

Launch of local governance reform process an important first step

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FREDERICTON, NB – The Cities of New Brunswick Association (CNBA) is pleased to see the provincial government officially launch its local governance reform process. While the modernization process will be challenging, municipal reform is critically important in shaping a sustainable future for all New Brunswickers.

The CNBA is encouraged by the province's commitment to meaningful stakeholder engagement and the need to recognize rural and urban centres and small and large communities – our success going forward lies in shaping a municipal governance model that facilitates regional cooperation and provide citizens with effective local representation and the efficient delivery of municipal services.

“The inclusion of a New Brunswick urban strategy is a welcome addition to the local governance reform process”, said Cities of New Brunswick President Mayor Adam Lordon of Miramichi. *“We will continue to advocate for municipal governance and property taxation reforms that will give cities the ability to participate in decision-making that directly affects their costs, growth opportunities and residential tax rates.”*

The province has created [a website](#) that will provide information and foster discussion as the municipal reform process moves forward. Stakeholder engagement begins in this phase and will continue for several months, culminating with a white paper to be released by the end of 2021.

“New Brunswick’s 8 Cities look forward to contributing to a viable and sustainable future for our Province at a time when we are facing an uncertain pandemic recovery process amplified by legacy economic, social and demographic challenges. We will do everything we can to support the province’s municipal reform process”, Mayor Lordon added.

We encourage all New Brunswickers and municipal stakeholders to actively engage in the municipal reform discussion and modernization process.

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