

## Steering Committee Meeting Notes April 5, 2023 @ 8am Municipal Council Chamber

Attendance: Mayor Laurie Boucher, Warden Owen McCarron, Deputy Warden Hughie Stewart, Deputy Mayor Willie Cormier, Jeff Lawrence, Shirlyn Donovan, Kate Gorman, Glenn Horne, Alisha Bowie (note taker).

- 1) Preparation for Community Engagement Sessions
  - Information on the format and expectations of participants was shared with the Committee for the upcoming in-community engagement sessions.
  - The Committee discussed the approach and various scenarios.
- 2) Discussion of Model general and Area tax rates
  - The County Director of Finance and Town Director of Community Services are reviewing financial information for the most recent fiscal year and making an assessment as to the impact of the proposed consolidation on tax rates. This work is ongoing but nearing completion.
- 3) Sharing Financial Information
  - Financial Statements of Town and County to be prepared and distributed
  - Print outs available at the community engagement sessions.
- 4) Sharing revised population distribution map
  - The revised map was reviewed by the Committee.
  - The map will also be provided to the consultants to make into a poster board for the engagement sessions.
  - The Committee requested that a breakdown of urban vs. rural residents also be provided with the map.
  - Staff will make that adjustment and post as key points with the maps
- 5) Update on RCMP contract
  - In-camera discussion.