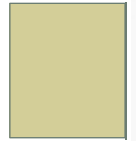


## YORK RURAL COMMUNITY CONCEPT - UPDATE



8/26/2016

### **From: York Rural Community (YRC) Steering Committee**

#### **Dear Resident,**

Members of the YRC Steering Committee have organized nine public meetings to introduce residents of the partnering LSDs (Kingsclear, Douglas, Keswick Ridge & Keswick Ridge Fire Department coverage areas in Bright and Queensbury LSDs) to the York Rural Community Concept (see attached brochure). We have presented the YRC concept to the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government (NBDELG) and have begun working closely with staff from that department's community restructuring team to complete the initial assessment phase of the Rural Community establishment process. By early October, we intend to submit a petition to the Minister of NBDELG requesting that our project proceed to the feasibility study phase. Your signature on that petition would be welcomed and added to the 250 signatures that are already on it from residents of the partnering LSDs.

Our ongoing consultations with citizens, as well as our ever-increasing awareness of the advantages that Rural Communities have over Local Service Districts, lead us to believe that the York Rural Community concept is the best option for governance of our project community at this time. We would appreciate hearing your views about this matter. Please plan to attend one or more of the upcoming public meetings (see details on the back of this page) to voice your opinions. Each meeting will present residents with the same information so if you miss one you can go to the next one. Alternatively, contact us at: [YorkRuralCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:YorkRuralCommunity@gmail.com). A feasibility study will provide the in-depth information about citizens' areas of interest and about the economic status of our project area. We need these details to be able to make proper decisions about whether or not to move the YRC from a concept to a reality.

Regards,

York Rural Community Steering Committee Executive -  
David Coburn, Chair (Keswick Ridge Local Service District)  
Debby Peck, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, (Kingsclear Local Service District)  
David Duplessis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair, (Douglas Local Service District)  
Tom Beckley, Secretary (Keswick Ridge Local Service District)  
John-Michael McPhee, member, (Bright Local Service District)  
Don Floyd, member (Lower Queensbury)

**Schedule of Up-coming York Rural Community Public Meetings:**

| <b>Meeting Location</b>  | <b>Date (2016)</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Keswick Valley Recreation Centre<br>25 Route 617, Burtts Corner,<br>NB | September 14       | 7pm         |
| Douglas Baptist Church<br>1012 Route 105, Douglas,<br>NB               | September 15       | 7pm         |
| Riverside Resort<br>35 Mactaquac Road,<br>French Village,<br>NB        | September 20       | 7pm         |
| Keswick Ridge Community Hall,<br>86 Route 616<br>Keswick Ridge,<br>NB  | September 21       | 7pm         |
| Mactaquac Baptist Church<br>1494 Route 105,<br>Mactaquac,<br>NB        | September 22       | 7pm         |

**NOTE:** The **Feasibility Study Petition** can be signed at Coburn Farms Office, 107 Route 616, Keswick Ridge, weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm or at any of these public meetings in September.