour does not have a plan.
- Sets the **vision** and provides **guidance**
- Ensures each park is managed consistently & is in line with the [Provincial Parks Act](#).
- [Parks and Protected Areas Plan](#) (2013) commits DNR to:
  - complete Management Plans for all “Core” Provincial Parks by 2025
  - complete management plans prior to major capital projects
- Core facility is in need of replacement / redevelopment

# Park Management Planning

Public and stakeholder engagement is an important component of the planning process!

These are two types of **Management Direction**:

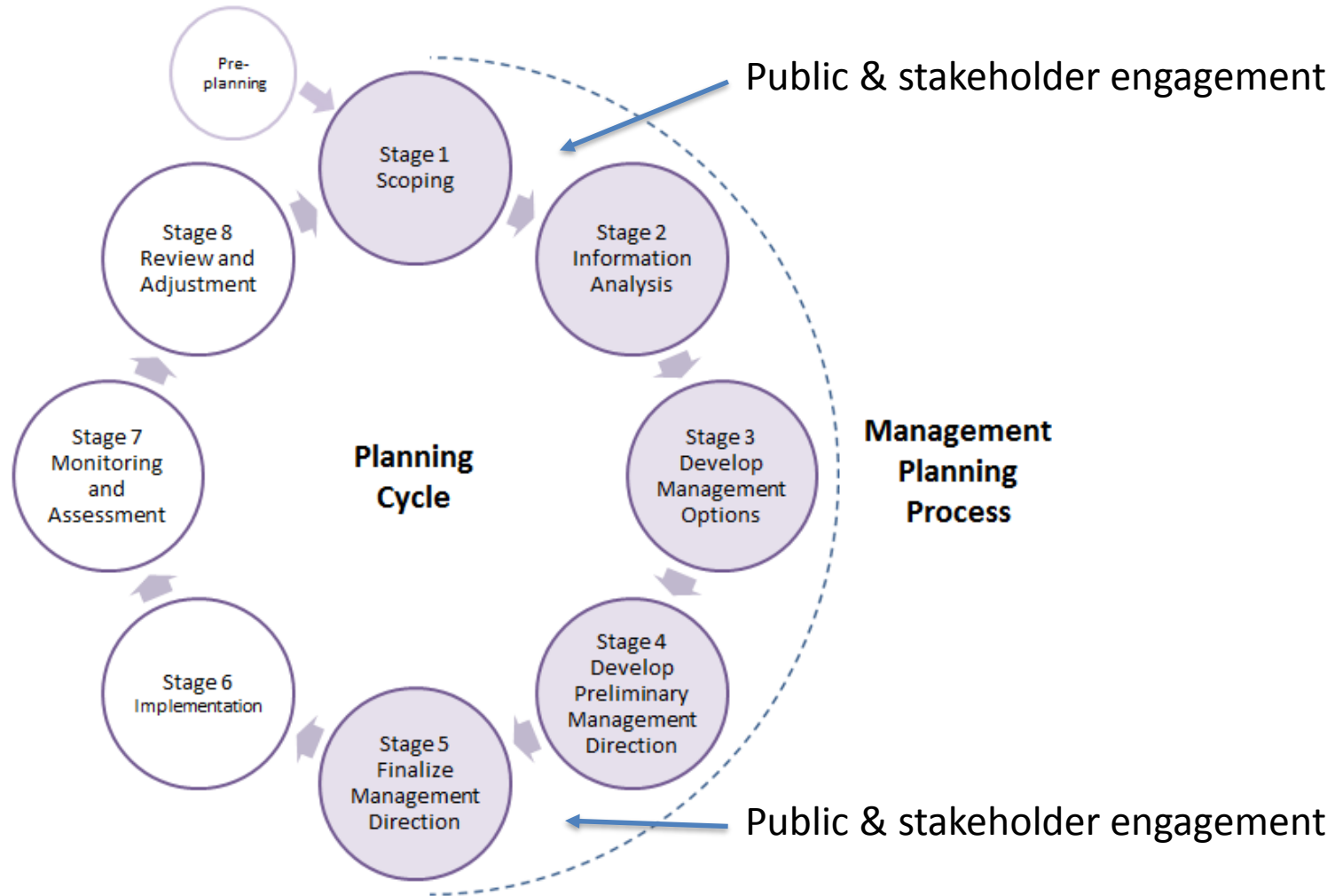
**Management plan** - provides a policy and resource management framework that addresses **substantial and complex issues, substantial capital infrastructure and/or resource management projects.**

**Management statement** - provides a policy and resource management framework that addresses **a limited number of non-complex issues, limited capital infrastructure and/or resource management projects.**

The planning process for Clam Harbour Provincial Park will result in a Management Statement

An Operational Plan will be completed before the Management Direction is finalized.

