

# Frequently Asked Questions - Government Reform

## **I live in an LSD area that is joining with the Village. Are my taxes going up?**

As outlined in the white paper, tax rates will be different in the different areas coming together and will be based on services. If there is a service being delivered in another part of the new entity that benefits your area, there will be cost sharing reflected in the tax rates for 2023 and beyond.

## **I live in an LSD and have my own septic on my property. Will I need to pay for Village of Salisbury Sewage Fees?**

No, you will only pay for services you have access to. Sewer services are billed on a user-pay.

## **I live in an LSD and have my own well. Will I need to pay for Village water services?**

No, there are no water services currently offered in any part of Entity 33. Water services are billed on a user-pay.

## **Is where I live part of the new community which is currently referred to as entity 33?**

Please take a look at the map at the following link : [Map for Entity 33](#). If you cannot determine after viewing the map, please email your address asking the question to [village@salisburynb.ca](mailto:village@salisburynb.ca) and we will look into it for you.

## **Will Salisbury by-laws be instituted in the LSDs and where I live?**

New modern by-laws are being developed for the new local government. Existing by-laws will continue to be in effect after the transition occurs on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow the new council for Entity 33 to consider how it will apply by-laws to different zones within the new, larger community.

## **I live in River Glade, Boundary Creek, etc. Will we lose our local identity and name?**

The name of your local community will not change. River Glade, Boundary Creek, Coverdale, etc., will all still exist. Your mailing address will not change.

However, Entity 33 is legally required to have a name. This name will be the legal name of the new municipal corporation. The Elected Officials Advisory Committee is proposing "Salisbury" as the new name for Entity 33, and that the community become a "Town."

Feedback on the proposed name can be submitted via email to [village@salisburynb.ca](mailto:village@salisburynb.ca) or brought forward at the Public Meeting on Municipal Reform and the new community on April 21, 2021 at the Salisbury Lions Cub (63 Peter Street, Salisbury) , at 7pm.

## **Will my Mailing Address Change?**

No, your mailing address will stay the same as it is today.

## **Who will be responsible for my roads?**

There will be no changes to responsibility for roads as part of this reform. If the province looks after your roads today, that will continue in 2023. If the Village looks after your roads today, that will continue in 2023.

**How will taxes for roads be collected? Will revenue go to the Province or to the Municipality? Will the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (NB DTI) be required to provide real costs to deliver the service?**

The provincial government currently has a special provincial levy of \$0.4115 on owner-occupied residential properties (homeowners) in all local service districts to help offset the costs of local road services. This will continue in 2023. The provincial government is contemplating further changes related to municipal government finances, which would be brought forward before January 1, 2025.

**Have any discussions taken place on what will happen when roads aren't up to standard in new municipalities? Will the province be responsible for bringing roads within new municipal boundaries up to standard?**

The former LSD roads will continue to be maintained by NB DTI. NB DTI will also continue to be responsible for capital upgrades.

**Why is a new name needed for our area? We like Village of Salisbury.**

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**What will the name of the new community be called?**

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**Who will plow my roads in Winter?**

Roads currently plowed by NB DTI, will continue to be plowed by NB DTI. Roads currently plowed by the Village will continue to be plowed by the Village.

**Who will handle my garbage removal?**

Garbage collection is a contract service. On day one, the contracts for the current village and LSDs will remain separate. As the contracts end, they will be brought together. The rate will be brought together when the contracts are combined.

**What changes are there around Fire Services? If there is a fire who will help?**

Fire Services will remain as they are and have been in the past. The new council can bring fire services in the community together over time if they so choose.