



LYNWOOD
STRATEGIES

ENTITY 40 TRANSITION FACILITATOR'S REPORT

February 27, 2022



INTRODUCTION

The transition to Entity 40 is well underway! This entity will bring together the Town of Sackville, the Village of Dorchester, the LSD of Sackville, the LSD of Pointe-de-Bute, and a portion of the LSD of Dorchester (40%).

The first step in the process was to establish two advisory committees, one comprising of elected officials and representatives from the local service districts that are coming part of the new entity. The second committee is made of of appropriate staff from the existing municipality to work on establishing the administrative foundation of the new entity.

The members of the Elected Officials Advisory Committee are:

- Town of Sackville - Mayor Shawn Mesheau
- Town of Sackville - Deputy Mayor Andrew Black
- Village of Dorchester - Mayor Debbie Wiggins-Colwell
- Village of Dorchester - Deputy Mayor Robert Corkerton
- Pointe de Bute LSD - Mary Ellen Trueman
- Pointe de Bute LSD - Greg Martin
- Sackville LSD - Chris Milner
- Sackville LSD - TBD
- Dorchester LSD (40%) - Matt Beal
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The role of this advisory committee is to be the voice of the council/committee/community they represent. This role also involves communicating the decisions made at the advisory committee back to the same council/committee/community.

The role of the Transition Facilitator is to act as the representative of the new council and administration of Entity 40 and work with the designated representatives of the communities that will become part of the new entity.

It is the expressed desire that the advisory committee operate on a consensus basis. In the unlikely event that the advisory committee is unable to achieve consensus on decisions that must be made, it will fall to the Transition Facilitator to make the decision so that the process can continue to move forward.

COUNCIL COMPOSITION & STRUCTURE

The first major decision that needed to be made by the advisory committee was to establish the appropriate council composition and structure. This included the size of the new council, a decision on ward or at-large representation, and if wards were chosen, how would they be determined.

The consensus decision from the advisory committee was as follows:

- Mayor – 1 (Elected at large)
- Four (4) councillors for the existing Town of Sackville
 - To be determined how they will be elected (1, 2, 3, or 4 wards)
- Four (4) councillors for the areas outside of the Town of Sackville
 - A single ward that includes the Village of Dorchester, Dorchester LSD, electing one (1) councillor

This would mean that the total council size would be eight (8) councillors, plus a mayor.

The Local Governance Reform Team at the Department of Environment and Local Government has prepared a preliminary map for the Advisory Committee's consideration. Further delineation is pending feedback from the Town of Sackville representatives on how many wards are desired for its four councillors.

The advisory committee will have an opportunity to review with their respective councils/committees/communities before a final decision is made.

We are targeting finalizing the details by March 11, 2022 with an absolute drop-dead date of March 31, 2022 if necessary.

NEXT STEPS

Below is a list of upcoming milestones and deadlines related to Entity 40.

We are working on an engagement plan to ensure the community has an opportunity to share their ideas and thoughts on the name for Entity 40, more details will follow.

- Sub-unit structure (taxation areas) to SNB April 11
- Submit new local government type May 6
- Submit new local government name May 16
- Begin budget analysis and preparation May 2022