# Management Planning Cycle



# Planning Timeline

Item	Description	Engagement	Dates
Scoping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rationale</li> <li>• Planning area</li> <li>• Schedule</li> <li>• Engagement Strategy</li> </ul>		Aug 2017
Background Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect background information on:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Natural values</li> <li>○ Cultural values</li> <li>○ Recreation values</li> <li>○ Threats</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Engagement session               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collect data on values and vision</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Internet-based opportunity to submit comments</li> </ul>	Sept 2017
Develop Preliminary Management Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary Management Statement</li> <li>• Preferred policies, approaches and development concept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public opportunity to review preliminary management plan</li> <li>• Internet-based opportunity to submit comments</li> </ul>	Nov. 2017
Final Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Management Statement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incorporating public feedback</li> <li>○ Submit to Minister for approval along with Operational Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Dec. 2017
Approved Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministerial Approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Notice of approved Management Statement</li> </ul>	TBD



# Clam Harbour Beach Provincial Park



## County

Halifax

## Size

183.22 Hectares

## Classification

Outdoor Recreation

## Status

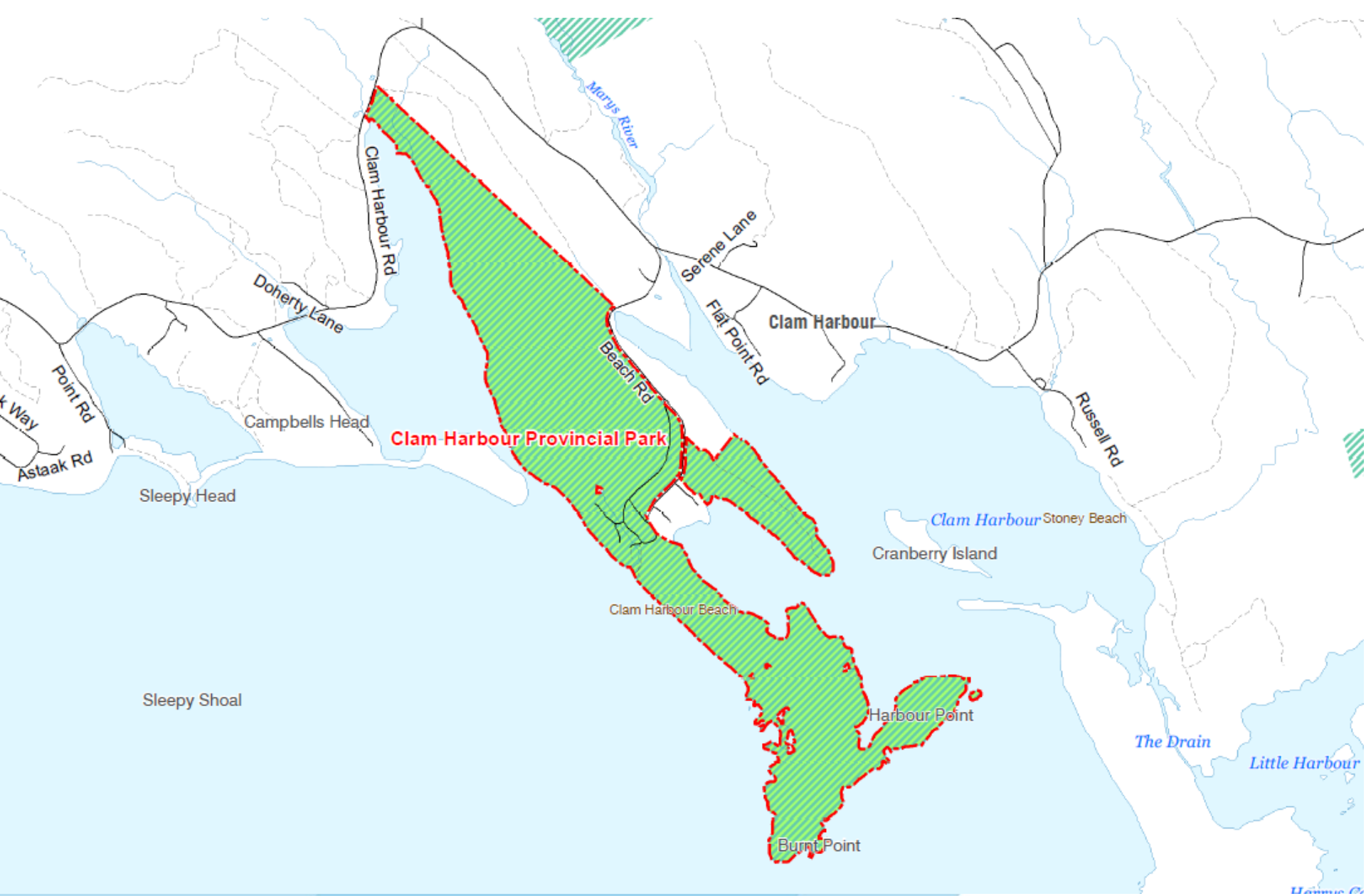
Designated; Operational

## Location NS Atlas

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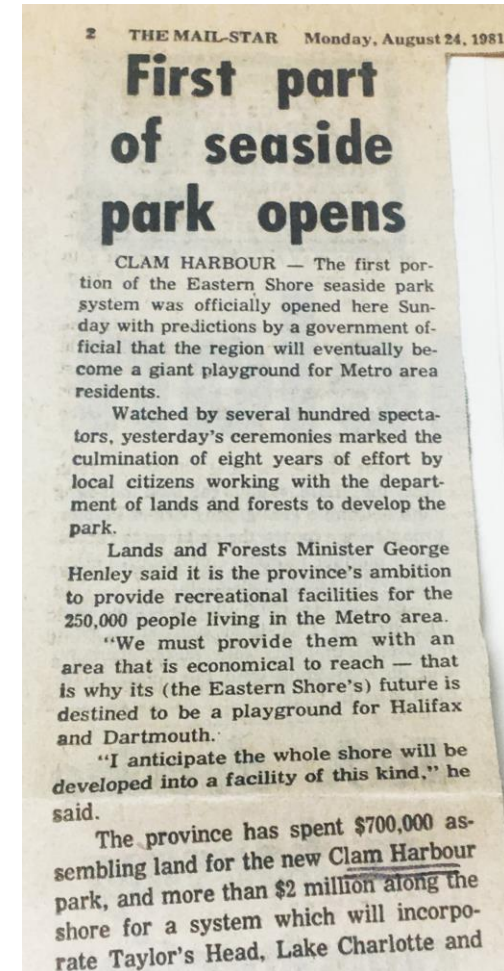
## Managed As

Core Park



# Clam Harbour Beach PP History

- Pre-contact – several registered historic sites within the park boundary indicate Mi'kmaq use and habitation
- Post-contact – several registered historic sites within the park boundary
- Mid 1970s Eastern Shore Seaside Park System concept & extensive public participation program (Eastern Shore Citizen's Committee)
- 1975 – concept plan for the Eastern Shore Seaside Park System was approved by local community representatives
  - The Eastern Shore Seaside Park System included Clam Harbour PP, Taylor Head PP, and Lake Charlotte PP Reserve.
- 1977 – Master plan for Clam Harbour PP approved by the Citizens Advisory Committee
  - The joint citizens and government committee remained active until the mid 80s when most of the development was complete.
- 1978 – Province acquires land as park reserve
  - Park development was initiated
  - Clam Harbour Beach Sand Castle event began
- 1980 – Designated under the Provincial Parks Act
- 1981 - Operational park officially opened with supporting facilities (washrooms, showers, changing rooms, canteen, interpretive centre, parking, boardwalks & beach access, a lifeguard station, and adjacent picnic area).
- 1985 – 10,000 people attended the Clam Harbour Beach Sand Castle event



