Perth-Andover Village Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 27th, 2022

Present: Mayor Bell, Deputy Mayor McPhail Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Jason Green, Sheldon Shaw, Cindy McLaughlin, and Dan Dionne, CAO.

1. Mayor Bell called the meeting to order, and no conflicts of interest were declared.

2. The CAO presented a review of the status of the local government reform process.

3. Council discussed at length the benefits of including the entire school catchment area in the new municipality vs the current ELG option of the smaller boundary previously recommended by Council.

   The majority of Council members preferred the larger community boundary if the following conditions would be met:

   - The entire school boundary be included in entity 77. This would include 100% of the Andover and Perth LSD, and the portions of the Gordon, Denmark, and Grand Falls LSD's that are now planned to be part of the new Grand Falls and Plaster Rock communities.
   - Road cost will not be changed after the 2025 review that could result in the new municipalities receiving higher associated costs.
   - In this option, Council's preference is to elect all Council members at large. However, Council would accept the hybrid ward system.

   If unable to have the entire school and fire catchment areas, Council's choice is to have the smaller boundary area being recommended currently by ELG.

4. Future topics for local government reform will include - RSC consultation process, community naming process in May, initial organizational structure and human resources, legal considerations – by-laws, and financial matters such as audits and the preparation of first budget.

5. Council discussed the Quad NB trial head project. The CAO will pursue land options for this project.

6. Meeting adjourned.