

A SUMMARY OF THE ROGERSVILLE RURAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

Message from the Steering Committee

Dear residents of the local service districts of the greater Rogersville region,

On May 6, you will be asked to vote on an important issue: do we want to become a rural community? We would like to thank you for participating in large numbers during our 25 meetings that have been held since 2017. These meetings allowed the population to express their views on the needs of the community, but also to communicate their vision for our region. The communities that compose the proposed rural community are already part of a large community of interest. Our citizens share a common history, and especially a unique community life. Being a predominantly francophone region isolated inland, our community has become resilient and very cooperative in order to ensure a development of its territory. A copy of the feasibility study in English and French is available at the village of Rogersville office. *We invite all qualified voters to go out and vote on May 6!*

A plebiscite will be held on **Monday, May 6, 2019**, to determine if the ***residents of the local service districts (LSDs) of Collette, the parish of Acadieville, the parish of Rogersville and parts of the LSDs of the parish of Harcourt, the parish of Saint-Louis, and the parish of Weldford are in favour of the establishment of the Rural Community of Rogersville along with the village of Rogersville.***

Ordinary polls will be held on **Monday, May 6, 2019, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.** **Advance polls** will be held **between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2019.** Electors should receive Voter Information cards in the mail starting on **April 23, 2019**, setting out all polling locations for their polling division. The village of Rogersville has adopted a resolution in support of the establishment of the Rural Community of Rogersville in the event of a positive vote in the LSDs.

The Project Steering Committee submitted the final feasibility study report to the Minister of Environment and Local Government on February 14, 2019, and the report was accepted.

We invite you to consult the following summary to help you make an informed decision

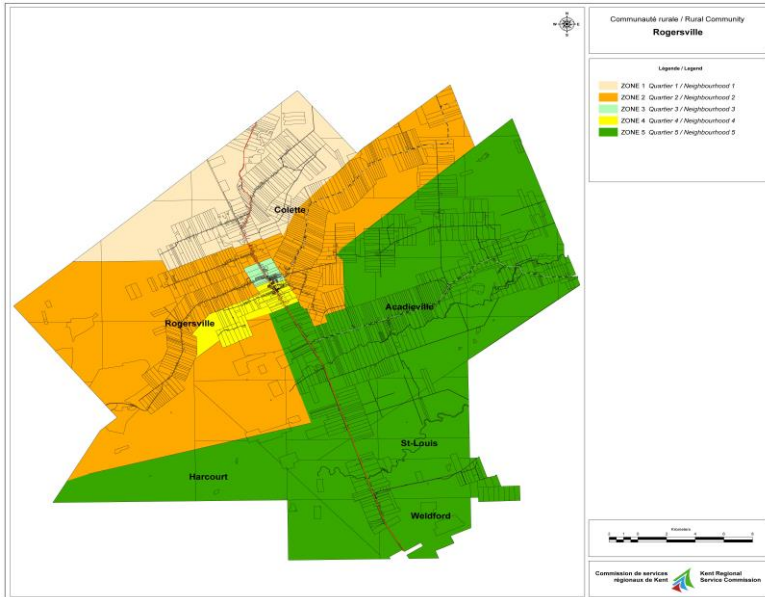
In summary:

- The 2018 tax base for the project area is a little over \$128 Million.
- Based on the 2016 Census, the estimated population is 3000 residents.
- The residential owner will only pay for the services they actually receive.
- The feasibility study is projecting a property tax increase of \$0.03/\$100 of assessment for residential properties in the LSDs and status quo for the property tax rate in the village.
- The new entity would be responsible for all services in the village as well as the majority of services in LSDs, except for policing, roads, and the collection and disposal of solid waste.
- The proposed name for the new RC would be the Rural Community of Rogersville.
- The study is projecting an increase in the gas tax fund revenue of approximately \$128,000. for a total revenue of approximately \$208,000.

Your Community, Your Choice

All qualified residents of the local service districts will be asked the following question:

“Are you in favour of the incorporation of the village of Rogersville, the local service districts of Collette, the parish of Acadieville, the parish of Rogersville, and parts of the local service districts of the parish of Harcourt, the parish of Saint-Louis, and the parish of Weldford as a rural community?” The support of the local population will be considered sufficient if the majority (50% + 1) of the people voting in the plebiscite are in favour of establishing a rural community.



The communities included in the project area are:

- Village of Rogersville
- LSD of Colette
- LSD of the parish of Acadieville
- LSD of the parish of Rogersville
- LSD of the parish of Weldford (Kent Junction)
- LSD of the parish of Harcourt (End of Pleasant Ridge Rd)
- LSD of the parish of Saint-Louis (Desherbiers Road)

The number of wards and the communities in each ward were organized this way based on feedback received from residents during the Rogersville Rural Community Project Feasibility Study. The Council makeup for the proposed Rural Community is described in the following table. There will be one councillor per ward elected by voters residing in that ward. The mayor will be elected by all residents.

Ward #	Communities	Estimated # of voters
1	Collette, East Collette, West Collette and parts of Murray Settlement	400
2	Pleasant Ridge, Young Ridge, Shediac Ridge, Rosaireville, Saint-Athanase, Village Saint-Pierre	543
3	Northern end of the village (de L'Érable Street, Pleasant Street, Moïse Street)	464
4	Southern end of the village (de l'École Street, Saint-Patrick Street, Sapin-Court Road)	511
5	Acadieville, Acadie Siding, Noinville, Kent Junction	558
Mayor	Elected by all voters	

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For further details, please consult the study at this address:
https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/elg/local_government.html