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LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES ASSESS REGIONALIZATION

Municipalities in the region are evaluating how to work more efficiently together including the opportunities and challenges of regionalization under a single governance structure. This consists of assessing efficiencies, reductions in service duplication and ensuring each community remains viable and sustainable while maintaining their identity and uniqueness.

Regionalization is the co-operative effort among neighbouring communities to pool resources to create service capabilities that can be shared amongst regional members. These members include the County of Newell, Town of Bassano, City of Brooks and the Villages of Rosemary and Duchess. The region currently collaborates on a number of regional service delivery methods such as potable water treatment and delivery, waste management, physician recruitment and retention, safe communities/crime prevention, economic development and tourism. These regional services utilize economies of scale and deliver services at a lower cost giving more equitable opportunities to partners.

The working group, consisting of members from each of the partner municipalities, will meet over the coming months and will host public feedback sessions throughout the region in late January or February. Dates and times for the sessions will be announced once established.