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Mr. Mayor

Thank you for your letters of December 6 and 16, 2021, in which you shared your responses to the local governance reform white paper. I note the concerns you have expressed regarding finances, timing and transition, existing municipal contracts, amongst others. We will be moving forward with the proposed approach and support will be offered during the transition period to address questions that have been raised.

As outlined in the white paper, transition teams led by facilitators and supported by the provincial government will be in place in the new year to work with local governments throughout the transition process. The facilitators will be responsible for coordinating and overseeing critical elements of the transitions. This will include matters such as council composition and ward boundaries, initial organizational structure and human resource matters, the preparation of first budgets and other items you have addressed in your letter.

I would encourage you and members of council to continue to visit the Local Governance Reform website ([www.gnb.ca/vibrantNB](http://www.gnb.ca/vibrantNB)) for updated information related to Local Governance Reform.

By working together, I believe the reform outlined in the white paper will deliver more vibrant and sustainable communities and enhance the quality of life for all New Brunswickers.

I wish to thank you and the members of council for your thoughts regarding local governance reform.

Sincerely,

*(Original signed)*

Daniel Allain  
Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform