

March 3, 2024

Law Amendments Committee
Government of Nova Scotia

I am writing in support of the passing of the Antigonish Consolidation Act.

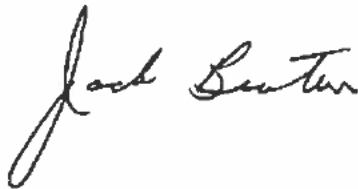
Almost all issues that face our community are not enclosed within the boundaries of either the town or county. Issues related to land use, water and sewer services, economic development or the effects of climate change, all required focused, unified municipal leadership.

The two councils that currently exist work hard to cooperate and to deal with issues, but this takes extra time, extra effort and an extra commitment to cooperation. We don't know if future town and county councils will have the same commitment to cooperation and problem solving.

A consolidated Antigonish municipal government will not only provide enhanced local leadership, but will also provide other communities in Nova Scotia with a model to follow as they address the need to reform local government.

Although there has been some vocal opposition to consolidation, I know there is strong support for consolidation and for the passing of the Antigonish Consolidation Act.

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