

Reference No. 2022-11

March 15, 2022

Honorable Minister Daniel Allain  
Department of Environment and Local Government  
Marysville Place  
20 McGloin Street  
Fredericton, New Brunswick  
E3A 5T8

**Re: Changes to Entity 40 boundaries**

Minister Allain,

The White Paper is an aggressive and fundamental change in local government structure and operations in New Brunswick and there are significant changes proposed for our municipality. Since the release of the White Paper on Local Governance Reform in November 2021, Sackville's Town Council and staff have been trying to make sense of the changes proposed for Sackville and Entity 40.

We submitted an alternative boundary proposal on December 15, 2021 which would see the boundaries for the Town of Sackville remain the same while creating a viable local government entity comprising of Dorchester, Port Elgin and the surrounding LSDs. Despite this request, we were told there would be no changes to the boundaries.

The latest draft ward maps for Entity 40 released on March 3, 2022 show the removal of two large portions of land within the entity boundaries. I am writing to you today to let you know that during our Regular Council Meeting on March 14, 2022, Council strongly objected to these changes, especially as we were told that changes to boundaries were not possible. Council passed the following motion:

***MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SABINE DIETZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BILL EVANS THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO MINISTER DANIEL ALLAIN AND THE ENTITY 40 FACILITATOR NOTING COUNCILS' OBJECTION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF 2 LARGE PORTIONS OF LAND WITHIN ENTITY 40, WHILE BEING TOLD THAT CHANGES TO BOUNDARIES WERE NOT ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.***

On behalf of Council, I would ask that you take these considerations in mind as part of the local government reform process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Mesheau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Shawn Mesheau  
Mayor, Town of Sackville

Cc: Chad Peters, Entity 40 Transition Facilitator  
Sackville Town Council  
Ryan Donaghy, Deputy Minister  
Jamie Burke, CAO