

# Carleton North Rural Community (RC) Public Consultations



# Carleton North RC – Steering Committee

- Troy Stone - Mayor, Bath
- Joe Trevors - LSD of Peel
- Karl Curtis - Mayor, Florenceville-Bristol
- Brent Pearson - LSD of Glassville
- Sarah Pacey - Chief Administrative Officer, Florenceville-Bristol

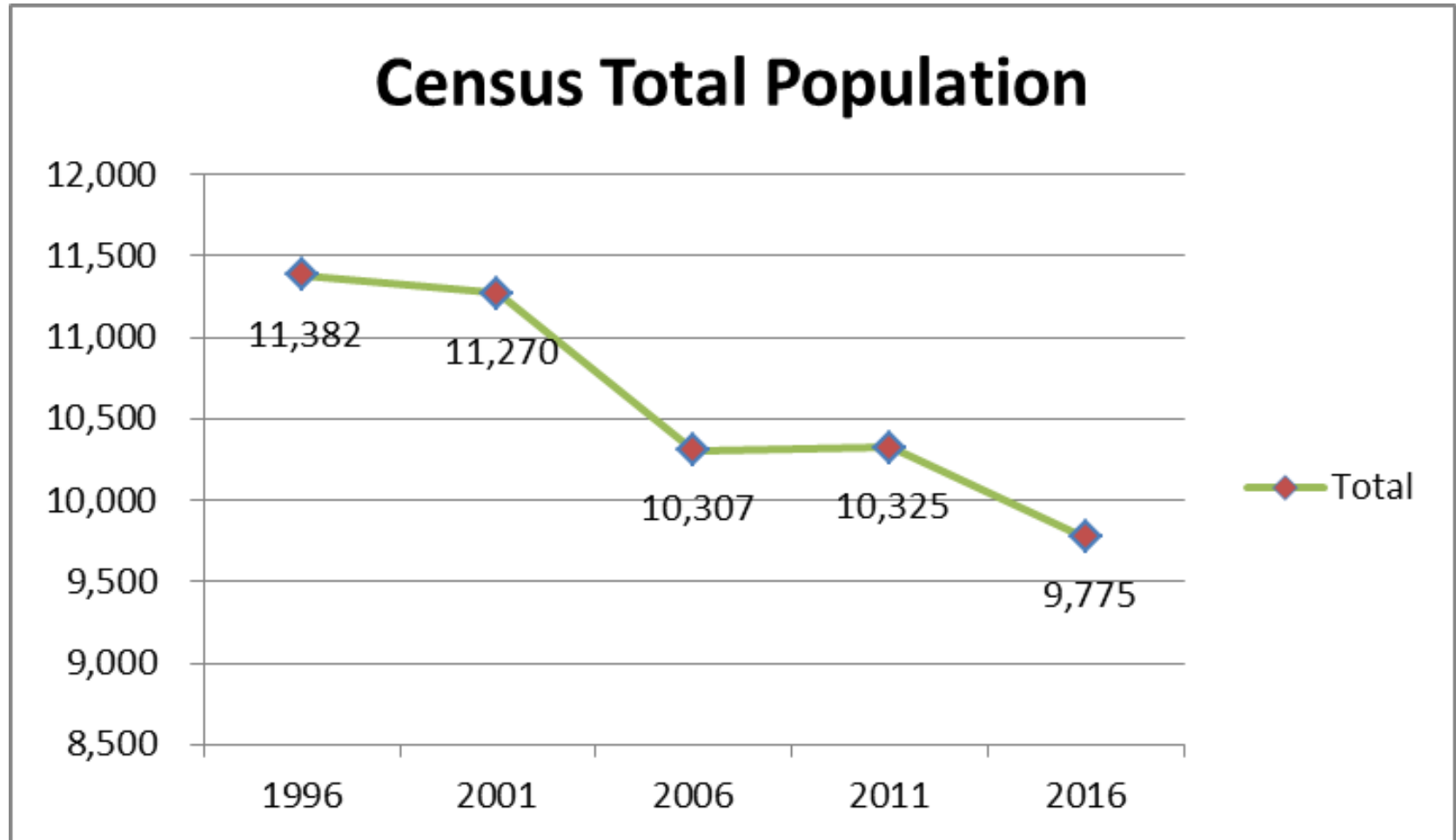


# Agenda

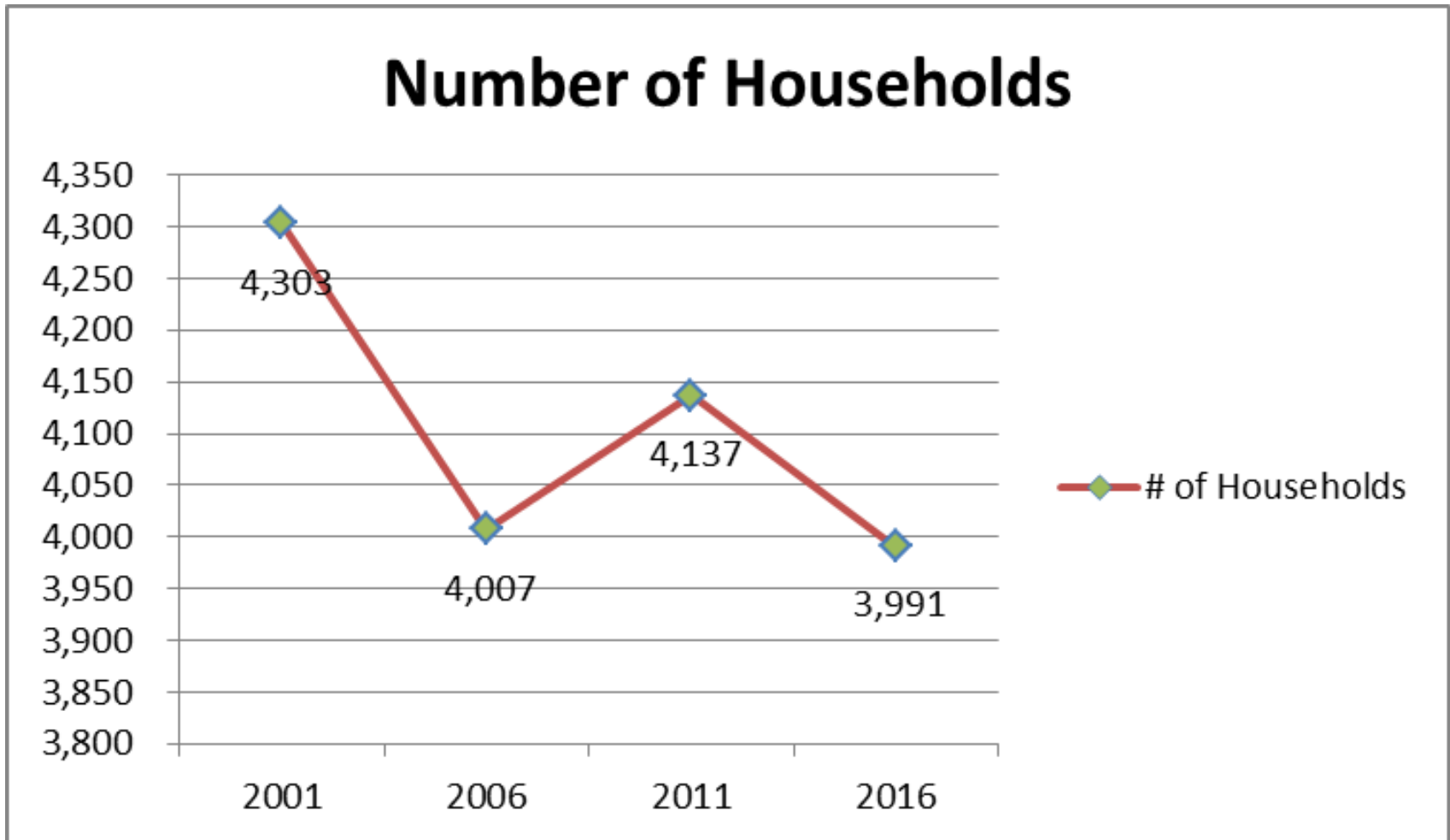
1. Area Trends
2. Purpose of Public Consultations
3. Local Government – Definition, Types, & Services
4. Community Restructuring Process
5. Proposed Carleton North Rural Community
6. Why Consider a Rural Community?
7. Pros, Cons and Misconceptions of an RC
8. Feedback and Questions



