



## **Municipal restructuring approved for Three Rivers, North Shore and Central Prince**

**September 25, 2018** - The Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM) welcomes the announcement that the provincial government has approved three municipal restructuring proposals.

The new Three Rivers municipality is the result of joining the former Towns of Georgetown and Montague, the former Rural Municipalities of Brudenell, Cardigan, Lorne Valley, Lower Montague, and Valleyfield, and some unincorporated areas in the Cardigan, Georgetown and Montague fire districts. The Rural Municipality of North Shore joins the former Rural Municipalities of Grand Tracadie, North Shore and Pleasant Grove, and the Rural Municipality of Central Prince combines the former Rural Municipalities of Eilerslie-Bideford and Lady Slipper.

“On behalf of the Federation, I congratulate everyone who worked to bring about these positive results,” said FPEIM President Bruce MacDougall. “These changes are taking place because people who care about the future came together to explore options for strengthening each of these areas,” he added.

“Creating larger municipalities that reflect the community of interest will increase capacity to deliver local programs and services, including long-term plans based on local needs and priorities,” stated MacDougall.

Land use planning is especially important in PEI. Our Island economy depends heavily on our land. Municipal planning plays an important role in protecting land, as well as developing it in ways that serve our collective best interests. Unfortunately, only 10 percent of our Island is covered by municipal land use plans. Residents living in areas without a land use plan and bylaws have little say in developments proposed for their area. Through the land use planning process, municipalities work with citizens to preserve the things we love about the places we call home.

According to MacDougall, the work that has been done to bring about restructuring will increase local capacity and provide lasting benefits in the communities that make up the new municipalities of Three Rivers, North Shore, and Central Prince.

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