## WEST RIVER RURAL MUNICIPALITIES RESIDENTS MAKE THEIR OPINIONS COUNT

**WEST RIVER COMMUNITIES, PEI:** In accordance with the Municipal Government Act of PEI, the five Rural Municipalities of the West River Group (Afton, West River, Bonshaw, New Haven-Riverdale and Meadow Bank) individually polled residents in their communities to determine their wishes regarding potential amalgamation of the five communities.

Over the past year, the five communities have been meeting to address the requirements of the Municipal Government Act. In April, Stantec Consulting and MRSB Consulting were contracted to prepare a study reflecting the effects of the changes required by the Act. In June 2018, there were two public consultation meetings and on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Final Report was presented to the public.

Each of the five Rural Municipality Councils hosted a meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7pm to ask the following question:

Council for the Rural Municipality of [community] must address the costs for the new services required by the Provincial Government. Should the community of [community] amalgamate with the West River group of communities? Yes or No

The results of the polls were as follows for each Community:

Community	Yes	No
Afton	64	25
Bonshaw	16	6
Meadow Bank	61	1
New Haven-Riverdale	30	1
West River	52	26

Attendance at all the community meetings was good, and the poll results in each case indicated a majority in favour of amalgamation. Each of the Community Councils expect to take up the poll results for discussion at their next scheduled meetings.

To view the Final Report and additional information gathered at previous public consultation meetings, please visit: <u>westrivergrowth.wordpress.com</u>

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