
Rural Municipality of Darlington

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To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed the completed form (MGA-MR-1) and information to request the dissolution of the Rural Municipality of Darlington. Should you require further information or clarification, please contact the office at 902-621-2170 or via email at darlingtonmunicipality@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



David Peters

Mayor



Sarah Weeks

CAO



(a) FORM MGA-MR-1

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH, RESTRUCTURE, DISSOLVE A MUNICIPALITY

PURSUANT TO THE *MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, CAP. M-12.1., SEC. 15, AND PRINCIPLES, STANDARDS AND CRITERIA REGULATIONS

Completing your Application: Important Information

- ✓ The Principles, Standards and Criteria regulations will be used to evaluate all proposals. Proposals must demonstrate the ways in which they meet the requirements in the regulations.
- ✓ If your proposal is below thresholds set out in the MGA, a record of ministerial approval must be attached to this submission in order for the application to proceed.
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the municipality or the person or persons petitioning to establish, restructure or dissolve a municipality to ensure that all applicable provisions in the *Municipal Government Act* and Regulations have been addressed in this proposal.

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION: DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

1. This proposal is to: Dissolve a municipality
2. Reason for the proposal: Under the new MGA, the Rural Municipality of Darlington is struggling to meet the ever-increasing requirements. The small rural municipality simply does not have the tax base to support these new requirements and the financial implications of them.
3. Names of all adjoining municipalities or unincorporated areas and any other municipality or unincorporated area that may be affected: Brookfield, North Wiltshire, and Greenvale

PART 2: INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THIS FORM

- Complete **Box A** if proposing to **establish** or **restructure** a municipality
- Or
- Complete **Box B** if proposing to **dissolve** a municipality.

Box A: Proposal to Establish or Restructure a Municipality

Required Information: If you are proposing to establish or restructure a municipality, you must submit the following information:

- ✓ Financial plan
- ✓ Capital assets, both existing and proposed

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- ✓ A map depicting, in detail, the new boundaries being proposed
- ✓ A copy of the resolution by council to approve making application to establish or restructure a municipality
- ✓ If proposal is being submitted by a group of petitioning electors, a copy of the petition and the name of the representative for the petitioning electors in a format that complies with subsection 15.(6) of the MGA

1. What is the proposed name: Click here to enter text.
4. What is the proposed class: Click here to enter text.
5. What is the office location: Click here to enter text.
6. A financial plan is included: Choose an item.
7. What is the estimated total property assessment: Click here to enter text.
8. What is the estimated population: Click here to enter text.
9. List proposed services to be provided: Click here to enter text.
10. List of all capital assets, existing and proposed: Click here to enter text.

Submission Checklist – please ensure that the following information is included:

- A map depicting the new boundaries being proposed;
- The financial plan for the new municipality;
- A copy of the resolution(s) approving submission of the application; and
- All additional information and documentation demonstrating compliance with the *Municipal Government Act* Principles, Standards and Criteria Regulations.

Box B: Proposal to Dissolve a Municipality

1. What is the name of the municipality proposed for dissolution: Rural Municipality of Darlington
11. Is a copy of the resolution approving application attached: Yes
12. A plan for sale/transfer of assets must be submitted with this application. Is the plan attached? Yes
If no, provide details and a submission date for the plan: Click here to enter text.
13. A plan for settlement of debts/obligations must be submitted with this application. Is the plan attached: Yes
If no, provide details and a submission date for the plan: Click here to enter text.
14. Have any other plans been established to address dissolution issues? If so, please provide any additional information that is applicable: Click here to enter text.

PART 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide any additional information that you think will assist in the assessment of this proposal: Since the new MGA has come into effect, the Council of Darlington has done it's best to meet all of the new requirements. Bylaws were passed and audits done, but now with land use planning, insurance requirements etc. on the horizon it is no longer feasible for the community to sustain itself without a significant tax increase. The original CIC was created to collect fire dues to be forwarded to the North River Fire Dept. and that was it's sole expense The municipality does not provide any other services or have any infrastructure or assets. Council members carefully considered all options for the municipality's future and felt that reaching out to residents prior to any decision was important. After consultation with residents via a survey and resident meeting, providing them with the options that were available to them, the overwhelming consensus was that dissolution was the best option.

Signature:

Sarah Weeks
Name (Print)

Sarah Weeks
Name (Sign)

CAO
Title

Jan 8, 2021
Date of Submission

Contact Information:

Municipality (If Applicable): Rural Municipality of Hunter River
Address: PO Box 154, Hunter River, PE COA 1W0
E-Mail: darlingtonmunicipality@gmail.com
Phone Number(s): 902-621-2170

Personal information of applicant(s) on this application is collected under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* of PEI, Section 31(c), as it is necessary for processing this application to establish, restructure or dissolve a municipality.

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Proposal for Dissolution

Plan for Sale or Transfer of Assets

The Rural Municipality of Darlington has no assets or infrastructure that will need to be sold or transferred.

Plan for Settlement of Debts and Obligations

The Rural Municipality of Darlington has set a budget for 2020-2021 that will cover all expenses and if need be will also do the same for 2021-2022 if dissolution is not complete at that time. Once the dissolution is complete any remaining funds will be turned over to the Province as well as the responsibility of remitting fire dues to the North River Fire Dept.

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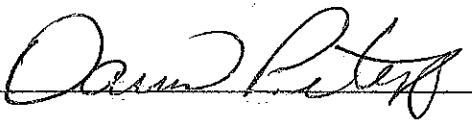
Resolution 2020-19

Passed November 4, 2020

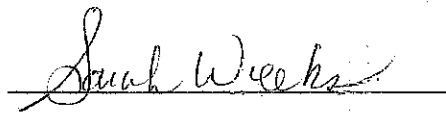
It was moved by Blair Campbell and seconded by Eldred Nicholson that following consultation with residents of the Municipality and lengthy discussion by council that a proposal for dissolution of the Rural Municipality of Darlington be submitted to the Province and Minister for Communities.

All in favor, Motion Carried

This Resolution 2020-19 carried by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Darlington on November 4th, 2020 is certified to be a true copy.



Mayor



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