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[00:00:00] Speaker A

Okay, welcome everybody.

[00:00:04] Derek Amalfa

We're just waiting on Mayor Jackson who called and said he's running a little bit late. So we're going to get started here. So on behalf of the town of Lockport, I'd like to welcome all of our guests and more importantly welcome everyone in the gallery for showing up in true Lockport fashion when we host something people show up. So thank you everybody for joining us today. Lockport, as some of you may know, and most of you lock quarters do know, is to make your move community. So before we begin, quick reminder that members are welcome to stand, stretch, or move during today's meeting. That's how we start all our meetings here in Lockport. Today's meeting is being recorded. So to those present in the gallery by attending this public meeting, you are consenting to your image, voice, and comments being recorded. I would also please ask those in the gallery to allow discussion to proceed without interruption, so the meeting and recording remain clear and work. Thank you. So we'll now call for the approval of the agenda. Trust, everybody's had an opportunity to review the agenda as circulated and there are any additions or deletions today. And if there's nothing else, I'll ask for a motion to approve, please. Thank you very much.

[00:01:22] Speaker C

Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

[00:01:23] Derek Amalfa

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[00:01:34] Derek Amalfa

[00:01:45] Therese Cruz

I move that we approve the minutes from the June 3, 2026 meeting as presented.

[00:01:51] Derek Amalfa

Thank you, Councillor Cruz. We have second. Seconded by Deputy Warden. Thank you. Discussion? All those in favor? All right. Opposed? Motion carried. Okay, so we have just one item on our agenda and we have lots of time after for resident comments and questions. So we'll start with the response letter received from the Nova Scotia regulatory and appeals board. So it was a lengthy letter and appreciate Lisa Wallace was it can grab got it to us and got it to us before today's meeting. So thank you and thank you to CAO Worth for taking care of that. Any comments, questions? Who would like to start? The pretty detailed letter. And my comments are it's a clear path. There's a path here presented from the NSRAB on how to proceed. And one thing that stood out to me that I wanted was This letter clears up that it narrows the scope of the work versus what we have originally expected, which I think is good to summarize the letter quickly. A lot of the items that we assumed we needed and assumed we needed input for isn't necessary, maybe recommended, but a lot of those elements aren't required for the application to proceed. So yeah, I'll open it up for comments.

[00:03:39] Penny Smith

I was going to say something very close to that. And I'm going to add even though they may not suggest certain studies, I think there are a couple of them that are pretty important for us if we're going to consider moving forward the comprehensive financial sustainability study. It's, you know, that's something that isn't necessarily required. But I think it's pretty important for the steering committee and for our residents to know where to have a study of that nature prepared for us. That goes in line with the long-term cash flow projections as well. I think a number of us of the town and municipality may already have the asset replacement study. So I think it's a really good letter. It does clearly outline what is the application need not presume that there will be.

[00:05:00] Derek Amalfa

Sorry, I forgot. Anybody else like that?

[00:05:05] Speaker C

You both said that I thought the letter and usually send it in the first place so you're looking for the information for those of a gallery that are not familiar. We had specific questions with the process. There was. want to see if the province was going to assist us and we've got a disciplinary response from that. As far as what is required, that's what we were trying to whittle down in this letter. We'll see what is required for the process. I was happy to see a lot of the things that we could do in-house had a reduced cost because it's on all staff members so that that's really important for the process. I agree there's a problem some parts where we would want to look at the consultant. I think The boundary review is something that we may want to talk about as a committee, but we're going forward. It's about we do it and it's solicit public income as well. So that's also important. So. But it's a unified front. And this is in conjunction with the other presentation at our last meeting from Chris McNeil. And I just would like to mention all of that is on top of this. And we can talk about that as well. I found that presentation very informative for the people that had the opportunity to see it. He answered a lot of questions. They gave us first real examples, which I thought were very beneficial for the, for my knowledge with us. So I think to be able to say it.

[00:06:29] Derek Amalfa

If you're at this process, we've always talked about having information and not assumptions. And I find this letter gives us almost like a checklist of items that we would need as we work towards providing relevant and useful information that all the councils can use to decide if amalgamation is right for their for their individual. This for unit.

[00:06:54] Penny Smith

And finally, just one other that I forgot to mention, and that was the some sort of an HR review. I think that's very important as well, and perhaps using third party for that study.

[00:07:13] Heidi Wagner

So, some of the reports that the NSRAB doesn't need, we need to make valuable you know, decisions to present to our residents, whether this is right for each unit. And we haven't made that decision because some of these reports, we need to see. And basically, we're in the talking stages of all this. And before we make an application, some of these reports need to be done and looked at, but we need that financial assistance from the province.

[00:07:49] Derek Amalfa

Yeah, speaking on the province, there was three, points that they recommended well that needs to be part of any application and that's provincial confirmation from Department of Justice, Public Works and Department of Municipal Affairs, which I think we've sort of circled around these things but it would be good to get confirmation of the policing agreement for a new unit And the supports from the Department of Municipal Affairs, which every other community who's gone through us has ad supports, which we haven't received any type of commitment with that.

[00:08:28] Speaker C

So, yeah.

[00:08:30] Speaker G

And we can push into that.

[00:08:32] Speaker C

Yes, we have pushing for that.

[00:08:36] Penny Smith

So I guess my question would be, what's the next step from here? Are we going to be sending a letter? to the province after receiving this information stating that these are the different studies that we feel need to be carried out.

[00:08:53] Derek Amalfa

That was my question, so yeah.

[00:08:55] Penny Smith

I've known to our resources as well, our senior listened.

[00:09:02] CAO MacLeod

For the benefit of the residents here, it's important to come on to that. When we started out a few months ago, We have to bomb and stray that fund, or you're going to pay for all the studies that need to do. Problems pay back. I didn't say, you know what they said, you need to put in a petition, but I'm not a petition to the NSR, it didn't first. Before we consider funding, and that creates a chicken and exit situation for the community, because they believe that I bring the fund and the financial sustainability board with human resources, infrastructure, or excuse me into that. Super important to tell you that we provided the options and what taxes the potential looked like, which is what everyone here would want to know. And so we went to the answer, we asked them for a very good detailed rundown of what that looked like, what the reports were, and in that letter it is suggested that we if the committee would want that detailed financial sustainability report, and how this makes a decision, that can that be part of the board to be required a little to supporting the response that it's not necessary. But it would be, I think I can't run into the languages, but it's not going to be helpful to have that. But the other thing that they're confirming, saying, just really good, is when you put it in an application, you're not permitted. You can withdraw an application way out until the point that they make the final decision, which they say, which would only occur after the public meeting is completed. So that would allow you to all your reports as the public consultancy and look at whether or not the extent it is to your benefit or not. And then your counsels can make their individual decisions, and then you can decide whether or not it's being earned.

[00:10:59] Speaker C

You're asked based in front of the board, which it would be allowed.

