

ROLES OF ÉVANGÉLINE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

MANDATORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Fire protection,
- b) Emergency measures plan
- c) Land use plan.
(Protection of land, rivers, coasts, forest and environment)

OPTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1) Representations/Lobbying:

- a) Internet access;
- b) Increase policing services;
- c) A more united voice for the Region
- d) Paving of roads
- e) Importance of maintaining Acadian language and culture
- f) Better health services; doctor, manor, etc

2) Infrastructures

- a) Street lights;
- b) Paving;
- c) Snow removal;
- d) Maintenance of wharfs
- e) Expansion/renovation of CSCÉ
- f) Road signage;
- g) Coastal erosion;
- h) Sidewalks;

3) Development

- a) Enhanced opportunity for tourism and economic development (public beach, campground, development at Cove, etc.);
- b) Development of new projects for region;
- c) Attract new enterprises;
- d) Economic development
- e) Cultural and professional development
- f) Volunteerism improvements
- g) Importance of working to stimulate the vitality of the Acadian language and culture in the Region
- h) Creation of position of Director of recreation;

4) Services

- a) Access to Drug Prevention/Abuse programs;
- b) Implement programs such as Block Parent;
- c) Regional beautification program

d) Establish bylaws such as Control of abandoned structures; Control the use of pesticides, etc.

BENEFITS OF A MUNICIPALITY:

Access more funds with a larger

Maintain the historical values of the community which is over 200 years old

Presently the non-incorporated villages have to go to the Province for all services ... they don't have a local voice;

Would simplify funding requests by providing a united voice for the region.

Would have a positive impact on our school, our arena, etc.

Might help to fill job openings

Help maximize human resources

Difficult to fill jobs in the region - especially in bilingual jobs – variety of jobs is limited in the region

Would reduce the need to make request directly to the local MLA

Municipal politics

IMPORTANTES QUESTIONS

A) Taxation system

- Taxation system should be based on services received;
- Examine taxation systems in other provinces;
- Commercial tax rate for businesses;
- There could be more federal funds for fire protection if municipality was larger;
- Taxation for farmers (need to look at taxation model);
- Do taxes go to the municipality? Or does some go to Government?
- Need different tax rates
- What would « Gas Tax Money » be under a larger municipal structure?
- Have a meeting for those who own large amount of land

B) Inclusion of the two official languages

Bilingual Municipality;

Find practical and creative ways to do it bilingual;

Help community become more inclusive.

C) Municipal Council Representation/Elections

Number of councillors elected?

How will all villages be represented on Council?

Will Fire districts change? Maybe a chance to explore new lines in a new municipal model.

Explore the possibility of talking to Richmond or other neighbouring communities (if yes, ok, if not, provide reasons);

D) General Questions

Need to provide clear justification for incorporation

Ensure clear explanations of the incorporation of the region

What will incorporation change in the everyday life?

Would the by-laws be the same for every village? ex. Wellington and St-Chrysostome?

Impact on parishes?

Impact on our school? arena?

What is the process to make this official?

E) Others

Use Vanier as principal office (maybe)

Make a list of future meetings required

Suggested to create a "handout" for public meeting and be ready to answer questions.