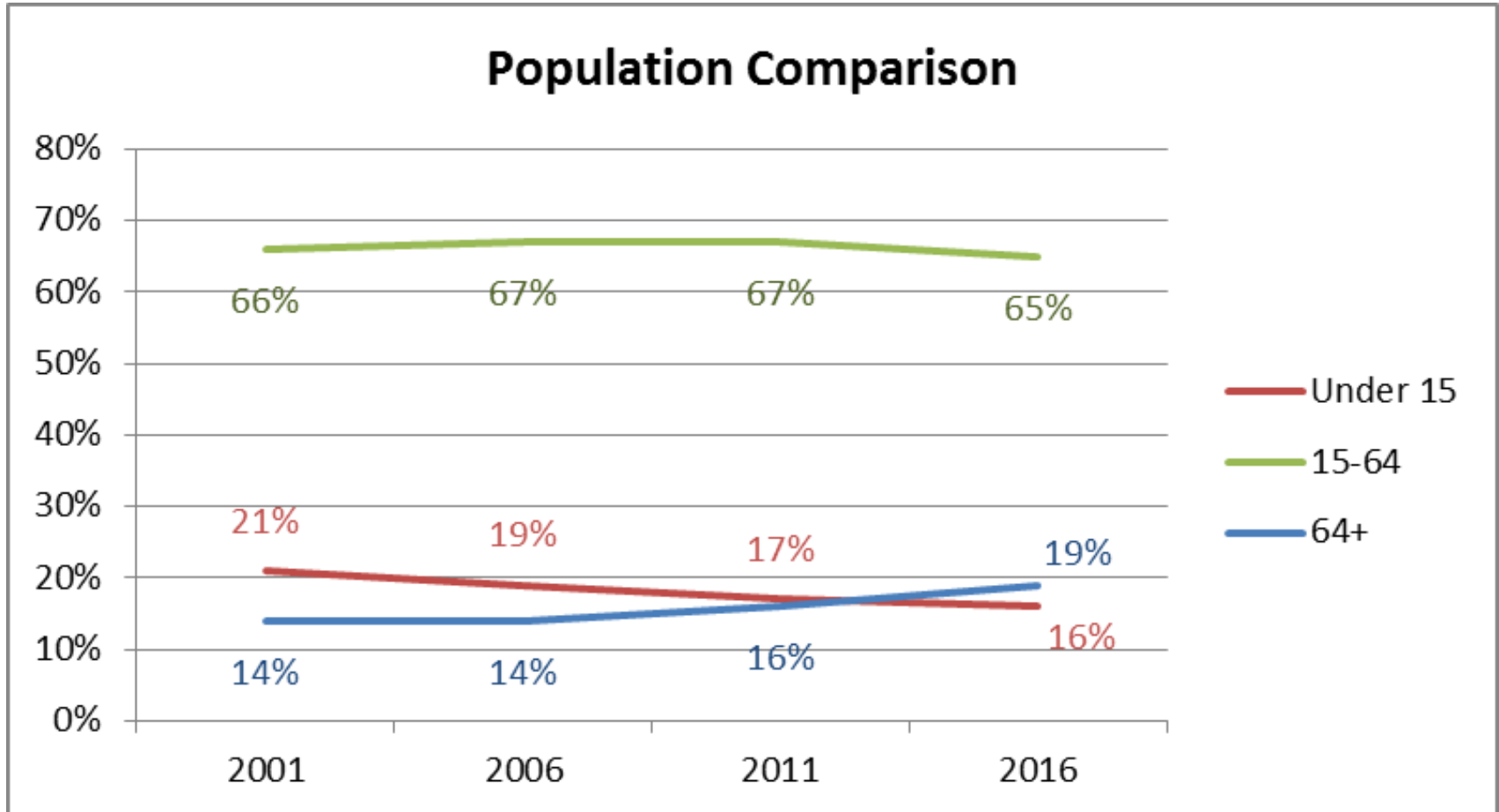
# Trends – Total Population



# Trends – Number of Households



# Trends – Population Comparison





# Carleton North Round Table Participants



- Michele Kazakos - LSD of Kent
- Basil Kazakos – LSD of Kent
- Raymond Rouselle - LSD of Aberdeen
- Charles McNair - Deputy Mayor Bath
- Michael Stewart - Mayor Centreville
- Garth Seely - Deputy Mayor Centreville
- Andrea Callahan - Clerk/Administrator Centreville and LSD Wilmot
- George Findley, LSD of Kent
- Alma Kilfoil - LSD of Kent
- Barb McIntosh – Councillor Bath
- Gailen Allen – LSD of Aberdeen
- Suzanne Fournier - Glassville
- Robert Lee – Councillor Centreville
- Charles McIntosh - LSD of Kent
- Becci Taylor – LSD of Lakeville
- Joe Weston – LSD of Lakeville
- Erin Guest – LSD of Kent
- Victor Somerville – LSD of Aberdeen
- Charles McDonald – LSD of Kent
- Cherie Derrah – LSD of Upper Kent
- Dave McInroy - LSD of Simonds
- Mike Weston – LSD of Wicklow

Department of Environment and Local Government Advisors – Peter Kavanagh, Wayne Smith

# Purpose of Public Consultations

**To provide general information on:**

## **1. Local Governance**

- ✓ Comparison between a Municipality, Rural Community & an LSD
- ✓ Why Change?
- ✓ Benefits of a Rural Community (RC)

## **2. Community Restructuring Process**

- ✓ Initial Assessment
- ✓ Rural Community Building Plan (Feasibility Study)
- ✓ Public Consultations
- ✓ Vote

**3. Answer your questions. Hear your concerns and suggestions.**

WHY  
ARE  
WE  
HERE?





# Local Government - Definition

## Levels of Government:

1. Federal
2. Provincial
  - Local Service Districts (LSD's)
  - Minister is effectively Mayor
3. **Local**
  - Municipalities, Rural Communities and Regional Municipalities





# Local Government - Types

<b><u>Character-istics</u></b>	<b><u>LSD</u></b>	<b><u>Rural Community</u></b>	<b><u>Municipality</u></b>
Criteria	No requirements	Pop 4,000 or tax base \$200,000M + municipality	Pop: city-10,000, town-1,500
Incorporation	Unincorporated, services by province	Residents are a corporate body	Residents are a corporate body
Representation	<u>Advisory</u> committee	Mayor and councillors	Mayor and councillors
Responsibilities	None	Local services chosen by RC	All local services
Decisions	Minister may <u>consult</u> advisory committee	Decisions by resolutions or by-laws at public meetings	Decisions by resolutions or by-laws at public meetings
Local Powers	None	Appoint clerk, own land & equipment, etc.	Appoint clerk, own land & equipment, etc.
By-Law Powers	None	Make by-laws re, planning, noise, unsightly premises, etc.	Make by-laws re, planning, noise, unsightly premises, etc.
Financial Powers	None	Set tax rates, borrow for capital projects, etc.	Set tax rates, borrow for capital projects, etc.