[00:11:03] CAO MacLeod

So the recommendation I would make to the committee here is that you come up with a draft letter to the province, asking for them to fund relevant reports with three councils submitted for the application here, which is what the province would ask for. But before that letter goes to the province, the three councils still have to meet and agree to put that letter here and just are doing that with effective engineering to put an application, even though you're not going to withdraw. You're still making a commitment, which a lot of residents might feel almost like you're jumping to the gap, but the problems have kind of put us in that in that particular next situation. But I'm planning to acknowledge that we can't acknowledge really important. So I would say to come up with a draft letter, put in the front of your counsels, the counsels make a decision on whether or not they want that other to go in. If they don't want the other to go in, then they'll post this off. If they do want to learn to build in, then it's up to involves to say, yes or no, we're going to fund those. If they say yes, then you move forward and they say, no, but the whole process just stops. So that's my take on it. Pots, table.

[00:12:28] Heidi Wagner

So it's the letter to the province. We would put that letter in first before any money is spent for any unit.

[00:12:39] Derek Amalfa

The council decide if they would like to proceed with sending the letter, because sending the letter implies that we would move forward with the application.

[00:12:50] Therese Cruz

But we're not admitted. No, and that we don't.

[00:12:52] CAO MacLeod

So final public hearing.

[00:12:58] Penny Smith

But I think as we said at the previous meetings, you know, we can't do anything else. The comments. gives us the funding to move forward. I mean, we can't forward 100 or 500,000 or whatever the case may be for these studies that are absolutely necessary before making a decision.

[00:13:19] Derek Amalfa

The original amount that we thought is that still based on that change of the reports that we do not need, that we thought we needed previously.

[00:13:29] CAO MacLeod

Some of them, they say don't need. But I think we have to go back to our auditors. It would be the obvious parting to pull that report together. They gave us an estimate after my monitor that was \$250,000. We have to give them a detailed scope. So myself, June, Sarah, and I financial people have to sit together and come up with a scope, put it in the audience and say, give us a final price. Is that the most important one? From the initial point of view, we have the information already available for the infrastructure to go in. We have all the information ready to go in on the human resources. I don't know about the two towns where they are in the infrastructure to put it to that. If there are shy on that information, we may activate a consultant to come in, do an assessment of the infrastructure which we feed into the financial sustainability report. I agree with the ward on human resources. That's a confidential matter and it also involves the unions and the unit agreements there. I think that's something that's confidential just in an organization committee. And you guys can work with a consultant putting that together. Those are the most important reports, I think. The list of the other items that they want here. We can do all of these in house, except the one here is the tax rate transition assumptions. I think that that is something that would come out of the financial sustainability report. One of the key items we'd ask for one of the different tax options available to councils who are going to maldome. And then the other one is the government proposal. And when we did our, How many counts do you want? Do you want counselors to be district counselors and town counselors or do you want to have council districts that overlap town and districts. So there's all of these sort of strategic decisions that I think you need to decide themselves.

[00:16:16] Speaker C

I think it was interesting that we brought up the world in the town. And is that in the last presentation we had, it was shared with us that that was something that was good for me and it was actually quite successful. It will be a change of some of the boundaries in the polling stations that in their tellers that that actually worked out to their advantage. but instead of that was from the S.E. boundaries, so that might be something that, if we're locking that, that may be something. So, do you think residents would like to see something more?

[00:16:53] Derek Amalfa

Yeah, so just to add to that point, one of the things that I found interesting, they said, Chris had said, Mr. Neil had said, When you strip away for lack of a better term, the how in versus the new government governance model was one of unity where they were looking for looking at the entity as a whole as opposed to law board specific plans, shelter and specific plans, etc, which would just continue through their governance. In that light, they changed it to be counselors across as a united front or you made governance moving forward, which which no one had ever told us, which again was part of the key aspects that Mr McNeil brought to us is that those working lessons that he had learned through his time. So I guess where do we go from here? So it sounds like we need to communicate back with the province now that we have this information. I think also just for me as a visual person, a list of all the documents reports that we can do that we need outside consultant and a price tag to go with that. So we've got a full sum picture of the process and the pathway.

[00:18:12] CAO MacLeod

fine tuning some of the progress in our course. We can come up with a draft letter for the committee in review. And then when you got 11 to be happy with, you need to put it in front of the three councils. And if we get through the three councils, then then we send it to the province. And I would recommend you actually ask for an in-person meeting looking.

[00:18:37] Penny Smith

Just for clarity. So we would be looking for funding for the studies that I always called the UARB, that's what it was before, what they say are necessary, but also the ones that we feel we need to have done as well.

[00:18:56] Derek Amalfa

Yeah, so I agree with that. I think if we I would also like to see a list of all the things almost like a checklist so that everyone's aware of the work that will be required from a human resources capacity standpoint as well. Any other questions, comments, concerns or.

[00:19:20] Speaker G

Well, I think I'm speaking for the town and showroom. I think that was a discussion between the council that we do need to talk about it after receiving this letter.

[00:19:31] Derek Amalfa

So, yeah, give your council a lot of your need to discuss it a little.

[00:19:35] Speaker G

So I think it's only fair for all of our other. The rest of the other municipal units to have that.

[00:19:44] CAO MacLeod

other sort of items. Maybe you want to talk about the ones that committee's public engagement. I guess I think once the public sees that draft letter on agenda, there will be a feeling amongst many people that you've jumped again. And they won't understand the intricacies of the chicken and egg that the problems have put us in. So there's going to have to be some sort of public engagement. that gets the message out to people. And this is, we can pull out of this at any time right up until the end, we're reinforced by the missing power, by the province of Pindice, actually, and so that we can get to the courts, we need to make a decision. And then the public will be part of that all the way along. And we're gonna have to have a public engagement campaign.

[00:20:38] Derek Amalfa

Yeah, I think that clearly outlined the process and the why. Yeah, it's very important.

[illegible]

So the shared services is that?

No, the shared services are actually needed in the service. Even though when I read this, It clearly says, in inclusion, a well-written application does not mean to be burdened by consultants or to be part of it. The board's dissatisfaction and standard announces it doesn't need to provide an overview of those that this will come into condition for your imagination versus what it looks like should an evaluation not proceed. Further, as if that's what happens, it may not be shown that there will be a immediate cost to it from hack reductions, but it should show an understanding of the risk involved in the circumstances of sustainability in the common risk of all. So you have a letter from the province that says you don't need consultants. And I expand the quality of these as areas you need consultants. But so that's what we need to hear. Like it's not good to have anybody to do this with everybody again. That's just bad. We need to know that we have to say because if you know that from the province, I don't know where the edge is draw. There's no goal. There's no one. So you're not going to get it from the edge. So we need to know what kind of maintenance we're going to play this back and forth, which is what we said. I guess it's feasible or it's easy. I don't like watching you too much.

I think it made me have been our last meeting that we said after receiving a letter from the province and them telling us that they weren't going to provide any funding. You know, we stated, you know, we can't really move forward unless we have money from the province to do so. You know, with every other amalgamation or dissolution or whatever you want to call them at the time, they've given millions of dollars, millions, not hundreds of thousands, millions of dollars. And what we're asking for is money to have these studies done so that we make sure with the residents that we're making the right move forward, whether we're going to move toward amalgamation or not. But, you know, unless the province comes up with the money, I don't see how it can honestly move forward with that.

Yeah, the value I can find from getting it.

Yeah, that is. Well, I think our CAO does have some breath estimates on the number of the studies that we were looking forward for and looking to have prepared for us.

Well, in the first case, the problem comes out and says no. said you got to put it out in case it first before it's said in the federal. And they know the numbers. We've put them in front of them. We'll have to go back and refine them, but it could be an attuning of the five of them. That doesn't include legal fees. It doesn't include some other items there, so it could be more than that. But we will put a letter to the government that said, and think that this is going to be the range. We have to put it on a page for it. But we want to look further at all whatever the end result is. And so when if we get this final letter to our council some to them, that's the final letter that I'm funding. It's either a yes or no. If it's a no then this whole thing is getting water. If it's a yes, then you go ahead with the force.

[00:24:49] Speaker G

So we want to put an application with own studies, even though we can. is a loss for that in the letter, because she said we do not need to have consultants. So people consider that.

[00:25:01] Derek Amalfa

Well, so I would say, I would say I think that's, that's the next question in the next step. So if the letter, if the government comes back and says no, there's no money, you can do this on your own. I think, I think that's a question for councils. Are they comfortable proceeding with the information, the requirements of the board? Or is there not enough information to make that decision? So I think each unit has to make that decision once that comes.

[00:25:26] Speaker G

Yeah, clarification. So the this letter is from the known disclosure, um, regulatory and appeals board, because the province of Nova Scotia, the Department of Municipal Affairs, told us to, to like, again, like that extrovert, um, exploration piece done. So those are two different entities.

[00:25:52] Therese Cruz

So the the fund is hopefully we get it from the Department of Municipal Affairs. The NSRAB is the board that oversees that process. Yeah, so just clarify it, everyone must do that. And I do think in

[00:26:13] Penny Smith

for me if I'm wrong on this, but I do think the discussion around the table has been, you know, unless we get the money from the cause, we don't see how we can move forward without that money, because there are studies that need to be done. I mean, you just, they're just necessary, like the financial sustainability, and like we just say,

[00:26:39] Heidi Wagner

We were not waiting. We'd have had some discussions about shared services with all the units. So even though this is, um, we're putting things together and doesn't mean we've put that to the side, you know, third, that committee is still meeting to see where we can start and get things moving with all units that have a benefit in an impact.

[00:26:59] Derek Amalfa

So that's, yeah, I think our next, our first meeting is in the next two weeks or so.

[00:27:04] Penny Smith

So that's coming up soon. And that's the joint services. Yeah, with all five municipal units in the county. So not just Eastern show. So we're doing everything. So any other comments on this or I guess we would need to make a motion to.

[00:27:32] Derek Amalfa

Direct staff to draft a letter and for review for councils. That's the that's the next step that I'm hearing it. Somebody else has it.

[00:27:42] Heidi Wagner

With that question, I would like to put a draft better together to present to this committee and then to council.

[00:27:52] Speaker C

Any other discussion?

[00:27:56] Derek Amalfa

All those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried. All right. The next item on our agenda for today is resident commencing questions. So open up the floor now. Just ask you to maybe come forward. We have a microphone here to pick up your voice and just introduce yourself and ask away.

[00:28:24] Speaker G

Okay, everyone's listening. Yeah. I'm pretty sure people can hear. Where are we rising as if we're as if we're being on public consultation, uh, probably both for or against or what, what is going to be the process that I hear a lot of me, I don't hear a lot of us. So I'll get one in your series today, like I'm considering having a, but aside of being up and off long, we're not up long, but what's going to be the approach when it comes to that.

[00:28:58] Penny Smith

I don't think in the book, we haven't discussed a plebiscite at this point,

[00:29:04] Speaker C

but we've had a lot of information on it. So the plebiscite themselves, as you correctly indicated, are not by me. A lot of the information that was that sometimes they actually were more cost more division that the action would benefit. However, The ones that the information we got from all the experts was that it was very important to have the public engagement and how I'll look at it, but other sites themselves are not necessarily the way to do it because sometimes we would have a particular small, very vocal group. for or against, it doesn't matter for either side. And then I would assume the whole thing that necessarily means that it's reflected on the entire residence, right? So that's what engagement is really important in the education piece to the public. So we have to make a final decision.

[00:30:02] Speaker G

That's been the time we did it. Yeah. It's lost there. But well, it's been a huge group of communities that have always been out here and solving it. So I don't necessarily really solve it for people who can try it. I think everybody should catch a day. And that is my biggest.

[00:30:26] Speaker C

If I could search that, we did almost one of the groups that did speak to us. And they did talk about, and the problem was that the front end of that process. It was identified they did not engage with their problem. So, and then there was a group. There was opposing groups. There was some misinformation, because some people who lived in a rural, there was things that were being flown around. And again, that was that was the fault of the process that I think they learned from it was that, yeah, we didn't properly engage them. I would be forehand, and then the plebiscite came and they got shot down. They didn't survive, yes. But what we did here was that it caused some major disruptions between the different municipal units that are resistance to this day. They're starting to get better in a lot of the infrastructure projects that were needed and that they were looking for and that they wouldn't have received money from the provincial government having sort of evaporated. And they got a couple of things done that took three or four times longer than it would have been.

[00:31:32] Speaker G

But in the past, I couldn't handle the cancer we felt. And as you wash the green, the green is sign of that agreement.

[00:31:44] Heidi Wagner

So people do have to have a say.

[00:31:47] Speaker G

And whether it's what you might hear, whether it's not what you want to hear, or what you might hear, it's not to never be night. I know the smell of what it's going in, but I can't understand. Other people also read a lot of things and learn a lot of things. And we had a lot of adversity. There's written into the malignation, but there is also loss. And people have to know this room that are affected, you know, if they can imagine, and look like there's a pound issue up, and they'll get it being elevated. That is not going to happen. I think it's going to be a bit of a first responders. I read a letter to Mark and you're canceling Maggie Flush. Let's leave it. Ms. Melville, thank you much for our medical first talk. Yeah, I think we will vote for Ms. Melville. That is a certain point. The lives of the voters are in. It's not always about the infrastructure. It's not always about other things. Those are the things that danger that living here depends on the pandemic. However, unfortunately, I don't think it's not a piece because it's the law for us because we're just a small entity in the big scene of the founding natural. So there's a bunch of different points or concerns not in place, but I do appreciate the fact that I do follow it. So just.

[00:32:57] Penny Smith

I think I'm just getting back to your question about public engagement. I think all of us around the table, do see that it's being a very important charge of the puzzle? like we need to have that in, you know, and that's why we have the question and answer period at the end of each meeting so that we do engage with the public who come out, whether it's in person or virtual, to ask the questions. And because we all learn from each other, you know, every meeting that I've been a part of, I've certainly have learned something. I've walked away with something, especially in the last meeting with Christopher Neil. And I can't remember how many questions or statements he had and I think it was 13 and there were some that, you know, we've been talking about this. It seems like forever and there was still things that we had never heard tell of until. Yeah.

[00:33:47] Therese Cruz

Yeah. No. Yeah. No.

[00:33:48] Speaker G

[00:33:53] Therese Cruz

Yeah.

[00:33:53] Speaker G

No.

[00:33:54] Therese Cruz

[00:33:55] Speaker G

No that actual sample, he has formed a valve that is then evaluated. And they're not, but their task rate is no better off today than what it was. So we're not going to vote for the best people. I will do all of this again. I'm not so vulnerable recently to infrastructure grants will happen, but it will have a panel or a private paper picture. And I just think that there needs to be some clear infrastructure back to us. Why would see it? Good. And I hope we don't send the dollar consultants unless the problem wants to do that.

[00:34:41] Penny Smith

Yeah, I think for all of us, it's, you know, why are we considering this? It's how can we provide the best service possible in the most effective, efficient way possible to our residents? I mean, that's what it comes down to. And if we find that that isn't the case with moving to a malgommation, well, there's other ways that we can try to work with our neighbors and others to do that. So, to the deputy warden's point earlier, you know, we are still talking about bike services boards, so that's with the five units. And we still have shared services for Eastern Shelby County. So, you know, there are different ways that we can try to work together to provide a good service. Yes. We're very fortunate, actually.

[00:35:31] Therese Cruz

No, I don't think so.

[00:35:34] Penny Smith

You were invited. They were definitely invited to be a part of the discussion, but at the time they decided that it was a great time for them. But they were, and we had said to them, you know, any time that you want to be a part of the discussion, you will always be welcome to.

[00:35:52] CAO MacLeod

Thank you. There's invited at the very beginning, we had a workshop at Kevin Gladberg, who was the facilitator for Windsor West Pass. And he had all three councils, full councils, did a workshop, really sort of to gain out into councillors. What are the benefits of, oh, you're not mentioning, what are the scratch on the property? And there's a summary document on the red page. I recognize you've got a little bit often deleted, which is from an administrative point of view, there's a kind of reason why there are a lot of things to do. But there's also some challenges, like from a resident, which you can see in that document, what the challenges are and what the benefits are. And that, ultimately, is going to be a decision by councilors and by residency, to be able to ask for it. But in terms of the public engagement, one of the recommendations I've been to many, we haven't moved forward on it, because we haven't had money to pay for it, is that we did, we did we do have a commitment from the two consultants that were working with the districts, other than the Technicians, and tell them, they did the full public engagement with the Technicians. I think that's something like 30 public engagement sessions. I'm left for them to give a presentation to the committee on what land law. We know there was a lot of politics involved in there, but from a public engagement point of view, what were the challenges that they found? They did 30 engagements, and it's all a thing to go through. So there was a family meeting, somebody. You know, there's a lot of third-party talk that the failure was actually a political one with the two MLA's in the area. A day with the ones that the breaks a lot, but at the end of the day, I'd like to hear from those people as to what is a good public engagement strategy. So far, I've heard of other sciences that we share away from public sites, but There are a lot of other ways you can engage with residents and get meaningful feedbacks and residents out on the side. So how do you do that? So I think there's lessons to be learned before committee ever comes up with the public engagement strategy on how and when you engage in public, I think we need to learn a bit more on that. Yeah, that's been a conscious decision by maybe some members that be transparent or says. get, and just as a matter of interest, this is part of the most people we've seen in all of our meetings. So maybe two for one person.

[00:38:49] Speaker G

Because we have a lot to say. If there are any people in this room that want to around me, like I can tell, so I've been waiting, I've been on both sides changes. I just don't want to do important pieces of what we can, a lot of what we want to do up doesn't matter to them. That's not true. It's our school, even though not making the non-versible, it goes to the province, and you will be given up your budget to announce from time to the Navy, maybe about a big band-aid check. That will be very detrimental, but I think you could have been able to go about that, too. But we then, first of all, that concerns me. I'm older. That concerns me.

[00:39:32] CAO MacLeod

If I can jump in on that, too, all of that, that is that So the, the, the municipality that got seven, uh, volunteer departments and five, that's a two thousand. Four of the volunteer departments have, uh, NFI units within the departments. For some reason, well, I'm not familiar with. At some point in time, law court decided to separate out NFI from the fire. If the, if the local NFR was part of the fire, than it would fall within the funding agreement with the municipality and get funded. And our recommendation, we've talked to Wayne and Anna, we've recommended that the MFR, you know, be part of the Florida parking, because then any fall within the agreement, we're looking right now at the completed change in our fire policy or serve policy. Because of all the changes that are going on at the provincial level, And that's going to involve changing the two agreements with the two towns. From an administrative point of view, I personally said this and I would personally like to see. And if our part of the firm so that that agreement that funding goes into both the firm and the model that we're looking at is something similar to parenting where they they had about eight months and a lot of data out of the three. the way they work is that they submit a three-year operating margin that goes in from a council and it's approved. So each department is looking at it for three years and then and then an area is applied to fund their operating costs and also their capital or that something similar compared with the year remind the Down here, across the district, the long-term departments, we have in this area, each from side, good work and joint operating budget to do NFR here in Lockwood. Right, and then looking at an area to fund that. The NFR in New Year is a very valid, but even the New Year's penalty recognizes that. The record amongst the good work the NFR in New Year does, and that's not something that we would look to. to see the threat of environmental change.

[00:42:03] Speaker G

Yes, my other question is on that line, can we move another minute to the analogy? Yeah, most of the roads, there's always a restructuring of violence, which is a part of the parents. And when we connect, I mean, Northern Ireland, St. Louis, Jordan, so I assume that some of those things that happen to be answered will be decided as well, a third of the television, that all the machines that have not stayed in volleyball, that time. So that's just another piece of news to the local people. And this is the grading. But here's the, here's just how it's done in the grading. They'll make that as well. But that's fair. Can all the sprinkles and sunshine, there has to be some downside to the pieces.

[00:42:44] CAO MacLeod

Now, far as you're receiving in the municipality of tradition of being underfunded. And you can talk about this look. five of those, and there's been so much time raising money with with different events in Bay Area communities. There's not a single out of the 30 vehicles within the municipality, including the two counts, other than the most recent vehicles purchased by Shellburn, there's not a single vehicle that is out of the 50-year-old. There is a serious challenging ahead for fire services in terms of getting the improvement that's required and so the funding model is to be reviewed so that these departments get funded to the degree that they're not going to get a fall and they're fire cut breakdowns and they get out the station. Right now we've hired a person who's probably the next experienced firefighter and also there's no solution. to be our coordinator. And she's working with all the chiefs right now to come up with a whole new policy strategy that's fitting in with the whole new governance model and all the training that the problems are working in. And I just heard, literally, less than an hour ago, that Jan was going to be fine. It just been successful in getting the problems to fully find while firing a fixed training that's going to happen. in sheltering within and it's going to have 70 places for 70 firefighters. For wildfire trains, maybe three day event, probably going to cost. It won't cost us anything over \$40,000. So that so we're we're meant to big strides in terms of coming out with plans to modify the fire services and law court isn't. And it's about that puzzle. The Jonathan dictates that you cannot not have a lot of other than that overall.

