

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

## Residents of:

**Afton (New Dominion, Fairview, Rocky Point, Cumberland, Nine Mile Creek & Rice Point), Bonshaw, Meadowbank, New Haven-Riverdale & West River (St. Catherines, Long Creek, Canoe Cove & New Argyle)**

The West River Group has engaged Stantec Consulting and MRSB Consulting to conduct a Municipal Growth Management Study to assess options for the future organization of its municipal governments ranging from inter-municipal contracting to creation of a regional service body to amalgamation of the five municipalities.

Public consultation is a very important component of the study process. The consultants have planned a consultation program that will involve meetings with the West River municipal councils and with stakeholders with interests in the West River area.

**The process will feature the following two public meetings to be held at the Kingston Legion (15385 TRANS CANADA HWY, NEW HAVEN, PE):**

- **Thursday, June 14, 2018 - Municipal Issues and Choices - 6pm to 9pm**
- **Wednesday, June 20, 2018 - Choosing a Preferred Approach - 6pm to 9pm**

Each meeting will be organized as an Open House beginning at 6:00 pm. Display materials will be set out explaining issues, solutions, and community views for participants to review and discuss with each other and the consultants. The consultants will make a formal presentation beginning between 7:00 and 7:30 pm at each meeting covering similar subject matter. The two meetings are critical opportunities to shape the future of the West River communities. The consultants will address the financial consequences of municipal options in terms of required municipal expenditures and related tax rates. They will also look forward to hearing the views of residents concerning potential partnerships with municipal not currently within the West River Group. The results will be reported to the Councils of the five municipalities and will guide the consultants to recommendations for the future governance and service delivery in the region. A report summarizing the consultants' research and consultations with their recommendations will be presented to residents of the region in September 2018.

*For information on the Municipal Growth Management Study and to track its progress please check our Facebook page @WestRiverGrowth and follow our blog at <https://westrivergrowth.wordpress.com/>.*