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RE: Bath Community School
January 25, 2020

1. I WANTED TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION 5 YEARS AGO , WHEN BATH SCHOOLS WERE 409'D BUT WAS ADVISED AGAINST IT AS (WE) WOULD LOSE . WELL HERE WE ARE 5 YEARS LATER HAVING THE CONVERSATION .

2. MY POINT 5 YEARS AGO WAS, SINCE WE WERE THEN HEARING THAT THE NEXT SCHOOL ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK WOULD BE BRISTOL ELEMENTARY, THAT THE 409 REVIEW POLICY WAS FLAWED. HOW COULD WE POSSIBLY ARRIVE AT THE RIGHT DECISION ON A SCHOOL BY SCHOOL BASIS ?

3. SO, WHILE FLORENCEVILLE - BRISTOL DIDN'T MENTION BATH LAST WEEK AND BATH HASN'T MENTIONED FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL THIS WEEK , THE CONVERSATION (HAS) CHANGED FROM 5 YEARS AGO . IGNORING IT ISN'T GOING TO IMPROVE OUR CHANCES .

4. BATH PICS .

- GOOGLE / BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
- GEONB / BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOL (CAMPUS)
- GOOGLE STREET VIEW (TREE)
- RIVER BEND BALLOON FEST (2019)
- TREVORS X GOODINE PRO LUMBERJACK COMPETITION (BANNERS)
- FESTIVAL SPONSORS
- CRANE 'NEVER EVER GIVE UP'

5. BRISTOL PICS ... IN THE EARLY 90'S WHEN MY SONS WERE ATTENDING BRISTOL ELEMENTARY, I LEAD A PROJECT TO BUILD A NEW \$60,000 PLAYGROUND AT BES .

SO, YOU MIGHT SAY I HAVE NO PARTICULAR BIAS FOR BATH, I WAS BORN IN BATH BUT OUR FAMILY MOVED TO ANDOVER IN THE 50'S WHERE I ATTENDED SCHOOL . LATER, AFTER GRADUATING IN FORESTRY FROM UNB '78, I PURCHASED THE HOUSE WHERE I NOW LIVE IN BATH AND WAS EMPLOYED AS MANAGER OF THE CARLETON-VICTORIA WOOD PRODUCERS UNTIL 1984 . IN 1982 MY WIFE AND I PURCHASED A HOUSE AND TREE NURSERY IN BRISTOL WHERE WE LIVED AND WORK UNTIL 2009 , WE MOVED BACK TO BATH AND CARED FOR MY AGING PARENTS UNTIL 2017, WHEN THEY WERE MOVED TO A LONG TERM CARE FACILITY. MY FATHER PASSED LAST JULY AT THE AGE OF 103 AND 10 MONTHS. MY MOM WILL BE 99 IN APRIL . MY WIFE AND I CONTINUE TO LIVE IN BATH WHERE MY WIFE WORKS PART TIME AT THE LOCAL BAKERY AND I DRIVE A TRACTOR TRAILER TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS IN NB, NS AND PEI , WHILE SERVING AS DEPUTY MAYOR OF BATH .

- BRISTOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AERIAL) ... POOR SCHOOL SITE / GOOD SAWMILL SITE

- FLORENCEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (AERIAL) ...

- CARLETON NORTH CATCHMENT

I'VE CHOSEN TO INCLUDE FLORENCEVILLE ELEMENTARY AT THIS POINT BECAUSE HERE WE HAVE A SCHOOL BURSTING AT THE SEAMS WITH FOUR MOBILE CLASS ROOMS WHILE BRISTOL ELEMENTARY GOT 409'D LAST YEAR . HOW , IN THE SAME MUNICIPALITY , DOES THIS HAPPEN ?

TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION, I TEXTED A COUPLE OF RETIRED TEACHERS . ONE CAME BACK QUICKLY TO SAY , "IF YOU WANT A POLITICAL FIGHT , TRY CHANGING THE CATCHMENT AREAS" . WELL, WELL .

- CARLETON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL ... NO VISIBILITY , POOR ACCESS
GOOGLE & GEONB PICS

6. FLORENCEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ... BUILT IN 1955, THE YEAR BEFORE MCCAIN FOODS GOT STARTED
..."LET THAT SINK IN FOR A MINUTE". GOOGLE & GEONB PICS

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CHRIS FARLEY PIC SAYS ... "DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO MOVE"

7. FUTURE SCHOOLS ...

SO, DO WE BUILD 1 TO REPLACE 5, 1 TO REPLACE 3 , OR , 3 TO REPLACE 7 ?