[00:44:51] Speaker G

So I think you're not here for a year to that. And that's important. And I don't have home here, but I consider for season right now. But I will eventually be here for her. And I hope that we will be considered as part of the consultation, as we've worked on. And one of my favorite things is nothing about us, but about us. So to not have the community involved in input would be a huge mistake. And I live in a city that did a lot of research, and it is a mess. a complete matter of mass. An effort in full does ultimately great. The taxes will go down. And the structure is going to be better. This would be better. And that would be better. We got sold on the whole bench and on the center. And as you know, I mean, because you know exactly what I'm talking about. Taxes are doing the work. And as the seasonal block order. The tax is here, and that's my consciousness in the city of Toronto right now. We get put on hold calls to 901. In the structure, forget roads are mess. Everything was mess. There's no funding. The province actually sends us less money now since I'm organization. For schools within automation, are completely underfunded. So I want you to seriously consider before doing what you're thinking of doing, that it sounds really great that the start, but it actually doesn't lock in. And the long short term looks fantastic. And in short term, it feels really great and things to start off really great. And the long term, it's a mess. It turns into an utter mess. When it snows, there is a need to lie inside down my street. I got my second box right now. So I can't show much now anymore. Trying to get more of a counselor who used to be immediately available when we were in North Norfolk. Our streets were fucked. It wasn't an issue. You'd get full of them immediately. So things change, and more clear questions aren't small. And people are responsive. Now that nomination happens, you know, we can hear everything has turned into freshness wet and fresh lava and freshness, but trying to human being on phones again, it's not hot. Personally, this is why I love coming home. I've been out here a year long. I think it's going to pass it, but get snoring here. And before I talk to you again, the guys in the next pair of the boats. Your neighbors help you out. This place is special. And like we said, We show up, when something is going on, we show up. And no matter what law for it's going to be law for it. But it would be a huge error to not have the community involved in this decision, especially in law for it.

[00:49:04] Penny Smith

I think it's important that no decision has been made, that we are just, excuse me. Hmm, just going through the process right now of trying to gather the information and just to to your point, all of those, all of your comments that you made point to the reason why we must have those studies done and why they are so important. And then the human element of it all, you know, as you said, Lockeport will always be Lockeport, neighbors helping neighbors. I mean, that's who we are. So, I think regardless that would not change. But again, it's no decision has been made on this matter.

[00:49:47] Speaker G

And long term, I don't want all of a sudden, like, oh, well, first three years of elevation, my past didn't go down. And then in the fifth year, the end through the friggin work. Like, I'm not doing that again. I've lived through that.

[00:50:03] Derek Amalfa

So throughout this process, I think we as the committee have tried to gather different perspectives and gone slow. It might seem fast, but we're trying to go slow and gather these different perspectives so that we can better understand the short and long-term. And I would say you're right. Lockeport is always going to be Lockeport. And one of the things that Deputy Mayor and myself are sitting on this committee are lenses to protect all of those things, to ensure that all of those things that we love about this community, continue and they're sustainable and that we aren't in a position in five years where we have to look at a dissolution which from our last presentation strips away our power of intervals. So we're here to talk about amalgamation because we are trying to protect all of those things that that you hold dear, that I hold dear, that everybody in this sort of bold steer. So, and we don't take that responsibility lightly and agree that the public engagement is very important right from the get go will always talk about that being important and I think part of this the amount of money that we've asked for the province includes a It includes money for public engagement, if I'm not mistaken. So that's always been something that that we've earmarked as being very important every conversation we've had. Everybody has talked about public engagement. So it is something that we hold importance and is a primary force. Yeah, based on the attendance, I think that it's a good idea to keep rotating these up. So I would want that. I want that. I believe it to the committee too.

[00:51:41] Speaker C

It's not a second set, but if you did agree, it's a committee, you put it up, okay. Yes, and Rocky, I think we need to log back.

[00:51:49] CAO MacLeod

Well, I'm sick, like the physical, the future is going to work. I'll give you an example. So the municipality, right now, we call it the mayor, check it out as well. projects 15 years in the future. So we have all of our capital inputs, all of our infrastructure, everything, and this dynamic in the sense that if council says, well, what happens if we run into this bridge? What's that going to do in reserve? Is it going to be part of our taxes? We could put it in a little instant, see what's going to happen, or see if there's any pressure on the taxes. There's that long term injection point of view. The the challenging part of the automation, you don't have that. and the sustainability report that the financial standard report I'd like to see is our auditors, we share the same auditors, take that model and include the two counts into that model for a long term rejection. And the really important part of that one model is what's going to have taxes on one of the tax strategies. So, for example, when's your last chance? The debt stayed with the residents of England Towns. So that was, that was an area that didn't celebrate the general tax. He was very five, six years down the track now. We're now talking about putting a tax in place for the district that's going to go into the town infrastructure, show side blocks, lights and roads, because the people in town are the districts that use the towns. So there's The counter to that for the tax strategies is you're not going to just say we're going to have the taxes out of automation. This is what's going to be. You're going to have to look at taxes over a period of time because you might not. do an area ready for the district to fund the town trade off of bad, like West Windsor-West Kansas didn't. So studying like that, giving the different tax options for the council to review, to say, I like to say, they don't like that. And then residents can go to their job unit and say, I think that's a terrible tax strategy. I think you need to look at this one. And I think your voice will be part of that whole journey, right? And I think that I'm hoping that the council will make it make that really clear. But that is the goal. We haven't even started public data yet, because we haven't got the reports yet. When we get the reports and we have to see what the options are, I think that's going to, when the public engagement will really pick up in a big way, because at that point, it's all about, well, what direction do we go? We've got all the numbers. We've got all the reports right now, and then you can give your opinion on social data.

[00:54:37] Speaker G

Just so you know, the government not getting money right down. The only one that's going to benefit greatly of the this is going to be much harder. Because they don't believe in that once you allow me.

[00:54:49] Derek Amalfa

So one of the notes we heard from our last presentation was, I think it was a regional municipality. Is that the term that we've received? So I'm so amalgamated, if we become a regional municipality, I'm not sure if the terminology is right, they actually get more money than towns and municipalities do. So in that equalization payments from the province, so those are the details that we need to finalize with the province to understand What will life look like if these units were amalgamated and financially what does that look like?

[00:55:25] CAO MacLeod

I'm Sarah P, one of the things that you ask for to learn is from the quality of the collaboration payments. And for those employees, I should say it's going to change after you're an elementary school. So they need to, they actually need to pick a commitment as part of the services. They're the ones I want to work with.

[00:55:39] Speaker C

Yeah, so to avoid exactly what you're talking.

[00:55:44] Derek Amalfa

Thanks.

