

Reference No. 2022-12

March 15, 2022

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

**Re: Council Composition of Entity 40**

Minister Allain,

I'm writing to you today to share our Councils' concerns with the Council composition of Entity 40.

The Elected Officials Advisory Committee has determined that Council composition will be eight (8) councillors with four representing Sackville. Sackville's population accounts for 68% of Entity 40's population. However, based on the proposed council composition we will only have 50% representation.

Our representatives on the Advisory Committee have advocated for additional representation on Council at our meetings with the Transition Facilitator. During our Regular Council Meeting on March 14, 2022, 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 THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE WOULD FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THERE WILL BE FIVE (5) COUNCILLORS FOR THE SACKVILLE BOUNDARIES TO SHOW REPRESENTATION BY POPULATION.***

Consider this a formal request on behalf of Council for a fifth councillor to be allocated to the Sackville ward as Council believes that is a fair and more equitable representation based on our population numbers.

I trust that Council's concerns will be considered as part of the local government reform process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Mesheau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

Shawn Mesheau  
Mayor, Town of Sackville

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