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Following public consultation, the Province has released its plan (White Paper) for the Municipal Reform.
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Corporate/Promo/localgovreform/docs/WhitePaper-EN-Web.pdf>

Where are the new boundaries?

- The geographic boundary for our new municipality is basically the Carleton North High School catchment area, which was what the Carleton North Rural Community Committee had proposed to the Province for the Carleton North Rural Community (<https://www.carletonnorth.com/>).
- The new municipality will take in the Town of Florenceville-Bristol, the Villages of Centreville and Bath, and the communities surrounding those areas that would attend Carleton North High School. (Entity 76)
- We will share the new maps once available from the Province.

What stays the same?

- Your community's identity will not change.
- Your civic addresses will not change.
- The Province will continue to provide road maintenance to the LSD areas (those currently outside a municipality), which includes things like paving, patching, and plowing.

What changes?

For residents of Florenceville-Bristol, Bath or Centreville:

- There will no longer be separate Town or Village Councils making decisions for each of those communities by January 1, 2023.
- There will be a new Council and Mayor elected in November 2022 that would oversee this new larger municipality for the Carleton North Catchment area starting January 1, 2023.
- This new Council will make decisions regarding finances and services provided.

If you currently live in an LSD area (communities outside a municipality)

- There will be different tax rates in the new municipality, depending on the services and level of services being provided.
- LSD areas will be divided into Wards, and those residents will elect Councillors to represent them.

The Province will be providing Transition Teams early in 2022 to help us through the process to determine things such as:

- Number of Councillor seats
- How the new municipality would be divided into Wards (the area a Councillor would represent)
- What to name the new municipality
- Office location(s)
- How to utilize all existing staff from our 3 municipalities

We will keep you updated as we move through this process. In the meantime, you can visit the Province's Municipal Reform page for more details at:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/local-governance-reform.html>

Florenceville-Bristol residents with any questions that are not answered on the Province's page, can email them to office@florencevillebristol.ca or through the Contact section at www.carletonnorth.com. We will share answers through our Notification System and Social Media pages as clarification becomes available.

You can sign up for Florenceville-Bristol's Notification System at www.florencevillebristol.ca/notification-system.