

# Local Governance Reform Q&A

## **Q: When can we see the detailed maps and get PIDs for the new municipal entities?**

A: GIS teams are working on the map planning now. Maps will be distributed as they are completed, likely early in the new year. The initial map appeared to show Juniper was not included in Entity 76. Therefore, we reached out to the province to clarify they are included in our region, and this will be reflected correctly when the maps are released.

## **Q: What will happen to our municipal staff?**

A: The guiding principle will be to find everyone a role in the new municipal entities. Attrition will come into play where that is not possible. Job loss will be a last resort.

## **Q: Will we keep our community names?**

A: Yes, you will keep your current community names. The new administrative entities will be named in collaboration with the transition team and an advisory committee of local leaders. Recommendations for legal names are required in the first half of 2022.

## **Q: What will our new council look like?**

A: Guidelines will be released in January. The transition team will work with your entity to determine the representative: population ratio for your new council, and whether to implement wards. For many entities, the next election will be in November 2022.

## **Q: Why did/didn't we get amalgamated with [x]?**

A: Preliminary mapping was done with GIS, but the transition teams are open to hearing more from communities of interest who want to be put together. The work of voluntary amalgamations will continue in January, and will consider areas that have asked to join the 'municipality next door.' Outright refusal to participate in the restructuring is not an option.

## **Q: What will happen with Fire Protection Services?**

A: The Province's White Paper addressed this, and basically said it is to be determined. Please see Section 2.4 for the statement regarding Fire Protection that was in the White Paper. It will be one of the topics that will be revisited as things move forward.