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This communication is to indicate my disappointment regarding the special legislation that is before the Law Amendments Committe - Bill 407.

Antigonish town and county councils were not elected to decide whether there should be amalgamation, consolidation or a merger.

This topic was introduced during a pandemic. "Information sessions" were organized during times that would not likely be convenient for many to attend. There was information that was lacking, inaccurate, misleading and all sessions were not the same. Residents of town and county had many questions but lacked answers. The majority of the people wanted a vote but that was refused. Council members only were permitted to vote but not all were included as there was a "possible perceived" conflict of interest which could result in a fine as well if those members voted.

The process that has been unfolding is one that we would not have believed would happen in this country. Our military troops have been, and continue to be, deployed to many parts of the world to assist with injustices. How can this unjust process be allowed to be pushed through by a few individuals?

This should not be what you want to be remembered for.

Over 75% of the people want a vote.

Let the people vote.

Lat Antigonish Decide!

Keep democracy alive for the people. Include a study and plebiscite in Bill 407.

In appreciation for the opportunity to present by email.

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