



Entity 23 Facilitator's Report 4

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In this report I will review the results of Series 2 (Municipal Type and Name) and in general terms lay out the path before us in terms of developing the 2023 budget for the new entity.

Series 2

MUNICIPALITY TYPE

There is a requirement that a decision be made about what structure the new entity would have (Rural Community, Village, Town etc.). The Advisory Committee agreed that the best structure for the new entity would be one of a Village and I made that recommendation to the Minister.

Naming

In addition to choosing a structure, all 78 of the new municipalities must choose a name that will be used in the regulation that formalizes the entities. During discussion of possible names there was a clear consensus the new community's name continue to be VILLAGE OF DOAKTOWN and I was pleased to make that recommendation to the Minister.

Series 3

BUDGETING

The transition facilitators participated in an in-depth session delivered by Local Government on May 2 & 3rd where we were presented with a budget model that is still being finalized. Even though there are details to come that are still being developed, it is now possible to begin organizing the work.

The first requirement will be to review, and to the extent possible, consolidate taxation sub-units. The new entity has been broken down into budgeting sub-units based on previous structure and the services received. While the sub-units will be the tool that enables the use of multiple tax rates in a single entity we want to have as few separate areas as is reasonably possible.

In cases where adjacent sub-units have tax rates that are close to each other we will consolidate them. A list of sub-units should be received next week from Local Government, and we will have until June 13th to complete that work.

The timeline for the finalization of the budget extends until October and as a result it will be constructed in separate blocks. We have been advised that in the next week we will receive a detailed timeline with milestone requirements.

The Advisory Committee will be asked to reflect on its budget priorities, unalterable programs, and asset management desires to inform the budget development. It will be during the budget process that the Technical Committee, Transition Facilitator, CAO, and LSM and their staffs will do the heavy lifting.



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This technical committee will develop each “budget block” and attempt to respect the priorities expressed by the Advisory Committee. At the conclusion of each block the Technical group will present that block to the Advisory Group for its comments and observations.

Once the budget is complete it will be forwarded to the Minister for his approval.

Please feel free to share this report as you see fit to assist in communication with your Councils, LSD Committees, and the public at large.

Best Regards,

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