

Premier's Forum

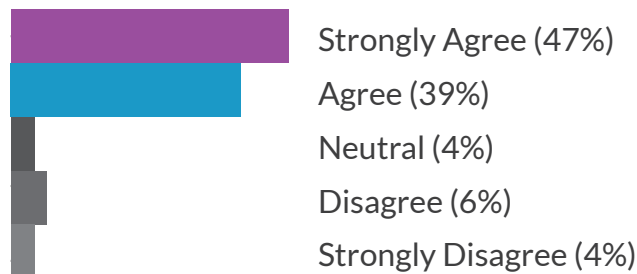
on Local Government

The Premier's Forum on Local Government was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. This document captures highlights from each of the four discussion topics.



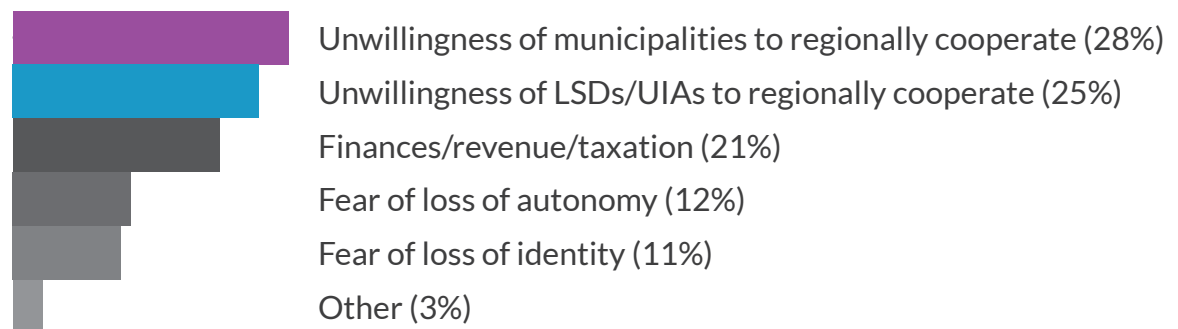
Service Sharing

Increased regional service sharing is necessary to ensure community sustainability in Newfoundland and Labrador.



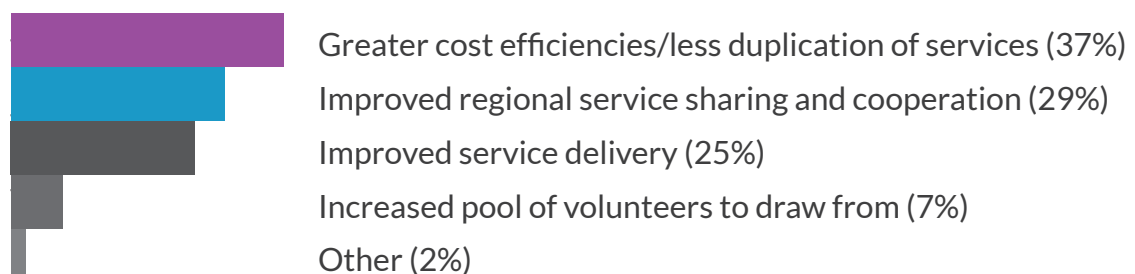
Barriers to Regional Government

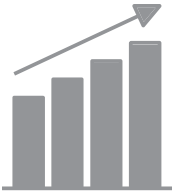
What do you think are the biggest barrier(s) to implementing a regional government model in Newfoundland and Labrador?



Areas of Opportunity for Regional Government

What do you think are the greatest benefits to implementing a regional government model in Newfoundland and Labrador?





Sharing Services – Economic Development

Opportunities:

- Increased coordination and collaboration amongst communities
- Economic development services would be more accessible to small communities
- Drive increased regional employment/address demographic concerns

Challenges:

- Isolation and large geography
 - How to distribute funds and share costs
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Sharing Services – Fire Services

Opportunities:

- Lead to improved services (i.e. more human resources, better equipment)
- Better coordination/higher standards of training
- Access to more specialized services (i.e. hazardous materials)

Challenges:

- Fear of longer response times with increased distances
 - Finding volunteers
 - How to cost-share the service
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Sharing Services – Emergency Management Planning

Opportunities:

- Would help coordinate elements already in place
- Would improve communication and sharing of ideas
- Would make administration of the plans easier
- Would work better with a regional approach

Challenges:

- Enforcement of the plan and keeping it up to date
- Limited collaboration and communications between communities
- How to incorporate LSDs and UIAs