



# Entity 23 Facilitator's Report 3

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In this report I will review the decisions that have been made in what I am calling Series 1, the tasks and progress we are making in Series 2, and finally a summary of what I see coming in Series 3.

## Series 1

### Boundaries & Wards

The outer boundary has been finalized and you can review the map at: [www.gnb.ca/vibrantnb](http://www.gnb.ca/vibrantnb).

### Council composition

On November 28<sup>th</sup> of this year an election will be held for the new entity and that council and mayor will take their seats on January 1, 2023, when the existing council is dissolved. In this entity there will be a mayor and five councillors elected at-large. An at-large election means that all voters will cast their ballots for all positions.

### CAO process

It has been decided that the existing chief administrative officer of the current village will continue to serve in this role for the new entity.

### Communications

Thanks to the support of Council and the Village staff a comprehensive section of the Village website has been devoted to the local government reform process and it includes specific information about our new entity.

### 2021 Census update

Community profiles have been updated to reflect the result of the 2021 census. In our case that resulted in a population increase of 60 persons or just under 5%. Individual community data is presented below.

Type	Community	2016	2021
LSD	Blissfield	451	491
Village	Doaktown	792	808
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,303</b>



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## Series 2

### Municipality Type

This is the one task we still have “open” in Series 2. Current discussions are focused on the advantages and disadvantages of the current Village status and the Rural Community status. The Advisory Committee aims to have its recommendation submitted to the Province by mid-April. Stay tuned for the result.

### Naming

The Advisory Committee has chosen to maintain the name of Doaktown for the new entity. But please bear in mind that no mailing addresses will be changed because of local government reform. Going forward you will keep the mailing address you have today.

## Series 3

### Budgeting

After municipal type and community name the work on the 2023 budget for the new entity will begin. This year's process will be new to all as we consolidate the village and LSD budgets. Planning by the Department has been underway for some time.

I can report that the facilitators will be having an introduction to the process on April 8<sup>th</sup> and then on May 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be in-depth session will be delivered to the facilitators. After that, work on the ground will begin in earnest.

The new municipalities will be broken down into budgeting sub-units based on the services they receive. These sub-units will be the tool that enable the use of multiple tax rates in a single entity. I am looking forward to this part of the process and at the end of it being able to answer the question we all keep hearing “What will this do to my taxes”?

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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