# Local Government Services

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1. Administration
2. Emergency Measures Planning
3. Land-Use Planning
4. Policing - RCMP
5. Fire
6. Animal Control
7. Street Lighting
8. Recreation
9. Recycling & Garbage Collection and Disposal
10. Road Maintenance & Upgrades

**Municipalities provide all 10 services**

**Rural Communities must provide first 3 services, and can take on other services if and when they choose to do so**

# Community Restructuring Process

## How Do We Change?



✓ Step 1: Initial demonstration of interest to Minister of ELG

➔ Step 2: Initial assessment - **public consultation and petition to Minister to start Rural Community Building Plan (Feasibility Study)**

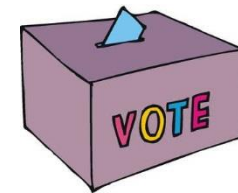
Step 3: Rural Community Building Plan / Public Education & Consultation

Step 4: Vote by Elections NB, Resolution of Council (Spring 2018)

Step 5: Recommendation to, and approval from Cabinet

Step 6: Election of New Council (Fall 2018)

Step 7: Dissolution of Existing Municipalities  
and Incorporation as new Rural Community  
(January 1, 2019)



# What is a Rural Community Building Plan?

## **Rural Community Building Plan (Feasibility Study) includes:**

- 1) Geographic Boundaries
- 2) Name
- 3) Wards
- 4) Council Makeup
- 5) Staffing
- 6) Services to be Provided
- 7) Forecasted Revenues and Expenses (Financial Plan)
- 8) Forecasted Property Tax Rates
- 9) Recommendations



**Conclusion – Is it feasible? Recommend to Minister a public vote or not.**



# Other RCs & Ongoing Projects - Who else has changed?

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RC of Haut-Madawaska – 2017  
RM of Tracadie – 2014  
RC of Cocagne – 2014  
RC of Hanwell – 2014  
RC of Kedgwick – 2012  
RC of Campobello Island – 2010  
RC of Upper Miramichi – 2008  
RC of Saint Andre – 2006  
RC of Beaubassin-est/East – 2006