[00:55:48] Therese Cruz

One of the things that we have been across from people for residency is, and again, I know we've been in the trial, we've had consultation and stuff, but they can be jogging along in the long. And they don't really, well, sometimes people don't even know that much, which the town usually does put it on their website, it works available, they don't much come in and go, but you'll look at it, and you'll see, okay, it doesn't surrender, this is the expense. and it's bad. So it comes out, looks like everything's OK. So I think when they hear people talking about information and resolve it, it feels like, why? Why are you doing that? Why are you doing that? Or I'm not sure if we all do the same thing. Things are bad or this again, you can pick up the things that we can see need work done to them. I don't know sometimes that there's quite enough transparency. You know, I personally do know, and I mean most people can be aware that we are considered a one, you know, the clear water situation was like our big after. And it's sure me. So most of us must be aware of that. And they, you know, and again, I'm not telling you any secrets. They don't go on. We've got a little sexless lover. So they're more less tax money coming to the town. So some people are aware of the mistakes. Some people make that aware that are the new doors of their shunty of whatever. So sometimes it's just like the need, like why are you taking me into what is the issue? You know, the other thing is that you have to make sure that, you know, we're showing that I know too, you certainly understand, but this argument then, you know, I've been coming to the CRM community, I think I missed one, but the thing is that, yeah, if there's not necessarily going to be, we're going to go from 2.40, which is what we've been to a lower amount, or we made but then we're going to have an area because we have a treatment plant that only serves us. So we have to upkeep that. We have a fire. I mean, what happens? Like the infrastructure that we have that only serves us, not somebody that is having is going to be an area of raging for us that are vetting from it. So like all of those kinds of things do need to be explained better So that yeah, it's not like so what and I don't want to do the study so that you can then see what you know that so that I know we have shared services. So then you're talking that maybe you have to answer like what more could be done. And I mean, obviously don't get the fun that you're saying. and don't want to get me in and look at that stuff and see how it can help. But it's just the thing of like for some people it's sort of maybe old and blue but why are we not in both communities? But at the same time as somebody who has been and worked in the town office and made his attention this time, I know that things are getting, you know, infrastructure getting older. Revenue is decreasing. Population is aging. No building industry is coming into the town. People who are blind. Our single people do not have a lot of families getting brought into the system. There's a number of one reason why something is happening. It's always a multitude of things. But it's just, It's not an easy thing. And I think that you guys have been having these meetings and, you know, I'm, I'm enjoying coming to them because it, you know, I've been listening to them all, but I, I'm not people, but I think that's a different, but, you know, to, to really educate yourself on what's happening in real time in a sense of what you guys are looking for. And that, that Christmas meal was great. because he was not born any conscious. And he was stubborn. It's like a plus. So it was really good. But like I say, that's what sort of makes sometimes people. Yeah.

[01:00:40] CAO MacLeod

Like why would I put it in that line of work?

[01:00:46] Speaker I

Yeah. Well, so we're going to wrap right now. We're in Crossroads and starting with some funding to see if we fall into what's going to happen with both people. We're going to do what we're going to do. I think these ability set, so that will show, but it's not very secure to say the answer.

[01:01:08] Speaker G

I don't know. I don't know. I don't know.

[01:01:10] Speaker I

I don't see anything long back. The other thing, stories to get.

[01:01:22] Penny Smith

I just wanted to add something to what Mary was saying. The other thing is there's a lot of provincial downloading that happens to municipalities as well, you know, lots of regulations legislation that comes into play and, you know, they send us the letter saying this is now an effect and give us a year's notice and there isn't anything really that we can do about it. And that adds to You know, sometimes it's loss of revenue and it makes a big difference when you're trying to balance the books at the end of the day.

[01:01:55] Therese Cruz

So that's a big, that's a big component of it. And the last thing I'll say to you is that I totally understand this part of, well, first off, there used to be consolidation. So people have to understand who the consolidation came off the table. The province pulled it off the table. So it's an amalgamation or dissolution. And yes, with the amalgamation, you still have some control. You negotiate with the other unit and what it's going to have. If we say we don't want to do that, then walk or keep stripping over that, and we can't balance our books, then you get dissolved, and then you have less say.

[01:02:41] Speaker G

So just speak to that, the hands for the results, they dissolve, and then they amalgamated. If you go to the tax rates in that industry unit, they're great. They're all seeing that they do it very, very, very, very different. This is the difference I want to just speak to for the mispower intense. The municipality doesn't have to go back to them. I don't think that we didn't have to look at the province does a lot of things in the municipality that we don't have. We pay for road clearance. We may have to pay the favor of the vendor. We all have grants and inventors in this, in this province. The Cape Breton Municipality the superverge. That is the worst mess probably you have any municipal unit in this province. They're big. It's a nightmare. And they're eagerly people all over the place. What I would like to see from this activity is the actual facts and the reasons why. So taxes aren't going to change very much. We know that. We actually know that. The municipality, you're the rich cat in comparison to the town of Shelburne the town of Lockeport. There's no question. You have a lot more staff than we have. We will lose staff because of amalgamation. Those things happen. It's not a nice thing, though, when you start losing employment, you're committed because there's your people that live here and work here, and they may not live here if they don't have employment. So that's another difference. We'll definitely see. We don't sit right in Christmas. Jobs will be lost.

[01:04:02] Therese Cruz

[01:04:04] Speaker G

Do not promise jobs they we'll be lost. And that, and I wonder how we negotiate that bout me to go she ain't that isn't everybody has what. And some piece it's the same with the CDC said the dump that you saw what happened with that. I just kind of. That was not a good look at the time. Now that won't be good. So that makes me nervous and have things made more of this. I'm not so much of a fan of disillusioned worse than amalgamation. I would need to negotiate, but who is to say you've got to be sitting at a table in four years' time. And a whole other council says, yeah, that's what they promised, but you know what? Time's are tough and we just got to do this. So we have less and less. I'm not saying you'll give us less, but the next council. And I also think it's important to note that some not too few guys outside. We've all ever heard of the council that we as residents voted for, and they have to be firm, and they have to know about the voting for. And that's important too. So I think that is not, I can go on in a minute, I'll listen to all your stuff, because I don't have much of a life apparently. It should be good. And I just, you know, like, I'm not, I'm used to things, but don't say it's wonderful, because it's not. There's loss that has to happen for this impact. So let's just call that lady. I say on top of that.

[01:05:21] CAO MacLeod

But you said there I disagree with about job loss because I can tell you right now you say you've done a lot of stuff. We've done, we've got the staff we need to do the job and do. And if amalgamation runs Our staff don't have the room on their desk to do what you want to do on a field stop or to do the secure folk here. But there'll have to be a human resource of studying, which is confidential. But that committee is going to have to make that decision in terms of that. But when they've listened to all the people coming into the presentations, they've all said, you don't lose jobs. I really think Chris MacLean said that, but that's probably what the other didn't say. But Windsor West Hand said they didn't lose jobs there either.

[01:06:09] Speaker G

Well, we met a dance board already, solved what went to this house, it was an amalgamation through the town of Windsor and Weston. Like three units, they talked about but it is really just two. The town of Windsor and then West Hants municipality. But they were the two because the Hants board was already the country of Austin, their major industry, they just, you know, so people that all have an amalgamation zone formed, you will definitely see, you might not lose jobs on paper, but you lose where they are. You can't tell them you're going to keep three town offices open in Shelburne Lockport and in the town of Shelburne. So somebody's got to come together. And that's way down the road with just those things you haven't put up here saying, hey, this could happen. Don't make it sound like it's all wonderful because it's not in the air soon. It's that will come up as well for sure. So how did it go?

[01:06:52] Therese Cruz

[01:06:56] Speaker G

[01:06:59] Therese Cruz

[01:07:02] Penny Smith

That's extremely important. He showed both the pros and the cons of everything moving forward. And that would be on us to make sure that that's done and done properly. People just won't get there after it.

[01:07:16] Derek Amalfa

And we haven't. We've never.

[01:07:24] Penny Smith

So I wonder about the public engagement aspect of it. What can we do better to inform our residents as we're moving forward? I mean, right now we're really at the beginning of it all with having these meetings and trying to find the information for all of us, and ensuring that whoever shows up, whether it's virtual or in person, that you have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and help guide us with all of this.

[01:07:53] Speaker G

I'm not even concerned that the panel, the judges, they may not be worried. They're not wanting, so let's have a bit of it. 200 people come in and put off the blocks and say, it's still on. We can finish it. and certainly, I hope you're across to that, but I'm sure with it, we're asking the problem to get five out of your drain. Throw another button right on there. Hey, let's do this as well to start. This is our community. So much to look here a whole lot of some of us have lived here for 10 years, some of us lived here for five. We all live here. And I think it's important that we can be set because this is the big decision. And then you have to have a question.

[01:08:34] Derek Amalfa

I know that this is the first meeting.

[01:08:36] Speaker G

I've been to a committee and it's how they go out patient to submit and have been financially in the course, but do you have any idea how the line line is? Is this a one year project, a five year project, a 10 year project, when will we know?

[01:08:54] CAO MacLeod

Good question. Yeah. That's pretty quick. That's pretty quick. So we're going to have to get our course done first. You definitely want to have this done all the next election. So, do you have a note in here? What's that? You can have a note, like if the problem says no, you have a patient that's not here. Well, if we get this out of here, If you get the letter, there are no problems. There's no problems. Then that's it.

[01:09:57] Speaker A

Yeah.

[01:09:57] CAO MacLeod

But NSR, NSR are indeed, yeah, you didn't have an answer from them with it in here. It's humanly fine. And if they do find your reports, then they'll see any rules. Yeah. So I mean, if the, if the policy now found one, yeah, and you'll keep going after reports, think about six months or something like that. Council and public consultations and I have been at that point. Everyone's going to have to look at the reports that are just a good idea or bad idea. Make a decision on whether or not you want to keep your application to the NSRID. If you'd like to keep it in, that process will probably take six months. And then the NSRID, they won't publish it. So people can get their details to the NSRID. And the one thing that we share about this is that The Council decided to go forward in decisions entirely within the plans of the board, then in decision problems, and the Councils have no say in it, just those people have.

[01:11:05] Speaker G

This is one more question.

[01:11:07] Therese Cruz

So I know you guys submitted something to the province, let it go funding. We're not going to let it back, basically saying no.

[01:11:17] CAO MacLeod

We're not going to give you money up, right?

[01:11:25] Therese Cruz

You have to put it in, yeah, it's that. So, yeah, they weren't saying no. They were just saying you had to act like a fraud. So even though they do, it is still stipulated that you could, you could put the allocation in. They can give you some funding. You could go through a lot of stuff, and then in that amount of power, whatever way you can, you could pull it to which case they might think. You could jump into it, or whatever. But so if it's all just about that application, it's really good. Because, yeah. The problem is that you could say no, if you're not going to do that before.

[01:12:08] CAO MacLeod

I'll be honest with you, but the conversation was that for the volunteers, this is the game. That is their concern. They're going to put a box of money in there

[01:12:45] Penny Smith

Again, they've helped every other municipality in this process. So there's absolutely no reason why they shouldn't be helping provide you that funding so that we can make sure that we're making the right decision without residents.

[01:13:00] Derek Amalfa

And that's a big piece to this puzzle is I've understanding that in the commitment that they would give to the to the three units.

[01:13:07] Speaker G

So they all go about following.

[01:13:11] Therese Cruz

And then for some reason, which I personally don't know what this is, maybe people do, why did they pull the validation of the data? They did. I'm not sure.

[01:13:22] Speaker G

Can you talk to me about this process? I can see that it gets us to see this. It's on me, or it's as if it's there.

[01:13:29] Derek Amalfa

We've reached out to the MLA several times and have not received any personal. We've invited them to do this without every meeting. And yeah, we haven't heard

[01:13:41] CAO MacLeod

And that really works well. I'm glad to hear that. Thank you. It's important to have this forward. Yeah, and we, we, right from the beginning, encouraged and participate, but we have it, we just have it.

[01:14:18] Speaker G

These are the words I've learned a lot. You should know that. That works both ways. People learned a lot. I mean, you're concerned about first responders, for example, in the school you mentioned. Uh, I know that. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. We can still pull up. But we've got our next level. It's so very clear, so people are aware, we're looking at what we can do. We have the option for us to jump in. And then once that comes back, and we put it in the next step again, we got this back, and this is what they told us, this is what we're doing. Yes, just don't worry, it's something good, then just not need to do something, we'll be, it's something, we'll be differently, we'll face it. Okay, I can follow this every two weeks, when they have the release, I don't know what this particular document now applies to the page from this. That's a great suggestion for the communications.

[01:15:45] Therese Cruz

But that's what I'm trying to think about. The problem I have with other sites and replanions is that there is even if there's a group that allow the voice.

[01:16:09] Speaker G

is there are people at least who are new for interested in them. So, there's always huge sloths in the real estate part, don't take any interests. They may get their information completely converted now. So, maybe that information available to people in a simple way, right? Or even, you know, if it's a capture, then it ends up just seeing, you know, Yeah, it's a knowledge. But if they end up being something that you can need to pursue, because I know that the time of our last election in law, there have been hesitation of looking into this. And I just want to say it's not always so, that I appreciate that the council that needs to really be interested in this, because I think that's very significant. There are people who felt strongly Not about the automation. Nobody had enough information to be on-site with it as far as I'm concerned. I didn't hear enough information that it was there was enough positive. But I really appreciate that you're taking the time to pursue it and look into it. And I admit that getting people involved in the process, clearly you're going to be back and uncomfortable back. You know, the bicycle will be dirty in that eye. That's why it's hard to help, but it also will be bad. That means it's in part. And so considering that process, I think it's really important. If people want to take part in the process, they have to inform themselves. They have to know what's going on. Otherwise, you don't get there. Right? I mean, that's why I elected the town council because I managed to be the smart door. I think it's wrong to pick. I'm not saying that people shouldn't know and shouldn't participate 100 percent. I don't care to fear from people who are too faring themselves. I didn't vote for that. So I did all of them. Thank you. Good morning. Yeah. Thank you. Thank you. Did a feedback.

[01:18:14] Therese Cruz

Thank you. Uh, a formal account. And I didn't get fear effectively before I was asked.

[01:18:21] Speaker G

The three of you three municipal units were this happen. We were getting to get, we were getting people to come down and speak to us, and we're going through the process and we're trying to start to believe the information.

[01:18:38] Therese Cruz

And at the time, the Taliban finished, and the municipality did not finish, we're getting to do it. And the province shut their They shut it down, they can't pick it up. So being shut it to do or whatever, we weren't continuing our talks. Not a good month, maybe even a year, I don't know, it was a month. Went far where we were not early doing any further investigation. And about seven months or so before the count of the election, we were reached out by one of the units. to say, are you interested in getting back together and continuing this process? There were some of them, he said, yeah. Some said, no, but basically for arguing it even though some don't, some 40 of us said, yes, for child lawful. And so we thought we were getting back together. And then one of the units said it was made in my unit, that sort of said, well, I don't really think we should be doing this because we're going to have no action. I personally will say what I said to that. I looked at my fellow counselors and mayor and I said, this is my first bill. I was only a counselor for one term. My other ones had been there multiple terms. And I looked at them and said, is this what you do? you're not making decisions like seven months before. We formed to make a decision to allow them to form a month.

[01:20:28] Speaker G

We were just going to continue gathering information.

[01:20:34] Therese Cruz

Then, if we had not re-elected a re-award or we hadn't been voted in or whatever, then the next handful would pick up the gong that with the information that we had gathered and proceed. So we want to say instead of not, oh wow, we've got a related decision and we're going to ask if you're in the same consolidate or whatever was on the day, but not. So that's how it. So, you know, this council, we're doing it again, but I'm going to say, we did, we've got to put some woodshotted people to say, I mean, they're here that we're there before. So just to say, yeah, it has been multiple years. I'm trying to do this. I hope you can take your time.

[01:21:24] Heidi Wagner

I have to comment on that, Mary. It never got to this point. So the conversations were had. The documents weren't discussed of what we needed to make sure that it benefit it each unit. And personally, for me, law board is my home. This is where I grew up and it'll always be home for me. These documents in what comes forward is going to show there's going to be a benefit for all three units from each agree to move forward.

[01:21:52] Derek Amalfa

And I think all of us have echoed that, right, and begin, right? So yeah, yeah. We don't want any loss. We don't want any loss. We want to provide the best path forward for my community specifically, but for all of us. So behind the scenes, we work together almost daily on committees and stuff. So this is comfortable for us to sit at a table and talk and communicate. But now we're just doing it more publicly, I think.

[01:22:20] Heidi Wagner

In no decision is going to be made quickly. This isn't happening within five, six months. This is going to happen with the input from the public if they come out. And that's the biggest thing right now is that, you know, in at the municipality, we have one, which was here from the town of Laplac. We need people to come out and speak because if they don't speak and tell us what's going on, then we don't know. So that's why this bird had decided that it would go to each unit. And people, you know, they might not want to come to Shelver, but they'll come out and work. So you need to use your voice and tell us what you want. And what you feel is just not we're not going to make the decision for you guys. And it will be public consultations as far as I'm concerned. And it'll come to you guys having something to say. And we will listen.

[01:23:09] Therese Cruz

And personally, you know, I got it now. I'm not as serious. What for me? I don't know. The point is to get the information, try to keep myself abreast of what is going on to the FTP myself, so that I can eventually get what we're out of dating. And for some of your games, because you can't believe it, it doesn't even mean that you're a game fan.

[01:23:41] Derek Amalfa

We are interested in the possibilities and the opportunities that it may present, but I can't say definitively yes or no, because I don't have that information nobody does. So.

[01:23:53] Therese Cruz

This is not something that's going to be.

[01:24:07] Speaker G

The other comments questions from the gallery today.

[01:24:37] CAO MacLeod

I think it would be now below some suggestions.

[01:25:08] Speaker G

a standard decision, like the timeline of the year for the last year for the Boeing, the pros and cons of Google's credit card bar, but there is going to be involvement. So that may be helpful, if the rate is minute, people have to comment on each other's side for the rest of it, and not just on, on. Right? Because some people don't have access to the internet, so you know, maybe something and you know, also there's a work on the municipal disliners in the public office and the government there. And so we have the sort of lodge and so that, you know, you see, you know, it's going around this block, because there are also interested.

[01:25:54] Derek Amalfa

The definition is useless if you don't get it to the people.

[01:25:56] Speaker C

So the time you come home.

[01:25:59] Speaker G

[01:26:00] Speaker C

[01:26:01] Speaker G

I'm fine. This is immunomy, it's not getting better, it's not getting better. So that people have an idea what it's like to do before. Right, the next step is you have all kinds of problems, you look at what it's like. That's the end of it. That's the end of it. You're going to have to decide after that, unless we get the whole team. Because your name can't be, but those guys, you know, the act they should be in your lead consultants, but you're not comfortable with certain studies.

[01:26:33] Derek Amalfa

Based on the feedback we've heard about specific questions and we can't answer those questions with just a bare minimum. So yeah.

[01:26:48] Speaker G

There's many people showing up. I need to show them that some people aren't participating. Some people don't actually have access to online. Some people are not, you know, mentioning that side of it. So if you have to make it accessible to them. So look at the information that they're in better forms, right? And, you know, the common information that they're not engaging with. Population, you know, I'm afraid that I'm now airbiting the floor at times. But I'm going to go online and click the million things to try and do stuff. And it's a problem with this.

[01:27:25] Therese Cruz

Yeah.

[01:27:25] Speaker G

So, you know, make it accessible to do. So, they won't care. It's that you can get the information.

[01:27:35] CAO MacLeod

It will be used on newsletter, Facebook and the website. For, if we have, when we start the public engagement part of it, will probably be far also ready at that point, I don't know if I'll be in the next bit, but also.

[01:28:17] Derek Amalfa

And we're engaged with them on a joint services board to see how we can work together in a less, just how we can work together for economies of scale with that kind of thing. So, yeah.

[01:28:34] CAO MacLeod

So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. So, yeah. from being grounded. It's a smaller, yes, it's a smaller. Yeah. It's a different piece.

[01:28:50] Speaker G

Yeah, each over and down. Yeah.

[01:28:53] CAO MacLeod

Yeah.

[01:28:53] Speaker C

[01:28:55] Speaker G

[01:29:00] CAO MacLeod

[01:29:07] Speaker I

[01:29:08] CAO MacLeod

We have a monthly leadership meeting where we meet all five of you missed the main importance of diabetes and cereals and births. We all meet and talk about common challenges. I mean, we quite often send joint advocacy letters to the province or whoever. We are ready because we're very on senior services persons. So we have to call five and talk into that one person. And for waste services, we're going to be looking at potentially having a contract just with our three units, potentially looking at a contract with all five and hopefully save money on waste services. Which is the one area that we're concerned that we have to try this across the completion. Or this is the next contract we saw in that next contract.

[01:30:07] Speaker C

So it's also a thing.

[01:30:08] CAO MacLeod

We have to ask the municipality about that question. Any other comments today?

[01:30:26] Derek Amalfa

Thank you, everybody, for joining. This was very helpful and really proud of the participation from our residents. So there's no other business allows us for next meeting. Sorry. So, August, so September, we're thinking takes August off and then September give us an opportunity with vacation together.

[01:30:58] Speaker I

Yeah. Yeah. So the town, like we don't need to in August.

[01:31:02] Speaker G

[01:31:28] Speaker I

September. September 8. September 8.

[01:31:29] Derek Amalfa

[01:31:30] Speaker ?

[01:31:31] Derek Amalfa

[01:31:32] Speaker G

[01:31:33] Heidi Wagner

[01:31:34] Speaker G

[01:31:38] Derek Amalfa

[01:31:39] Speaker ?

[01:31:40] Speaker G

[01:31:42] Speaker ?

[01:31:43] Speaker G

[01:31:43] Heidi Wagner

[01:31:54] Speaker G

[01:31:56] Heidi Wagner

September 8. Yeah. Yeah. And that's going to be the M.O.D.S.

[01:32:04] Speaker I

in the 12th of October. And then 12 will be here.

[01:32:07] Speaker G

And you'll be able to start recording some everything. For them. Yeah.

[01:32:26] Derek Amalfa

So you want to say TBB for now.

[01:32:29] Speaker G

So September the second.

[01:32:30] Derek Amalfa

We can't hear anything so.