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Ms. Beal:

Thank you for your email of December 16 on behalf of Mayor Mesheau in which you shared feedback regarding local governance reform and more specifically your concerns around restructuring that would include the Town of Sackville. While I appreciate that you support forcing amalgamation for all the communities around you, we believe that the changes presented in the white paper will strengthen local capacity and better position communities for the future.

We embarked upon local governance reform more than one year ago and thanks to many insightful ideas and input from the public, we're making it a reality. The white paper entitled "Working together for vibrant and sustainable communities" was released on November 18, 2021 and outlines our plan to create vibrant and sustainable communities in all regions of New Brunswick. There is still much work ahead to implement the numerous actions outlined in the white paper and these actions are outlined in an implementation timeline. I would encourage you to visit the Local Governance Reform website (www.gnb.ca/vibrantNB) for updated information related to Local Governance Reform.

By working together, I believe the reforms outlined in the white paper will result in more vibrant and sustainable communities and enhance the quality of life for all New Brunswickers. We look forward to working through the transition with you.

Sincerely,

(Original signed)

Daniel Allain
Minister of Local Government and Local Governance Reform