## **Ongoing Projects**

York RC, Southern Carleton





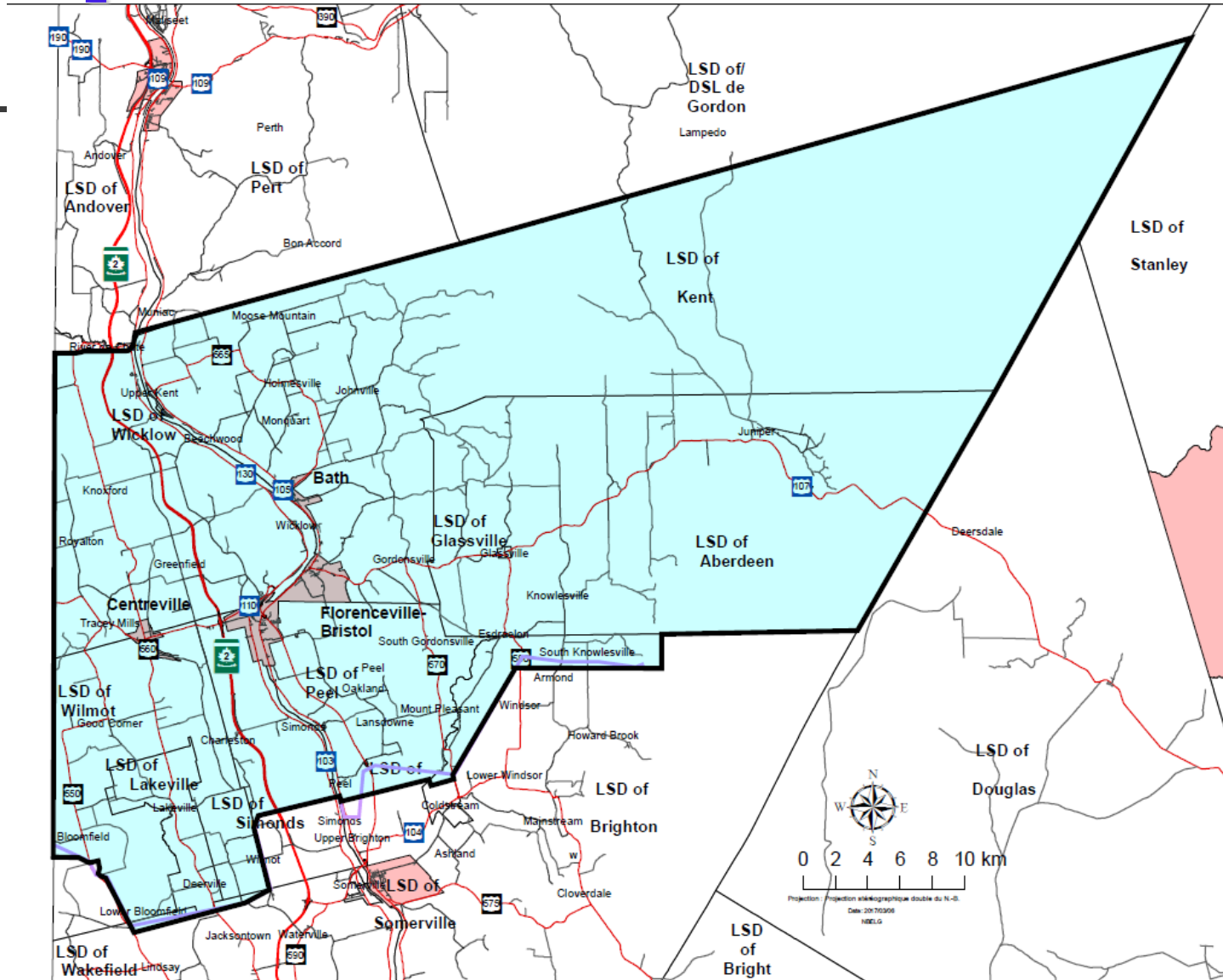
# Proposed Carleton North RC

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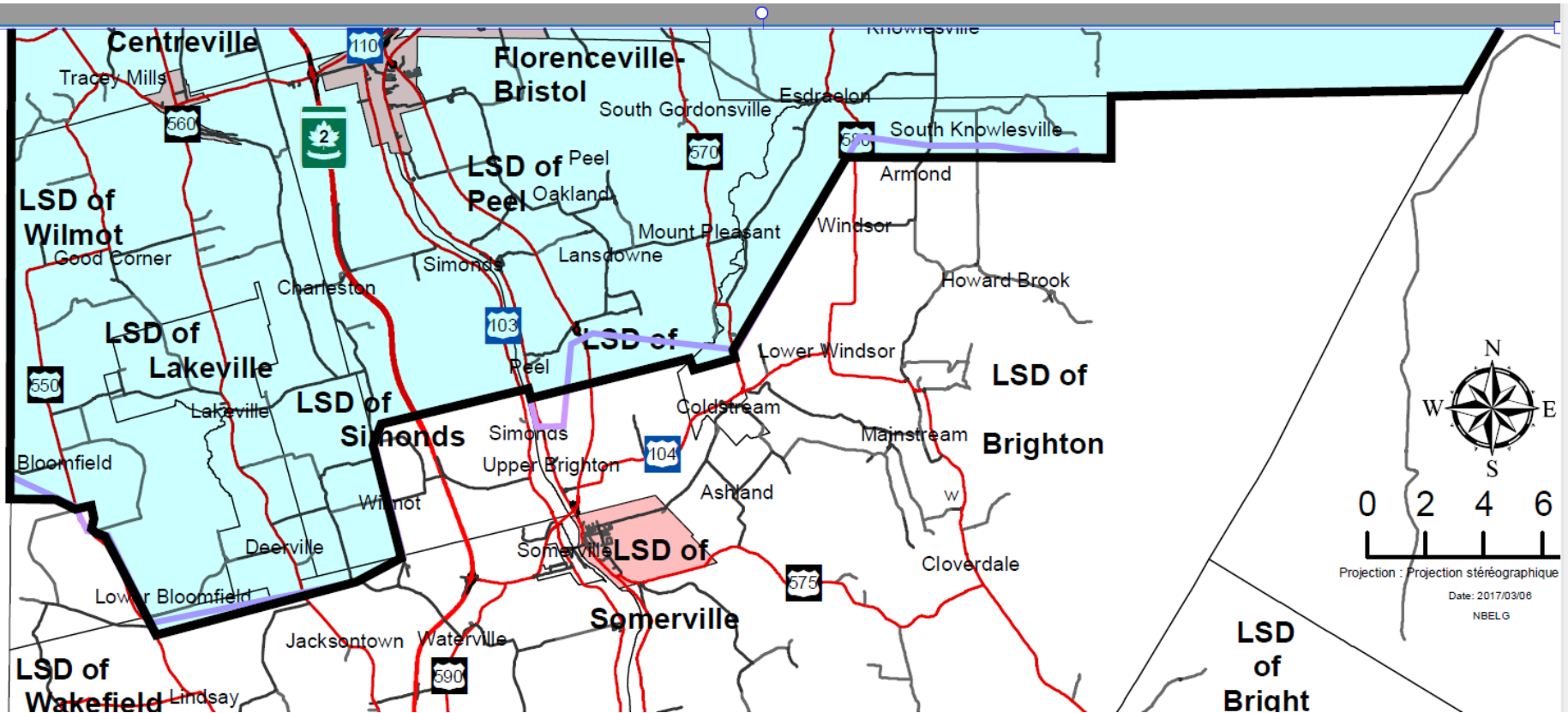
Incorporation of various communities within the LSDs of Aberdeen, Glassville, Kent, Upper Kent, Wicklow, Wilmot, Lakeville, Peel and Simonds. As well as the Town of Florenceville-Bristol and the Villages of Bath and Centreville to form a Rural Community.

