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Website to build awareness of need to strengthen municipalities

Charlottetown, PE - The Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) has launched a new website called ***Municipalities Build Communities*** to increase awareness of the need for changes to the Island municipal system, including Island-wide incorporation and a fair and predictable fiscal framework.

“We know that municipalities play a vital role in building strong Island communities,” said Bruce MacDougall, President of the FPEIM. “This new website, BuildPEICommunities.ca, is designed to inform Islanders in more detail about the role municipal governments play in so many facets of our life.”

During the provincial election, the Federation called on all candidates to become informed about the issues facing Island municipalities, reported MacDougall. “We asked them to make cities, towns and communities a priority and to work with us as partners to fix the municipal system. With the election behind us, we need to keep the conversation going and work hard to put long-term solutions in place.”

“Islanders care about their communities, but many are worried about the future. They want strong communities that have clean water and will work to protect our environment, plan for the future and support economic development,” continued MacDougall. “With the right system, municipal governments can do this and much more to build strong communities from tip to tip.”

On the Island there are currently 73 municipalities that cover only 30% of the province. In recent months a number of municipalities and unincorporated communities reported they are exploring options for service sharing or boundary changes in their regions.

“We are hearing from municipal leaders and residents across the province that the current system is not sustainable, and the Federation is looking to support the process of change,” said MacDougall. “We encourage people to become informed and have conversations to build awareness that change is needed, because the status quo is not sustainable.”

To learn more about how **Municipalities Build Communities** visit BuildPEICommunities.ca or contact the Federation of PEI Municipalities directly.

The Federation of PEI Municipalities is a nonpartisan organization committed to providing a strong and unified voice for its membership and fostering effective, efficient and accountable municipal government in Prince Edward Island.

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