



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Councils of the Village of Cap-Pelé and the Beaubassin-est Rural Community meet to discuss the local governance reform**

Councils from Beaubassin-est and Cap-Pelé local governments have started discussions on the merger between the two municipalities following the announcement of the White Paper on local governance reform. Due to current public health measures concerning Covid-19, this virtual meeting allowed elected officials to share their expectations, the benefits and the concerns of the proposed merger. “We are two communities of interest that already work closely together on various files, and we want to see a successful amalgamation,” said Mayor Serge Leger of the Village of Cap-Pelé.

This amalgamation will create a sizable local government entity with a tax base of nearly \$1 billion. “We are going to become an important municipality and a major economic force for the Southeast and throughout the province,” adds Mayor Louise Landry of the Beaubassin-est Rural Community.

The Government of New Brunswick recently announced the Provincial Transition Team that will be tasked with leading the reform. The municipalities are awaiting the appointment of a provincial facilitator who will work specifically with both local governments to see to the merger of these two entities.

Until the implementation of the facilitator by the transition team of the provincial government, both communities will continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss various subjects that are important to the success of the amalgamation process.

The members of both Councils have agreed to have honest and frank discussions during the process, focused on transparency along with a positive attitude and a collective approach. These qualities will be the winning recipe for a harmonious process with positive short and long-term benefits for the region.

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