**Over 9,000 population (2016 Census) & over \$610 Million Tax Base (2017)**

# Proposed Carleton North RC Area



# Magnified RC Southern Boundary





# Why Consider A Rural Community?

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- Value rural living and want to protect it
- Status quo for communities is not sustainable
- Want to create our own path and control decisions for our future
- Strengthen local representation
- Increase fiscal capacity
- Strengthen local representation/democracy
- Improve collaboration and cooperation
- Reduce duplication of services

# What Brings Us Together?

- Carleton North High School
- Agriculture
- Saint John & Miramichi Rivers
- Forest Industry
- Recreation
- Arts & Cultural Events and Attractions
- Arts Community
- Food Processing and Manufacturing
- Northern Carleton Civic Centre
- Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery and Library
- Health and Wellness Services





# Pros of a Rural Community

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1. Greater financial capacity
2. Ability to elect own council
3. Dedicated access to Gas Tax Funding
4. Setting property tax rates locally
5. Local staff to respond to residents needs
6. Providing only the services residents want
7. More control over land-use planning and local economic development
8. Ability to regulate local activities
9. More negotiating power with other governments
10. Ability to share services with neighbours





# Cons of a Rural Community

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1. People may not see change as an opportunity
2. When considering already established Rural Communities, property tax rates have increased
3. Deemed to be another layer of government
4. Municipal residents may see this as a loss of independence



# Misconceptions of an RC

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1. Some residents don't like land-use planning
2. People in LSDs may not like Council making decisions for them
3. Some communities are concerned about loss of identity
4. Seen as a way for municipalities to spread their costs to LSDs
5. People may view neighbouring communities as competition rather than allies

# Contact Us or Join the Round Table

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# Your Feedback is Very Important!

If you would like to:

- ask a question
- share a comment
- express your concerns
- offer a suggestion



Please use the microphone and be respectful of others using it.

**Everyone will be heard tonight. 😊**



# Thank You for Coming!



We appreciate your attention and input!