# Recent History

- 2005 – improvements to the boardwalk
- 2009 / 2010 – improved drainage and gravelling
- 2016 – Core facility Assessment
  - Portion of deck closed
  - Interpretive facility closed



# Natural Values

- Coastal ecosystems
  - Five physiographic areas:
    - The Drumlins
    - The Island
    - The Beach (barrier beach linking Burnt Island to the drumlins, includes dune habitat)
    - The Salt March Estuary
    - The Tidal Estuary
- Wildlife
  - Migratory bird habitat
    - Six rare species found within the park
      - Piping Plover, Boreal Chickadee, Willet, Canada Warbler, Laughing Gull, Swainson's Thrush



# Recreation Values

- Supervised swimming
- Beach exploration
- Picnicking
- Walking
- Carry-in boat opportunity



# Cultural Heritage Values

- First Nations Archeological sites
- Post-contact historic sites
- Elevated archeological potential



# Tourism Values

- Significant tourism attraction and popular day use park for both resident and out-of-province visitors
- Offers hiking, supervised swimming, picnicking and beautiful coastal access (within easy day trip from Halifax)
- Annual sandcastle event attracts 10,000+ visitors




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## Thousands attend Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition

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The 39th annual Clam Harbour Sandcastle Competition took place Sunday.

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The 39th annual Clam Harbour Beach Sandcastle Competition took place Sunday at Clam Harbour Beach Provincial Beach.

Despite the less than ideal weather along Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, the event was a success.

# Education / Interpretation Values

- Regionally significant opportunities for interpretation of coastal processes, habitats and cultural history
- Scientific research

## Other Considerations

- Susceptible to coastal processes (storm events with high tide surge or wind driven waves that cause site erosion)
- Mature spruce trees may require ecological restoration program to remove dead and dying trees and to re-establish a more suitable forest cover.



# Tables Session: Part 1

- What do you value most about Clam Harbour Beach Provincial Park?
  - What are your favourite things about the park?
  - How do you use the park?



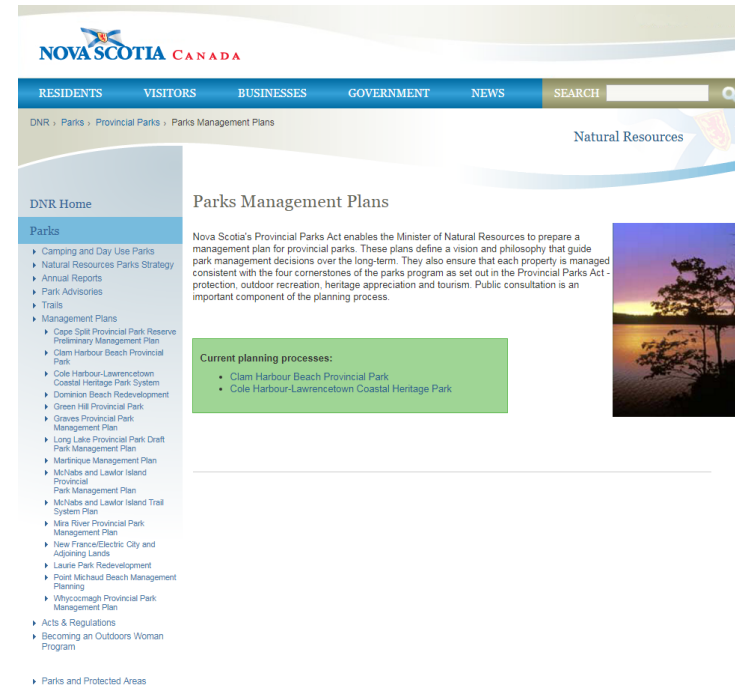
# Tables Session: Part 2

- What is your vision for Clam Harbour Beach Provincial Park?
  - What are your ideas for future management or improvement?



# Next Steps

- September
    - Stakeholder meeting to be held Sept 27
    - Compile information collected
  - October - November
    - Draft preliminary management statement
  - Late November
    - Public review of management statement
  - December
    - Submit final management statement to Minister of Natural Resources
- 2018
    - Begin phased approach to implementation



# Thank you for your input!

- For more information, see our website: [parks.novascotia.ca](http://parks.novascotia.ca)
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