

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### District of Carleton North and Hartland Form Police Review Committee

Policing is an important obligation to every citizen and a point of discussion in our homes, schools, and businesses here in the District of Carleton North and Hartland.

Since our recent amalgamations, the newly elected councils of both municipalities have agreed to form a joint police review committee. This is all in an effort to provide our communities with the best possible police service that we can.

Our committee has received a letter of approval from the Honorable Kris Austin, New Brunswick's Minister of Justice and Public Safety, to complete an official review as outlined in the province's Police Service Delivery Model Process Guide.

In an official review, several steps including public engagement are required. Our committee is planning to host public meetings to hear what you have to say and to answer any questions you may have. We also want to hear from you through a survey.

With more than 30 years of municipal and RCMP policing experience in various provinces, retired District Commander and Staff Sergeant John de Winter has accepted the position of committee chair. John is quoted, "The police have an incredible influence in the lives, safety, and well-being of our communities and I see the committee's work as an opportunity to provide the best policing model possible.

Mayor DeMerchant said recently, "Hartland is very pleased that John de Winter has decided to chair our committee. We are confident that his knowledge and experience will enable us to propose an excellent and affordable police service for our community."

Mayor Harvey offered a similar view, "Policing is a major issue to the people of Carleton North. Our residents want to see a local police service that is highly present and effective across our entire municipality, to serve and protect our citizens."

The Mayors and Councils of both municipalities are looking forward to receiving your feedback on policing options for our communities.

Sincerely,

Chair John de Winter  
Mayor Tracey DeMerchant  
Mayor Andrew Harvey