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REGIONALIZATION WORKING GROUP LAUNCHES WEBSITE

The municipalities of the Town of Bassano, City of Brooks, Village of Duchess, County of Newell and the Village of Rosemary have formed a Regionalization Working Group (RWG) to discuss the options involved with regionalization and amalgamation. This working group is comprised of two Councillors and the CAO from each municipality, admin support and Tracey Polowich of Contigo Business Services Inc., who will provide guidance to the group and organize the open houses. The working group continues to work through the process of regionalization and amalgamation on a monthly basis and to date, no conclusions have been reached by the municipalities.

The RWG would like to thank all the residents who came out to participate in one or more of the six open houses. The group has launched a website <https://regionalwg.ca> where feedback from the open houses can now be viewed. Additional information on regionalization vs amalgamation and financial information of each municipality is also available on the website.

Discussions at the RWG meeting on March 6 centered around when and how to ask the tax payers of the region if they should move forward with amalgamation, and if amalgamation was determined, what the governance structure could look like.

Should you prefer to speak to someone directly, please contact the CAO in any of the Municipal Offices and they can address your questions or get you in touch with a Councillor.

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County of Newell - 403-362-3266

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