



January 3, 2024

Dear UMNB Members,

I wanted to update you on the letter sent on December 14 regarding the discussions on the merger of UMNB and the Cities of New Brunswick Association (CNBA). I am pleased to announce that on December 19, the CNBA Board of Directors voted in favour of the merger of the CNBA and UMNB. Beginning January 1, 2024, UMNB will expand the existing Cities Zone within UMNB, which will officially be recognized as the Urban Municipal Caucus (UMC). We want to welcome our new urban members and thank them for strengthening our collective advocacy.

This merger offers a number of opportunities and advantages for all municipalities across New Brunswick:

- A united voice when advocating for the interests and needs of all members, both urban and rural, before the provincial and federal government.
- A stronger partnership and unified association that fosters increased collaboration and the sharing of best practices among all member municipalities.
- As UMNB approaches our 30th anniversary, this merger signifies a forward-looking approach, ensuring that our association remains relevant and impactful for the next three decades. It reflects an understanding of the changing landscape and the need for a stronger, more cohesive municipal association in New Brunswick.

The strategic plan adopted by UMNB members in 2022 recognized that our structure needed to evolve in response to municipal reform. I'm pleased to see our expansion of the Urban Municipal Caucus is in sync with that plan. As we move forward together, every member will have opportunities to actively participate and contribute towards shaping the association's future. Our fundamental objective remains unwavering – to ensure representation for all communities in New Brunswick, irrespective of their size, geography, language, or classification.

Collective strength lies in our numbers. With an increased number of municipalities uniting under the UMNB banner and speaking collectively, we hold the power to significantly advance on the critical issues affecting our communities and residents. Should you have any questions, concerns or comments on this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me, our dedicated staff, or your zone directors.

As we navigate through this transition, UMNB membership will remain informed and consulted, ensuring a continued representation for all municipalities in New Brunswick.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Black". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrew Black, Mayor of Tantramar
President, Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick