

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION REGARDING MUNICIPAL STATUS

JANUARY 6, 2014

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PRESENT: Chair Stanley MacDonald, Vice Chair Blake Adams, Councillor Davis Gallant, Councillor Marvin MacDonald, Councillor Eric Gavin, Councillor Carol Ferguson, Doug Smith, Clair Sweet, Dewar Oulton, Esther Oulton, Dwayne Barlow, Jim Baglole, Adrienne MacDonald, Eric Phillips, Audrey Thomson, Ed Gallant, Brian Willis, Orville Willis, Wavell Sabine, Valerie DesRoches, Claine Campbell, David Ferguson, Daryl Wood, Zach from West Prince Graphic, Eric from Journal and CAO Bev Shaw.

Chair MacDonald opened the meeting and spoke on the benefits of changing our municipal status to a town - elevating our profile and improving our decision making process. He noted that no tax increase would result due to the change in status and no extra responsibilities such as street maintenance would be added and it may increase our funding opportunities. The election process would change to one where council candidates would be known before the election date and the budget approval process would no longer require residents approval at the annual meeting.

Letters of support were requested to accompany our application to the Province.

A motion of support to make application to the Province for change in municipal status was made by Orville Willis, seconded by Clair Sweet and approved unanimously.