

2023-57
Engaging MRSB (under the funding allocated in this year's capital budget), to create a detailed comparison of options to achieve municipal sustainability.

Meeting Date 13 November 2023

Status: [] ▾

Motion type: Financial ▾

___ in favour, ___ against

Declared conflicts:

Abstentions or other notes:

Moved by Councillor _____

Seconded by Councillor _____

WHEREAS the Municipal Growth Management Sustainability Study (available [on the 'Studies' page of the municipal website](#)) was completed in mid-2022, and included many recommendations for sustainability, including options for Municipal Restructuring;

WHEREAS the MRSB contract for the Municipal Sustainability Study, and the FY2023-24 Capital budget, included \$5,500 for a Municipal Sustainability Implementation Plan;

WHEREAS the Borden-Kinkora (Electoral District 19) option presented in the Sustainability Study, at which Victoria would be at the eastern end, did not receive positive feedback, with most Victoria residents feeling a closer affinity with South Shore communities;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct the CAO to contact MRSB and ask for completion of the final stage in the Sustainability Study project – the Implementation plan – with that plan focusing on drafting estimated sample budgets for 4 Municipal Restructuring options and identifying likely staff structures under each model, so that the implications of each of these options can be better understood and considered by Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 4 Municipal Restructuring options to be considered should be as follows, and that each would have a multi-rated property tax structure:

1. **South Shore #1**, as defined in the Sustainability Study, including Victoria, Crapaud, and unincorporated areas extending from the boundary of West River on the east to the boundary of Borden-Carleton on the west and approximately one mile north of the Trans-Canada highway

2. **South Shore #2 - not being option noted in the Sustainability Study:** an expansion of Victoria's municipal borders from Augustine Cove to the Argyle shore, and approximately one mile north of the Trans-Canada highway, and not including any other existing municipalities (ie, not including Crapaud) nor the areas to their north.
3. **South Shore Victoria and Crapaud Fire Districts** (an option presented in the Sustainability Study)
4. **Consolidation of Victoria and Crapaud**, as defined in the Sustainability Study, including only the existing incorporated areas of Victoria and Crapaud and not including annexation of any unincorporated areas.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution.

Mayor
Martin Ruben

Chief Administrative Officer
Anna Keenan