



Entity 76 Facilitator's Report 3

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In this report I will briefly review the decisions that have been made in what I am calling Series 1 and the tasks and progress we are making in Series 2 and finally a summary of what I see coming in Series 3 of our reform activities.

Series 1

Boundaries & Wards

The outer boundary of the new entity and its 5 wards have been finalized and you can review the maps at www.gnb.ca/vibrantnb.

Council composition

On November 28th of this year an election will be held for the new entity and that council and mayor will take their seats on January 1, 2023, when the existing council is dissolved.

In the entity there will be a mayor and 2 councillors elected at large. There will also be 5 councillors elected from new wards that were established in consultation with the Advisory Committee.

See above for the ward map details.

CAO process

In many of the new entities the selection of a CAO will be done by open competition. However, in our entity it has been determined that there is sufficient expertise already in place and a CAO of the new entity will come from the existing staff complement. The Transition Facilitator will be dealing with this at the same time as the public recruitment process for other entities and the Regional Service Commission.

Communications

During the feasibility project that was done prior to the launching of local government reform, the communities had established a web presence at <https://www.carletonnorth.com/>.

This site has been populated with the details of the reform initiative including the Facilitator's Reports, frequently asked questions, and maps.

It also contains the some of the feasibility study's work which provides excellent context for considering municipal reform in general and our entity in particular.



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2021 Census update

Community profiles have been updated to reflect the result of the 2021 census. In our case that resulted in a population reduction of 409 persons or 4.3%. Individual community data is presented below.

| Type | Community | 2016 | 2021 |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| LSD | Portion of the LSD of Aberdeen | 359 | 368 |
| Village | Bath | 476 | 440 |
| Village | Centreville | 557 | 508 |
| Town | Florenceville-Bristol | 1,604 | 1,573 |
| LSD | Glassville | 63 | 77 |
| LSD | Portion of the LSD of Kent | 1,953 | 1,823 |
| LSD | Lakeville | 305 | 266 |
| LSD | Peel | 1,196 | 1,198 |
| LSD | Upper Kent | 160 | 106 |
| LSD | Wicklow | 1,697 | 1,591 |
| LSD | Wilmot | 717 | 703 |
| LSD | Portion of Simonds | 307 | 334 |
| | Total | 9,395 | 8,986 |

Series 2

Municipality Type

As part of the reform process, we must choose a community type for the new entity. In new Brunswick municipalities can be a city, regional municipality, town, village, or rural community. There are only subtle differences between the types of government at the local level in NB.

While not the sole issue, historically the main driver between the various types has been based on population. Typically, communities up to 1,500 people have been either a Village or Rural Community. From that level to 10,000 people a Town is the most common category and the threshold for being a city has been seen to be a minimum of 10,000 population.

The Advisory Committee is currently favoring the status of Town and this needs to be finalized by May 6th.



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Naming

All 78 of the new municipalities will be created by regulation and therefore must specify a name. The Advisory Committee is in the process of identifying several options to test with the public to see if there is a consensus. The deadline for the name choice is May 16th.

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Budgeting

After municipal type and community name the work on the 2023 budget for the new entity will begin. This year's process will be new to all as we consolidate the village and LSD budgets. Planning by the Department has been underway for some time.

I can report that the facilitators will be having an introduction to the process on April 8th and then on May 2 & 3rd there will be in-depth session will be delivered to the facilitators. After that, work on the ground will begin in earnest.

The new municipalities will be broken down into budgeting sub-units based on the services they receive. These sub-units will be the tool that enable the use of multiple tax rates in a single entity. I am looking forward to this part of the process and at the end of it being able to answer the question we all keep hearing "What will this do to my taxes"?

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