WE HAVE A DECLINING ENROLLMENT IN ALL SCHOOLS. THE POPULATION IN CARLETON NORTH HAS DROPPED FROM 11000 IN '96 TO UNDER 9500 IN TODAY.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE NEED TO LOOK BEYOND OUR OWN PERCEIVED INTEREST AND DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO REVERSE THIS TREND OR WE ARE JUST GRABBING DECK CHAIRS ON THE TITANIC .

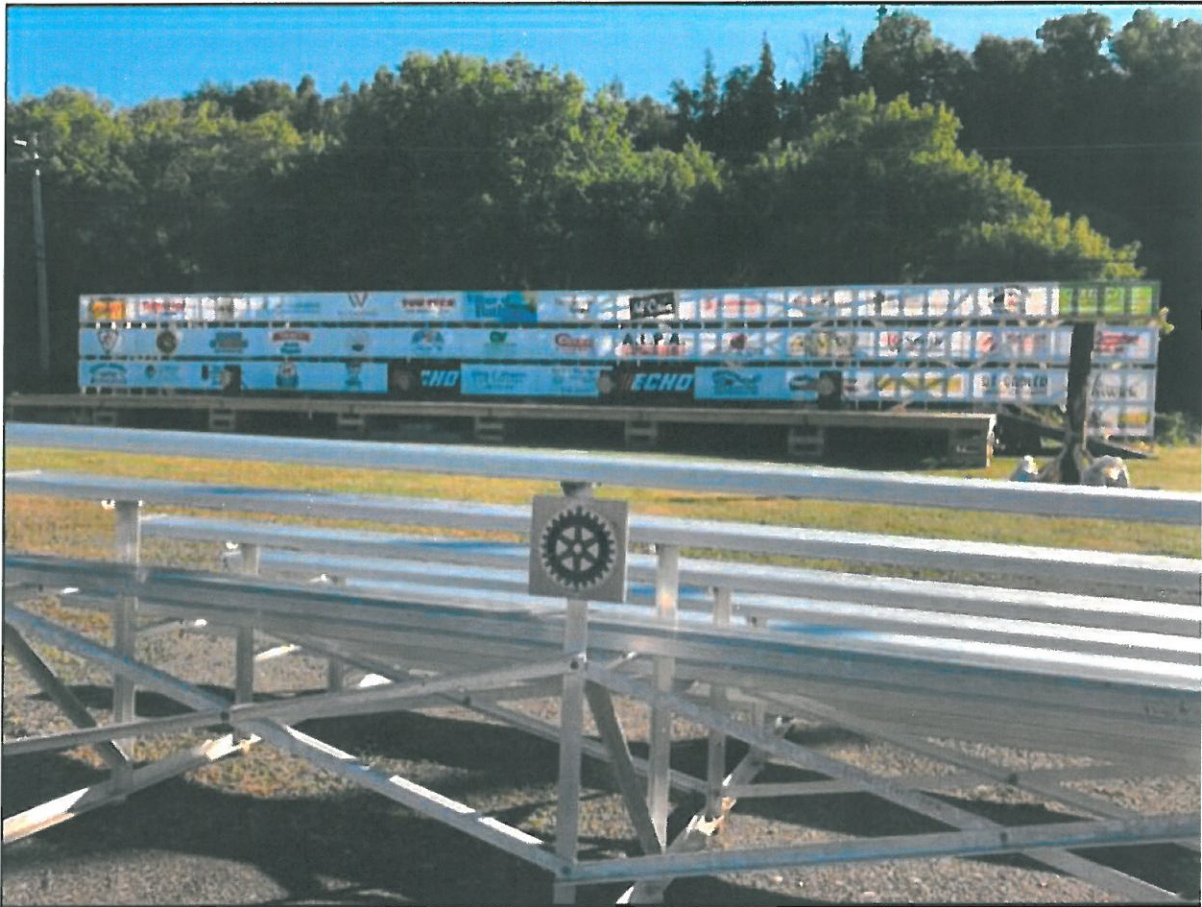
THANK YOU!













CARLETON NORTH

Rural Community Project

The Local Service District (LSD) of Aberdeen, Gassville, Kent, Upper Kent, Wicklow, Wilmot, Lakeville, Peel, Simonds, and the Councils of the Town of Florenceville-Bristol and the Villages of Bath and Centreville have expressed interest in conducting an initial assessment with the assistance of the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government to determine the public interest and feasibility of creating its own Rural Community to provide local services.

