



# Entity 57 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 and 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 of the new entity and its 3 wards have been finalized and you can review the maps 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 elected at large and 4 councillors elected from the current town which will be a ward, and 2 councillors each from a western and eastern ward. See above for the ward map details.

### CAO process

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

### Communications

Thanks to the support of the Advisory Committee and the town staff a comprehensive Facebook page has been launched which includes entity specific information. Please check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/Entity57NB>.

### 2021 Census update

Community profiles have been updated to reflect the result of the 2021 census. In our case that resulted in a population reduction of 158 persons or just under 2%. Individual community data is presented below.

Type	Community	2016	2021
LSD	Portion of Western Charlotte	756	664
LSD	Dennis-Weston	1,023	970
LSD	Dufferin	573	565
LSD	Portion of Saint David	1,070	1,029
LSD	Saint Stephen	282	223
Town	St. Stephen	4,415	4,510
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,119</b>	<b>7,961</b>



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## Series 2

### Municipality Type

As part of the reform process, we must choose a community type for the new entity. In New Brunswick municipalities can be a city, regional municipality, town, village, or rural community. St. Stephen has been a town and the Advisory Committee has recommended the new entity continue in that classification. I forwarded that recommendation along with my support to the Province.

### Naming

This is the one task we still have "open" in Series 2. The Advisory Committee has chosen to consider alternatives that keep "St. Stephen" as the root of the new name and is currently testing 3 alternatives with the community before settling on a recommendation. You can participate in the poll [Here](#).

## 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 multiple historical 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 direction given by the province. After this 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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