



## **York Rural Community and Your Business**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

The questions below are ones that the York Rural Community Project Business Consultation Committee has received frequently so we have gathered the answers for them together for your information. Please share with us if you have others: [yorkruralcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:yorkruralcommunity@gmail.com).

#### **1. Do Businesses get to vote in the plebiscite?**

According to Elections NB, A person is qualified to vote in a municipal/rural community/local service district, district education council or regional health authority election/plebiscite if he or she:

- is a Canadian citizen;
- will be eighteen years of age on or before polling day;
- has been or will have been ordinarily resident in the Province for a period of at least 40 days immediately before the election/plebiscite; and
- will be living in the municipality/rural community/local service district, school district, or health region on Election Day

#### **2. Will the Provincial Tax Rate regulations change?**

No. The provincial property tax rates for businesses in the YRC Project area will remain the same. The 2017 provincial tax rate for businesses is \$2.1860 per \$100 of assessment.

### **3. What could the YRC do for my business? To promote businesses, the YRC Council could choose to:**

- apply for Gas Tax that is paid by residents of an unincorporated area so that it could be used for infrastructure improvements.
- access Federal and Provincial Funding
- be involved in discussions regarding larger projects such as Sisson Mine and the Mactaquac Project.
- have local voices heard including those from the local business community
- promote businesses by developing a YRC Business Directory

### **4. Where do I get access to the Rural Plans that affect my business now?**

The rural plans for Keswick Ridge, Kingsclear, Douglas and Bright LSDs are available at the Regional Service Commission 11 offices (860 Prospect St., Fredericton, 453-2956; [www.rsc11.ca](http://www.rsc11.ca)). Queensbury LSD does not have a rural plan at this time.

### **5. What will happen with the existing Rural Plans once YRC begins?**

The existing rural plans will remain in place until they are rolled in to one single rural plan for YRC, a process which must be completed within two years of incorporation. Businesses could be consulted during this process.

### **6. Will there be any economic development occur when YRC begins?**

YRC Council could choose to hire an economic development officer to work with existing and new businesses in YRC. Other Rural Communities in NB have done this.

### **7. Will roads be better with YRC as compared with the status quo?**

The roads in the YRC project area will continue to be managed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) however the YRC Council can voice the concerns of residents to DTI regarding roads.

### **8. What local services will my business have to pay for?**

Businesses in the YRC project area will pay for the same local services that residents pay whether the YRC becomes a reality or not. These services include: Policing; Fire Protection; Solid Waste Management; Rural Planning; Dog Control; Recreation/Community Services; Administration: Cost of Assessment.