

West River Group
c/o Rural Municipality of Afton
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COA 1H6

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Honourable Jamie Fox, Minister
Fisheries and Communities
P.O. Box 1180
Montague, PE
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Minister Fox:

On behalf of the West River Group and the five communities involved in our process toward amalgamation, I would like to express our thanks for arranging the meeting between you, your deputy minister, staff members and Helen Smith-MacPhail, Neally Currie and me on Wednesday, July 24th. I believe you and your staff successfully addressed some of the concerns within our five communities.

As we move toward the amalgamation of Afton, Bonshaw, Meadow Bank, New Haven/Riverdale and West River, concerns have been raised regarding the costs associated with the development of an official plan and an emergency measures plan, as well as the renovation of our proposed office within the Afton Community Centre.

Our group was very impressed with your commitment to providing funds toward the development of a new municipal office for the new amalgamated municipality.

However, as our group worked through the amalgamation proposal, we recognized that the restructured community would require financial assistance in the development of an official plan and possibly, the emergency measures planning.

Our group would like to ask how the province is prepared to help us meet the requirements of the new Municipal Government Act, as well as the transition from five individual communities to a new restructured, amalgamated rural municipality.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance with our amalgamation process and the new municipal requirements.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wilson
Chair, West River Group